# Pine Brook Press

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## HOA MEETING: OCTOBER 27

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## 2020 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### HOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING - October 27

6:00 PM Potluck Dinner 7:00 PM HOA Business Meeting and Presentation

Meetings are held at the Community Center/Fire Station (1905 Linden Drive) unless otherwise noted. All residents are welcome to attend.

HOA BOARD MEETINGS – Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Upcoming 2020 meetings: October 20 (possibly virtual)

BOULDER MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD – Meets the second Monday of every month at 4:00 PM. Call 303-440-0235 for specifics.

PINE BROOK WATER BOARD – Meets the third Thursday of every month at 4:30 PM. Call the Water Office at 303-443-5394 for specific dates.

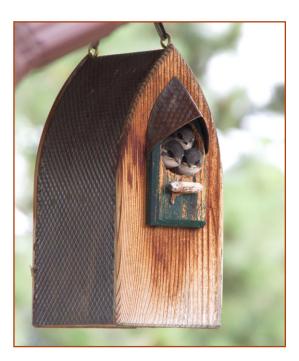
BMFPD AUXILIARY – Meets quarterly on Sundays. Next meeting November 15, 2:45 PM. Email president@bouldermountainfireauxiliary.org for more information.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE – Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

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Email your high resolution PBH images to press@pinebrookhills.org.

> Thanks to Pat Brown for capturing these swallow chicks in a birdhouse.





#### PRESIDENT'S PATTER By Sylvia Andrejczuk

What can I do to keep my home and neighborhood safe from fire?

As I write this President's Patter piece, I watch the snow melt from the trees that were so heavily weighted down from the recent snowfall. Only a day before the snow arrived, we were overwhelmed by 90-degree temperatures with heavy smoke and ash falling from the fires burning west and northwest of Boulder. These two potentially dangerous events made me think: What can I do to keep my home and neighborhood safe from fire? What can we do as a community to protect ourselves from fire?

Something we all can do...pay our HOA dues. Circa 60% of Pine Brook Hills households pay the \$75 voluntary annual dues. The majority of those funds support our community fire mitigation program, led by Boulder Mountain Fire who work to maintain and expand a system of fuel breaks in the foothills. These large fuel breaks help keep fire out of PBH.

Keeping our properties mitigated against fire is a critical preventative practice. Clearing pinecones and pine needles from gutters and your entire property, and keeping grasses cut low removes a fire's fuel AND provides a killer workout!

Please consider reminding non-residents coming to your home to discard cigarette butts in safe trash containers...not out their truck or car windows, or onto any property. Ask guests and workers not to park in grasses along the road.

I hope none of us ever get a call from the Boulder County's Everbridge or BMFPD, but should that be the case, it's a great idea to have a plan in place should we need to evacuate: https://www. pinebrookhills.org/EmergencyPrep/EP%20Guide.pdf

If you are not already signed up for BMFPD alerts, you can do so here: http://www.bouldermountainfire.org/Notifications. You will receive notifications for fires, floods, and water system breaks only.

We have a wealth of resources to keep you, your loved ones, and property safe from fire – all available on our website.

Covid or no Covid, I want to thank the many volunteers who continue to help PBH run smoothly. All of the committee chairs and members work tirelessly and often thanklessly behind the scenes to keep PBH looking great and running smoothly: Rob Mohr and Natasha Bodorff, Peter King-Smith, Catherine Von Hatten, Param Singh, Allen Saville, Heather Fenity, Emelie Griffith, and the entire HOA Board: Kevin Smith, Bob Loveman, Mike Von Hatten and Rob Quinn. Please say hello and thank you when you see them around and about.

I am hopeful that our next Community Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 27th with a potluck starting at 6:00PM followed by our meeting at 7:00 PM, can be held in person.

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#### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATE By Rob Mohr, ARC Co-chair

Hello, fellow Pine Brook Hills residents and neighbors. We hope that you and your loved ones are all doing well in these challenging and unusual times. The Architectural Review Committee wants to remind you that if you are doing any exterior construction, new builds, or remodeling projects to the exterior of your home and on your land, you must fill out an application for this work and comply with the PBH Covenants. The Covenants can be seen at https://www.pinebrookhills.org/HOA/Covenants/covenants.html.

Some examples of projects that require an application are: installing a new roof, exterior painting, adding or remodeling a garage or shed, replacing exterior decks, stairs and railings, replacing siding, installing new windows, skylights and lighting, building retaining walls and driveways, and redoing masonry. In addition, for new builds or larger projects, we review and meet with you or your architect, general contractor, and contractors so that we can go over all the documentation, permits, and construction guidelines.

This year we have had many calls and emails from neighbors concerning work where the owners or renters had not submitted an application, or were unaware that this was necessary. It is an easy and straightforward process to complete an application and go through a review. You can find the online application here: https://www.pinebrookhills.org/ARC/application\_form.html.

We are here to help guide you through what is required from PBH, direct you to information about Boulder County's permit requirements, and offer helpful advice for your project. However, we are not here to settle disputes that have gotten out of hand with a neighbor, or to offer legal advice. These matters are beyond our scope of expertise. If you have questions or are having concerns or issues with a neighbor's exterior project that you have not been able to resolve by speaking with them, try reaching out to the Boulder County Community Planning and Permitting office (303-441-3930) for further clarification on what your options are.

At this time due to the pandemic, the ARC meets once per month online to review projects. You can also reach us via email or phone Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM at the following:

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## HELPING HANDS IN PBH



With the rise of coronavirus cases in Boulder County and colder temperatures fast upon us, the Helping Hands team wants to remind you that there are neighbors available to help. If your health is compromised and you find yourself unable to pick up groceries or medicines, or in need of some other assistance, contact us. If you know someone

who might need assistance, please let the team know or refer your neighbor to us.

### **FIRESIDE CHAT: 2020 WHAT A YEAR!** By John Benson, Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District Chief

2020 has been a year for the ages—a year that many of us would like to forget. What we had hoped would be a quiet year has turned into anything but quiet. Thankfully, our crews have remained healthy through the COVID-19 pandemic. Our hands are raw from all the washing and hand sanitizing. Our faces have permanent indentations from the elastic bands on our face mask; but through all this, we stand ready to respond to any call or emergency.

We were very fortunate early on to acquire all of the Personal Protective Equipment for our members to respond safely during COVID. Other agencies were not so fortunate and had to beg to get the right protection equipment. When the pandemic started in the State of Washington, we took notice and started prepping for the worst. Thankfully, all the preparations and meetings provided us with a road map that we continue to navigate with today.

Just when you thought it couldn't get worse, during late summer, we started encountering the worst drought conditions and fire conditions possible here on the Front Range. Every day we took a look at the weather and cringed at what we were seeing. Luck has been on our side regarding wildfires so far.

That being said, now is not the time to let down our guard. We still need to be very careful during our outdoor activities. Our windiest time frame is yet to hit, and we could still see the potential for large growth wildfires both in our district and in Boulder County.

Please continue to stay vigilant regarding our weather and fuel conditions. Depending on who you talk with, we could either have a warmer than normal year with less moisture; or we could have a colder and wetter fall and winter. Let's not gamble. Let's prepare for the worst.

Now is the time to get your heating appliances and chimneys checked and ready for the cold weather. While you're checking, take a moment to inspect your carbon monoxide detectors, as well. Remember carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless by-product of combustion. Don't become a statistic of carbon monoxide poisoning.

We hope that you will continue to stay healthy and safe this year. We look forward to seeing all of you in the future when we can get back to having social gatherings.

Team members are available to ...

- Pick up and drop off medicines and groceries.
- Call and check on a neighbor from time to time.
- Provide initial support for those struggling with depression or isolation.
- If you need something special, feel free to chat with us if we can't help we might be able to suggest other resources.

The team does not ...

- Do routine shopping for those who are not at-risk.
- Provide rides.
- Come inside your house.

If you need assistance or would like to join the team, contact Param Singh at param645@yahoo.com or by phone at 303-417-0373.



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### ON THE WATERFRONT By Signe Hawley, Pine Brook Water Board Member

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

October 15, Board Meeting/Public Hearing on the Budget, 4:30 PM (Location TBD - check the website) November 19, Board Meeting/Public Hearing on the Budget, 4:30 PM (Location TBD - check the website) December 10, Board Meeting/Budget Adoption, 4:30 PM (Location TBD - check the website)

#### **COVID-19 SUPPORT**

Pine Brook Water knows the response to COVID-19 could lead to economic hardship for some households. As always, customers who are concerned about being able to pay their bill should contact the office at 303-443-5394 to evaluate options (i.e., payment plans).

#### **PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET AND PUBLIC HEARING**

We are using last year's actuals and the capital plan to create the 2021 budget. There will be public hearings, potentially virtually, on the budget for 2021 in the upcoming Board Meetings this fall. Check the website for the most up-to-date information on the meetings.

#### WINTERIZING YOUR HOME'S PIPES

What should you do to protect your pipes from freezing and when?

- Run just the smallest trickle of water, like the size of a pencil lead, out of a tap.
- Do not turn your heat down! Especially if you use hot water heat.
- Open the cabinet doors under your sinks to allow the warmer room air in.
- Some homes need heat tape on certain sections of their pipes.

If you're going to be away from your home, you may want to take the above precautions even if the weather isn't bad when you leave. The weather here is not predictable! Make sure you have someone check your home daily - if a pipe freezes, bursts, and defrosts, it can flood your home and cause even more damage.

**PLEASE, PLEASE call us when you have no running water because of frozen pipes.** We need to make sure that there is water at your meter pit and take some precautionary measures to protect the rest of the water system and your neighbors.

## WATER METER READING: RADIO SYSTEMS AND METER PITS

Pine Brook Water uses a drive by radio system to read water meters throughout the district. Please take care around the meter pit and radio box not to cut the wires. Unfortunately, there has been an increase in meter pits that are covered up by landscaping and overgrowth.

#### **RADIO SYSTEMS**

The water meter sits in a pit underground and sends a signal to a small box on a metal post which transmits the signal to our computer. A small wire connects the meter to the box. Every year as residents begin their annual fire mitigation work, a fair number of these wires get cut with weed eaters. This results in us having to open the meter

pit to get a manual reading and then come back at a later time to replace the wire. Please take care around the meter pit and radio box not to cut the wires. Don't pile snow on top of radio boxes during winter as it can affect their signal strength. If you think you may have cut the wires accidentally, please contact us and let us know so we can get it fixed before our next meter read. Below is a photo of a radio system (left).

#### METER PIT

In a water emergency, Pine Brook Water may need to shut your water off at the meter pit. Recently, we've seen an increase in meter pits that have been covered by landscaping or that are overgrown with trees or bushes. These pits are hard to locate and open under good weather conditions. Please help us help you by keeping your meter pit lid cleared off and free of material. Pictured below (right) is an example of what a good pit lid looks like.



#### PROJECT UPDATE: ALPINE WAY PUMP HOUSE

In July 2020 Pine Brook Water District personnel replaced the siding on the pump house located along Alpine Way. The existing wood siding hadn't been touched in over 30 years. It was replaced with a fiber cement siding which adds additional fire proofing in the event of a wildfire. The roof was also replaced this year with a metal roof which should make this building last for at least another 30 years. Below are before (left) and after (right) photos.

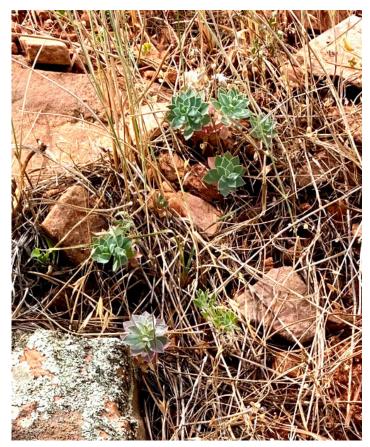
For more information, please visit our website: https://www.pinebrookwater.com/meetings



#### FOREST HEALTH: AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION By Lindsay Hale, Forest Health Social Coordinator

Noxious, toxic, tenacious, and invasive, Myrtle Spurge is a growing nuisance in Pine Brook Hills. Introduced from Southeast Europe and West Asia as an ornamental, this non-native species thrives in the rocky, semi-arid slopes of our community. Its sap is highly toxic; it irritates skin, mucous membranes, and is especially dangerous to the eyes. Children are particularly vulnerable, but people of all ages, pets, and wildlife can suffer nasty consequences. Myrtle Spurge is even a threat to native flora. Not only does it compete for habitat, it exudes chemical compounds that prevent other species from thriving. Mature plants produce thousands of seeds which wash down our steep slopes, germinating and colonizing new habitat. Eradication is difficult. Roots of several inches to a foot or more wend their way around rocks and crevasses. Digging out a single adult plant can be quite a challenge, requiring special tools. Due to the toxic sap, personal protective gear and proper training is crucial in digging out mature plants. Dense colonies on steep, rocky slopes can only be dealt with by professionals using herbicides.

Enough bad news! The good news is that we can control myrtle spurge. The easiest, most efficient way to attack this scourge is to go after the immature plants. Look for them downslope from established colonies. When their roots are short and not well established, they are easy to pull out. Best practice is to bag the uprooted plants; always do this in areas where people might come into contact with them. Always, always wear eye protection and PVC-coated gloves. And when you do come across established colonies please let us know! We can beat this! Contact us at forest.health.bb@gmail.com.



Spurge seedlings 100 yards below the established colony.



Established spurge colony on steep, rocky ground -- a huge seed bank.



Mature spurge plant with a three-foot long root.



Small plants can be easily pulled from dry soil.

#### **PBH WELCOMES NEW RESIDENTS**



Jess Liu and Joel Gascoigne moved to Pine Brook Hills in June and they feel so grateful to call it home now. Jess grew up in Houston, Texas and Joel in Sheffield, England. They met in 2015 while living in New York City - Joel actually crashed Jess' birthday party as a set-up from a friend! While they loved (and still love) NYC, they realized they wanted to be visitors to the big city, not residents of it. When Jess and Joel moved to Boulder two years ago, they quickly knew they had found their home. Last year, they shared their love of Boulder with family and friends during their wedding weekend. Joel is the co-founder/CEO of Buffer, a social media management platform for small businesses. Jess is working on a café concept she plans to open sometime next year. They love slow meals, experiencing different cultures, and being outdoors, whether skiing (Joel), snowboarding (Jess), hiking, surfing, or just hanging in their hammock. They're excited to be part of the PBH community and can't wait to meet more people in the neighborhood.

Thanks to Heather Fenity, HOA Newcomer Welcome Coordinator, for collaborating on this column. If you are new to PBH, or know someone who is, contact her for more information about the neighborhood and details about participation in a future issue: newcomer@pinebrookhills.org

## **ROADS IN PINE BROOK HILLS** By Peter King Smith, Roads Committee Chair

County services for our roads have been disrupted due to their response to the pandemic. The engineering review for our request to improve safety when driving downhill from the Pine Tree Lane and the Timber Lane intersection is still pending. This location is where several cars have gone over the edge and it is quite dangerous, particularly in winter. We met at the location with county engineers and discussed possible safety improvements, including signage, a guard rail, and changes to the road so that it slopes back into the hillside and not out to the edge. Chief Benson has actively assisted in our discussions and has provided very helpful documentation that includes the call history at the location, the Fire Department's safety concerns, and their support for our efforts.

Recently, we have had some limited pothole repairs and have been told that re-striping will be done on Timber Lane. Some new sections where we have requested striping to improve safety will be added on Pine Tree Lane. This work was scheduled last fall, but was delayed due to weather and issues with CenturyLink overhead wires – now corrected. Hopefully, the new painted lines will be in place by the time you read this issue of the Pine Brook Press, or shortly thereafter.

As far as long-term PBH roads' rehabilitation, after much Roads Committee lobbying in 2016, the County Commissioners agreed to designate Linden Drive as a "Community Use" road. As a result, Linden was completely rehabilitated at a cost of \$1.3M and will continue to be fully maintained by the county. The rest of our roads, however, continue to deteriorate. We do have ongoing maintenance, but no funding to rehabilitate these roads. The PBH Roads Committee has assumed a leadership role in the ongoing effort to secure funding to rehabilitate all Boulder County subdivision roads as founding members of the Subdivision Paving Coalition (SPC). The SPC is building an active vocal membership with representatives from a majority of the 120+ Boulder County subdivisions, first responders, and business leaders.

The SPC's sole focus is to secure funding to rehabilitate all BoCo subdivision roads by sponsoring a county-wide ballot initiative structured so it has widespread appeal. Initially, this ballot initiative was planned for 2021, but with county funding and staffing issues related to the pandemic this may well slip to 2022. The SPC works closely with BoCo Public Works and the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) but remains completely independent of both while actively exerting its influence to get resolution of this long standing (25 years!) BoCo issue. You can visit the SPC website to get more background, monitor progress, or to join the membership to help solve this funding shortfall. Visit the SPC website at www.SubdivisionPaving.org or search for "Subdivision Paving Coalition Boulder" for more information.



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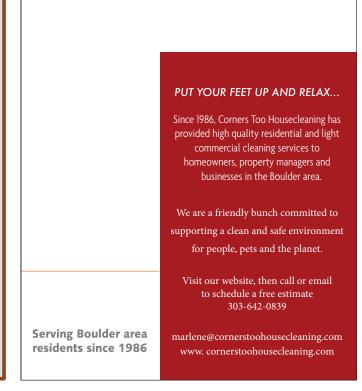


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## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR WILDFIRE CREW?

By Andrew Boersma, Mitigation Crew Foreman



When the MIT crew is not busy with mitigation or responding to 911 calls, they may be out on dispatch fighting wildfires, such as this one last month.

In our last Pine Brook Press article, we introduced the community to the Mitigation Crew's new protocols for safety in procedures and physical space in the wake of COVID-19. In this issue, we provide more information about what we do as the Mitigation Department of Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District and as the Emergency Response Team (ERT) – our other name.

Let me start by introducing myself. I have been with the Mitigation Crew for over ten years and now serve as Crew Foreman, under the leadership of Mike Palamara, our Crew Superintendent. The BMFPD Mitigation Crew has four full time employees and hires a half dozen or more seasonal workers during peak wildfire time, April through October. Many Pine Brook Hills residents have seen our work trucks hauling chippers throughout the district. What you may not know is that we do all sorts of mitigation projects, including anything from cutting down and chipping a dead tree near a homeowner's driveway to a joint project of expanding a six-acre fuel break, making the area safer by increasing tree crown spacing and removing ladder fuels. Our goal is to get the forest back to a more natural state of health and lower tree densities. When the peak wildfire season diminishes and optimum weather and snow conditions allow, BMFPD is also granted burn permits from the county and the state to burn and eliminate slash piles of dead wood and debris, thus reducing the risk of fire danger to the community at large.

Although we do a lot of fuels work, we also refer to the crew as part of the ERT that responds to 911 calls throughout the district. Currently we have four Structure Certified Firefighters, six EMT's, and the entire crew is trained in wildland firefighting. We may be one of the first to show up at your property, should you have an emergency.



BMFPD crew members at work in PBH

As the summer season comes to an end, we continue to receive requests for wildfire mitigation projects and will work throughout the year as long as the weather permits. Since all members of the team are nationally qualified wildland firefighters, we continue to help our local, state and national partners by sending teams out on dispatch to aid in the suppression of wildfires. This year the crews have fought wildfires in Colorado and California. They've seen everything this summer from an escaped local campfire to the Pine Gulch Fire, which has now been labeled the largest fire in the Colorado State history.

As the fall season approaches, please remember that it's still fire season. Stay up to date with Boulder County burn bans, and stay safe. I thought I'd leave you with our crew's mission statement:

To work with property owners to make BMFPD safer for residents and reduce the effect of wildfires on residents and property, through wildland fire mitigation, structure preparation, emergency response and public education. To provide a safe, professional and highly skilled crew for all phases of fire operations in district and nationwide.

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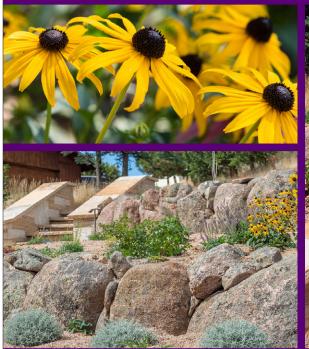
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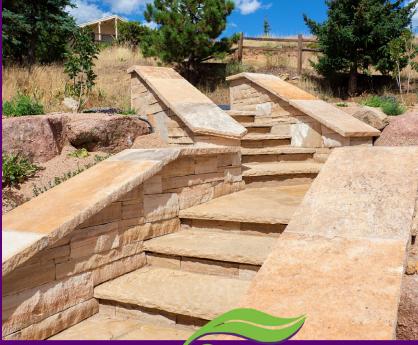
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#### PBH IS GETTING A NEW WEBSITE!

By Peter King-Smith, Interim Webmaster



Welcome to the Pine Brook Hills Homeowners Association (HOA) Website

Pine Brook Hills is an unincorporated mountain community <u>located</u> just west of the city of Boulder and consists of approximately 400 homes nestled in the foothills of the Front Range of the Rockies. This site provides news and information of interest to our residents.

## Thanks in advance for your contribution!

Your HOA dues support community-wide fire mitigation, many neighborhood enhancement projects, the Pine Brook Press, Pine Brook directory, this website, and many other programs. <u>Click here</u> to pay your 2020 dues online or by check.



New website home page

The current Pine Brook Hills website has served us well for many years, but the technology is outdated and therefore difficult to maintain with ongoing functionality limitations. We have been working for much of this year developing a new website using the WordPress development environment that has been used to develop more than 37% of all websites worldwide and over 20 billion web pages. You will see a much more graphical orientation with less reliance on pages of text. Ongoing maintenance and updates will be much quicker and easier. Our goal is to change over to the new site this fall soon after you receive this Pine Brook Press issue.

We have also developed a new PBH Logo that is used throughout to give the website a consistent identity.



The new PBH website development includes designing pages that automatically reconfigure and resize so that they can be viewed on laptops, tablets and phones. It will be possible to complete forms on all of those devices, as well.

The HOA Board and Committee chairs have contributed updated content for their pages so please take a look around and see what's new. The site includes some great photos taken by our neighbors in PBH and we hope to update these with new photos on an ongoing basis. Please submit your high resolution photos to us directly or to the PB Press so we can use them in print and/or on the website home page.

Once development is complete we are hoping it will be easier to find a permanent PBH webmaster so that I can retire from my "interim" role. Volunteers welcome!

When we announce availability of the new website, we hope you will check it out and we hope that you like the new updated look.

We welcome any feedback and comments you may have at: Webmaster@PineBrookHills.org.

New logo

## BEARS AND TRASH... NOT A GOOD COMBINATION



Be careful with your trash. Bears are looking for munchies. Don't put the trash out early and bring the bins in after pick-up.

## Physical Therapy House Calls



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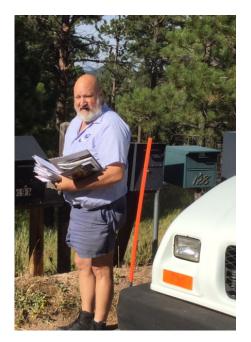
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#### FAMILIAR FACES: LANE HICE By Penny Triggs, PBP Contributing Author



Meet Lane Hice who is now the mail carrier for the Pine Brook Hills community.

Lane is Union President for Boulder County; he also trains new employees on their routes and seems very involved with the USPS in general. Be sure to check in with Lane if you happen to see him on his route and if you have concerns or questions.

"I enjoy this route in the foothills," Lane told me, "I love the outdoors. I camp. I fish. I love prospecting for gold, crystals, and minerals. Any wildlife sighting in Pine Brook is an added bonus during my workday, most especially the occasional group of turkeys crossing the roads, or foxes in the brush."

When pressed for more, he enthusiastically said he is a big Avalanche hockey fan. Any

of you out there who also love the sport, be sure to give him a high five (or elbow bump)!

We also discussed the current mailbox thefts. He told me that the Postal Service is aware of these infractions. He suggests going to https://www.usps.com for information and suggestions about protecting your mail. If you've been affected by vandalism or mail theft, contact the Postal Inspection Service and the Boulder County Sheriff's Office.

A word of caution from Lane: if you have a dog that may be loose behind his truck, please call it away. He does so much backing up, he worries about pets being behind the truck where they aren't visible. Lane says he enjoys the dogs he encounters. He's just concerned that he might injure a dog, if it's too close to the mail truck.

## THE ART OF PBH: MEG VIOLA – BREATHING LIFE INTO FANTASY

**CREATURES** By Caren Paul, PBP Contributing Author and Artist





Meg's parents met in art school, yet neither ended up pursuing a career in art. So, when Meg showed an interest, her folks were thrilled and signed her up for every art class in sight.

When she was around ten, her Dad took her to see *Toy Story;* and she fell in love with those animated characters. When he told her that there were people whose only job was to create the characters, she was blown away by the idea that drawing cartoons could be a real job. She just assumed you had to go somewhere like the bank where her dad worked in order to make a living. From that point on she was constantly exploring the art of making cartoon characters.

Having grown up in Chicago, college in Florida sounded like a warm change of pace; but Meg ended up having little leisure time for enjoying the climate. Turns out that a four-year art degree in this field is incredibly demanding. She received her BFA in Computer Animation from Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota. Her first-ever animation experience there was on an original Disney Studios desk! The donated desks were specially designed for early 2D animators of movies like *Cinderella*. That experience set the stage perfectly for Meg to pursue her love of animation.

A summer internship at Nickelodeon provided a chance to learn about actually working in the industry – story boarding, character design, and general production work – and Meg realized that an industry job was going to be way more fun than school.

Meg was recommended by a professor for a position animating dragons for a mobile game studio in Boulder. The company flew her in for an interview and she immediately fell in love with the nature of this place. "Seeing the Flatirons for the first time took my breath away." She was hooked. She accepted the job and was living in Colorado within two weeks!

Meg really enjoys living in Pine Brook Hills. She and her boyfriend, Gunther Fox, moved onto Pine Needle Road right before the pandemic hit, so it was "perfect timing to be quarantined in such a beautiful locale." She feels especially lucky to be surrounded by our wildlife community. She combines her creativity with her love of nature and animals to focus her work on "breathing life into fantasy creatures."

Meg is always interested in meeting more neighbors in PBH, whether for bird watching, hiking, or painting en plein air. Contact her at: artngoodfeelings@gmail.com.

Meg is a new member of Open Studios and you can see her work at the Avalon Drive Thru Art Event, 6185 Arapahoe Avenue on September 26 from noon to 4:00 PM. While the traditional Open Studios Tour of Artist Studios is cancelled, there are many virtual and live events coming up. Other PBH Open Studios artists include Jane Glotzer, Shaun Minné, Caren Paul and Marla Saville. You can find more information about these artists and what's happening artwise around Boulder County at openstudios.org.



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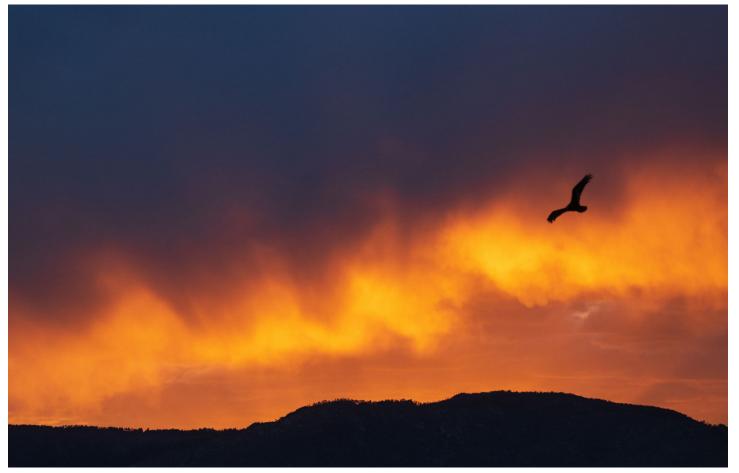


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