

ENHANCING OUR COMMUNITY By Mike Von Hatten

PBH ENHANCEMENT EFFORTS HAVE MULTIPLIED IN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF RESIDENT VOLUNTEERS. A NUMBER OF PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED INCLUDING...

- Installing reflective window film in the BMFPD office which will reduce heat gain by over 60% and reduce glare. The film was installed by Jim Eyster, Chief John Benson and Mike Von Hatten and funded by the PBH HOA.
- Installing solar shades in the BMFPD office and the Community Center meeting room. Thanks to Bob Loveman for organizing and monitoring the project. The BMFPD Auxiliary funded a significant portion of the cost with the PBH HOA making up most of the difference along with some assistance from BMFPD.
- Refurbishing the Community Center street sign to include use of the new name, the “J. Kirk Hendricks Community Center.” The existing sign frame was repaired, painted, and a new sign panel was applied to the frame. The work was completed by Eric Erickson, Allen Saville and Mike Von Hatten. The PBH HOA, Pine Brook Water and BMFPD funded the project.
- Refurbishing the six existing directional street signs. The sign panels were removed, repaired and painted. The existing posts were painted. Sign number two at Linden and North Cedar Brook was relocated to improve visibility. New signs were applied to the existing panels and the panels were attached to the existing posts. The signs were refurbished by Eric Erickson, Allen Saville and Mike Von Hatten and was funded by the PBH HOA.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE MEMORIAL PLAZA PROJECT HAS BEEN THE RESULT OF THE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF MANY RESIDENTS INCLUDING:

Jim Adams	Eric Erickson	Rob Quinn	Mark Silverman	Mike Von Hatten
Chief John Benson	Jim Eyster	Francie Reel	Param Singh	Brian, Sarah, Ben
Keith Brown	Tim Farrell	Brian Ridley	Kevin Smith	and Zach Wahlert
Mark Cronshaw	Jan Mitchell	Allen Saville	Baxter and Jean Vieux	

In addition to these projects, significant progress has been made on the “flood memorial” at the corner of Linden and South Cedar Brook. The project required approval from Boulder County because it is located on the right of way for adjacent roads. That approval was received in the fall. Shortly after, volunteers began construction of stone walls for the plaza, walk, and landscaping areas. The walls are nearing completion. A rock garden at the corner is in place and a drainage swale to divert runoff from South Cedar Brook is well underway. Granite stone donated by Lee Strickler has been put in place to supplement the existing stone riprap along the stream embankment with additional stone to be added in the future. The project plan is to complete the excavation and hardscaping next Spring followed by landscaping and the installation of a commemorative memorial.

Funding for the project to date has been provided by individual donations, contributions from the BMFPD Auxillary and the PBH HOA, and matching funds from an anonymous donor. Tax deductible contributions for the project can be made to the PBH Community Fund or BMFPD.

Getting involved in enhancement projects is a good way to meet other residents of the PBH community. These volunteers’ efforts promote pride and cohesiveness in our community. We hope you will join us next spring when we continue the plaza project and begin other projects to make PBH an even better place to live.

YOU CAN ALSO GET INVOLVED BY MAKING A DONATION. LET US KNOW HOW YOU'D LIKE TO HELP.

Contact Mike Von Hatten at mvhconsultant@earthlink.net to join the fun!

