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2021 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING – OCTOBER 19

Please watch for further information regarding time and nature of meeting (in person, we hope, or Zoom if we must). See website: www.pinebrookhills.org

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

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

BOULDER MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AUXILIARY

Next meeting is October 17 at 2:30 P.M. by Zoom.

To receive a meeting link, please contact aharsh@comcast.net.

PINE BROOK HILLS WATER BOARD

Pine Brook Hills Water Board meets the third Thursday of every month at 12:00 P.M.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 21 at 12:00 P.M.

Call the Water Office at 303-442-5394 for more information.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7 P.M. by Zoom.

Contact arc@www.pinebrookhills.org for the link.

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Thanks to Susan Shiff
for sending this
beautiful image
of a chipmunk.

On the cover:
Cockeyed Pygmy Owl.
Photo by Kevin Smith



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Sylvia Andrejczuk



As I come to the end of my term serving as President, I think about my varied experiences and interactions with PBHers. I have been lucky to see much of what happens 'behind the scenes' in our Community, and our Community does quite a lot of great things! A sample of what PBH volunteers have done while I have been President:

Block parties: Thank you Joyce Colson for the awesome series of June Block Parties focused on fire safety and preparedness. I hope this becomes an annual event.

Ice Cream Social: This has become a fantastic and well-attended annual social. Thank you Emelie Griffith for organizing it again this year.

Community Enhancement: Thank you Mike Von Hatten for the creation and meticulous upkeep of the Memorial Garden, and to all the volunteers who give their time and care to keep it blossoming and beautiful.

Forest Health: Thank you Jim Adams for the backbreaking work you and your volunteers do to eliminate myrtle spurge infestations and outbreaks of other noxious plants, and for the time you take to educate homeowners about what grows on their property.

Continued enhancements to road safety at dangerous intersections: Thank you Peter King-Smith for the 12 years (!! you have dedicated to tirelessly working with the County to keep our roads safe.

Webmaster: Another HUGE thank you Peter King-Smith for serving as interim Webmaster. Peter has helped Committee Chairs publish content online to allow the entire Community easy access to information at www.pinebrookhills.org.

Mail box theft be gone!: Thank you Stasi York for your unrelenting effort to get the USPS to install secure mailboxes in your neck of the woods.

ARC: Thank you Rob Mohr and Natasha Bodorff for your time and patience providing guidance to homeowners as they undertake exterior home improvements. Your case loads have at least doubled over the past 18 months.

Pine Brook Press: Thank you Dave Mason for taking on the role of Editor. The Press continues to be a beautiful publication that we all enjoy reading.

Welcome Committee: With the increase of home sales in PBH, Heater Fenity has been busy welcoming newcomers! Heather has shifted from providing paper packets to sending an email with links and PDFs to current and useful information.

BMFPD: Thank you Chief Benson and the entire BMFPD - Firefighters, Mitigation Crew, Auxiliary and the countless number of volunteers who give their time to keep our Community safe.

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It truly is amazing what our neighbors do for the community. This volunteerism is what makes PBH a great community to live in. I have developed a deeper understanding of the massive effort that goes into the finished products we all see. I am grateful to all of you for what you have done and will continue to do.

It has been a pleasure to serve with every Committee Chair and volunteer.

Before I took on the role of HOA Vice President and then President, I 100% underestimated the power of face-to-face communication in resolving issues and controversies. It is easier and less intimidating to address disputes through emails, social media postings, and HOA intervention requests on your behalf. But those means of communications can inflame and lengthen controversies. In instances of real dispute between neighbors, and they are inevitable in any neighborhood, the most valuable communication is done in person, as it involves the power of human interaction. I have seen it work time and again to quickly resolve problems. I hope we all will commit to make the extra effort to engage each other directly and find common ground through personal interaction.

An easy way to ensure we all live in harmony is to become acquainted with our governing Covenants and Community Standards, and to be aware of how our behaviors impact our immediate and more distant neighbors. The top complaints that come up are unleashed dogs and lack of ARC approval on exterior projects. Please make sure your pets are on leash when taking them out for a stroll and visit the ARC site to understand what needs to be done before undertaking projects.

One of the greatest benefits of my volunteer role has been to meet neighbors I may not have met otherwise. I am grateful for all the connections I made over the years. I hope to meet more of you in the years to come.

Thank you all for being great neighbors and I encourage you all to consider joining the HOA in some capacity; there are always opportunities to get involved. Please don't hesitate to reach out – I am happy to discuss what might be a good fit.

Since COVID continues to prevent us from meeting safely in person, our next Community Meeting will be held via Zoom this October 26, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. I hope you can tune in and join us virtually.

–*Sylvia*

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NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

By Toni Erickson

You may have seen my article in the Pine Brook Press spring issue about our PBH Neighbors Helping Neighbors program which is designed to assist people in our neighborhoods with such things as meal or grocery delivery, snow removal, safety evaluations, minor fix-it services, referral to community resources for aging people and others, assistance after childbirth, companionship, and more. Whether you are having a baby, a surgery, or are having some change in life such as aging issues, we want to help.

Due to an on-going physical situation, I am not able to fulfil the role as Chair without an active and younger Co-Chair. I notice there are several new residents in our wonderful community. If you or any residents want to become more involved, this would be a wonderful way to serve.

Please contact me at pbhneighborshelping@gmail.com or call me at 303-447-0671. In the meantime, here are a few of many RESOURCES for those who may need assistance:

MEALS ON WHEELS

Assembles and freezes bulk meals which can be picked up once a week for one week (1 meal per day of frozen meals when requested ahead). Call 303-441-3908 or email info@mowboulder.org

MEAL TRAIN

Arrange meals to be brought in from your friends or neighbors for residents suffering illness, surgery, childbirth, etc. Go to www.mealtrain.com to organize a free meal calendar.

BOULDER COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Call 303-441-1617 or email www.BoulderCountyHelp.org.

MOUNTAIN RESOURCE SPECIALIST

Provides information regarding services that operate in mountain areas available to older adults, adults with disabilities and their caretakers. Call 303-441-1617.

MEAL KIT AND FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES

HelloFresh, Green Chef, EveryPlate, Freshly, Home Chef, Sunbasket, Blue Apron. Look online for these subscription services.

GRUBHUB BOULDER OR DOORDASH

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PRIME AT WHOLE FOODS MARKET

Amazon Prime members can order groceries online and get 2-hour grocery delivery or 1-hour pickup from Whole Foods Market.

INSTACART

Order groceries and supplies online and have it delivered from Sprouts, King Soopers, Safeway, Costco, Walgreens, Target, Natural Grocers, Petco, Sam's Club, Michael's, Best Buy, or 7-Eleven. www.instacart.com.

BOULDER COUNTY CULTIVATE

Fix-It Program may serve PBH for installation of grab bars and minor home repairs needed services provided by volunteers on an availability basis and weather conditions. 303-443-1933.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Boulder Elks Lodge has a loan closet for equipment needed on a temporary basis after hospital visits. Call 303-442-5003. 3975 28th Street, Boulder

If you have a need, I will be glad to find assistance. You may call me at 303-447-0671, email me at pbhneighborshelping@gmail.com, or call Param Singh at 303-417-0373 who will get in touch with me.

Let's get this wonderful program moving. I would hate for it to go by the wayside as it has in the past. Thank you very much for your assistance.

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ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

By Natasha Bodorff and Rob Mohr

Do you love architecture, design, and want to help this uniquely beautiful foothills community? If so, then please contact either Rob or Natasha to learn more about being a volunteer on the Architectural Review Committee. The Pine Brook Hills ARC is an integral part of our community, reviewing and approving new houses, additions, and all exterior work on homes. At this time, we are seeking to add at least two more people to the committee. The requirements on your time would be minimal — there are scheduled meetings on the second Tuesday of every month where we discuss any proposed new houses or large additions. Currently, these meetings are held via Zoom in order to be Covid-safe. You would also need to be available to look over and vote by email on simple “fast track” matters such as paint colors, new siding, or new

roofing. That’s it. The only other requirement is a desire to keep the architecture in Pine Brook Hills faithful to the guidelines set out in the 2010 Pine Brook Hills Unified Covenants, which are that all houses should be in harmony with the natural surroundings and with each other. It’s an important mission that we take seriously. We are here to help educate owners, contractors, and GCs to understand and follow the PBH Covenants and construction guidelines. If you have an interest in keeping the architecture of Pine Brook Hills in harmony with our beautiful natural surroundings, you would be just the right kind of person to join us on the committee. We would love to hear from any fellow Pine Brook Hills residents who would like to join us in this endeavor.

AUXILIARY UPDATE

By Rebecca Bratburd

Mark Your Calendars for the New Resident Welcome and Boulder Mountain Handmade!

The biannual **New Resident Welcome** meeting is slated for the evening of **Monday, October 18**. Please contact Deborah.Pixler@coloradahomes.com for a Zoom invitation and join us to learn more about mountain living from seasoned residents and members of Boulder Mountain Fire.

Boulder Mountain Handmade (bouldermountainhandmade.com), Auxiliary’s primary fundraiser to benefit the Fire Department, is slated for **Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, November 14, 2021** at Elks Lodge 3975 28th St., Boulder. Pending public safety reasons, it may be canceled. Residents who may be crafting now or planning to bake or volunteer in November can check the website for the



current status. Auxiliary will make any announcements to our email lists and the community forums.

Around 50 artisans and artisanal food producers will participate in the market. These include Amy Munding presenting fiber arts and Marla Seville showcasing paintings and prints. Our PBHers will be joined by Boulder Heights residents Dana Birke, a fine jewelry maker, Barry Kluger-Bell, a ceramicist, and Susan Barnes, a nature photographer.

The invitation to join the Auxiliary, the organization that supports our fire district in a number of ways, is always open: <https://www.bouldermountainfireauxiliary.org>

PINE BROOK KIDS - ART SUBMISSIONS WANTED!



Do your K-12 kids like to paint or draw? Of course they do! So let’s show off some of their work in the next issue of the Pine Brook Press.

The theme for the Winter 2021 issue is, “Things I Love about Pine Brook Hills.” It could be a picture of an animal they’ve seen, or a landscape that they think is particularly

interesting, or get creative and have them use their imagination!

Send a digital copy of your child’s masterpiece, their name, and their age to: press@pinebrookhills.org with “PBP - Art Submission” in the subject line. So get out those paints, crayons, and markers and get started!

DOCK IS HERE

By Forest Health - Beetle Busters, Jim Adams

A zombie weed proliferates in Pine Brook Hills. When dock establishes its roots, it is very difficult to remove. Usually, a root will quit after its foliage has been topped a few times with a hoe. A dock root will not die; it grows more. Photos show dock seeds last August in Two Mile Canyon, a root that has been topped

many times, and not-recommended form of biocontrol down on the flats (prairie dog). To curtail this aggressively invasive plant, bag the seed head and dig out as much of the root as you can. With your help, we can eradicate this harmful plant species from our neighborhood.



Dock weed. Photos by Jim Adams



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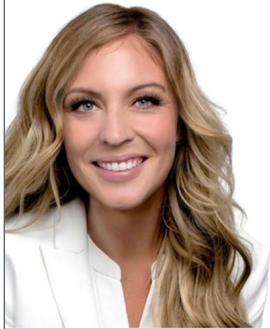
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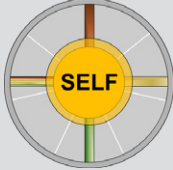
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A rendering of what the completed station will look like

STATION TWO

By Rebecca Bratburd

BMFPD VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASK FOR DONATIONS FOR STATION TWO REBUILDING

Construction of the new Station Two is underway. Wait, what's Station Two, and why is this important to you? For those new to the neighborhood or just tuning in, Station Two is located in Boulder Heights at 50 Overlook Lane. "Station Two is essential to continuing to meet our mission, which is to provide rapid, effective, and organized responses to fire, medical, and other emergency situations," said John Benson, Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District's Chief.

Boulder Mountain Fire, with over 125 rostered volunteers, is tasked with securing commitments for \$1.25 million toward the overall \$3.5 million cost of the project by the end of 2021. One district resident promised to donate \$100,000 if the community raises \$300,000 over the remainder of 2021. Excluding that offer, we've raised approximately \$600,000; half of the \$1.25 million needed.

Well, one could say that's twice as much as the average listing price for a home in Pine Brook Hills, according to Realtor.com! Worry not. "This is not Taj Mahal," said Bob Loveman, President of the Board of Directors for Boulder Mountain Fire, "Station Two, in its current form, is truly obsolete."

Most residents of Pine Brook Hills are already aware of Station One on Linden Drive. Many drive by it to and from their homes. Station

Two, which is part of our fire district, was dated to say the least. In fact, in March 2020, the old wiring in the building started a fire. Fire in a fire station apparently doesn't last long, as it was extinguished by a crew.

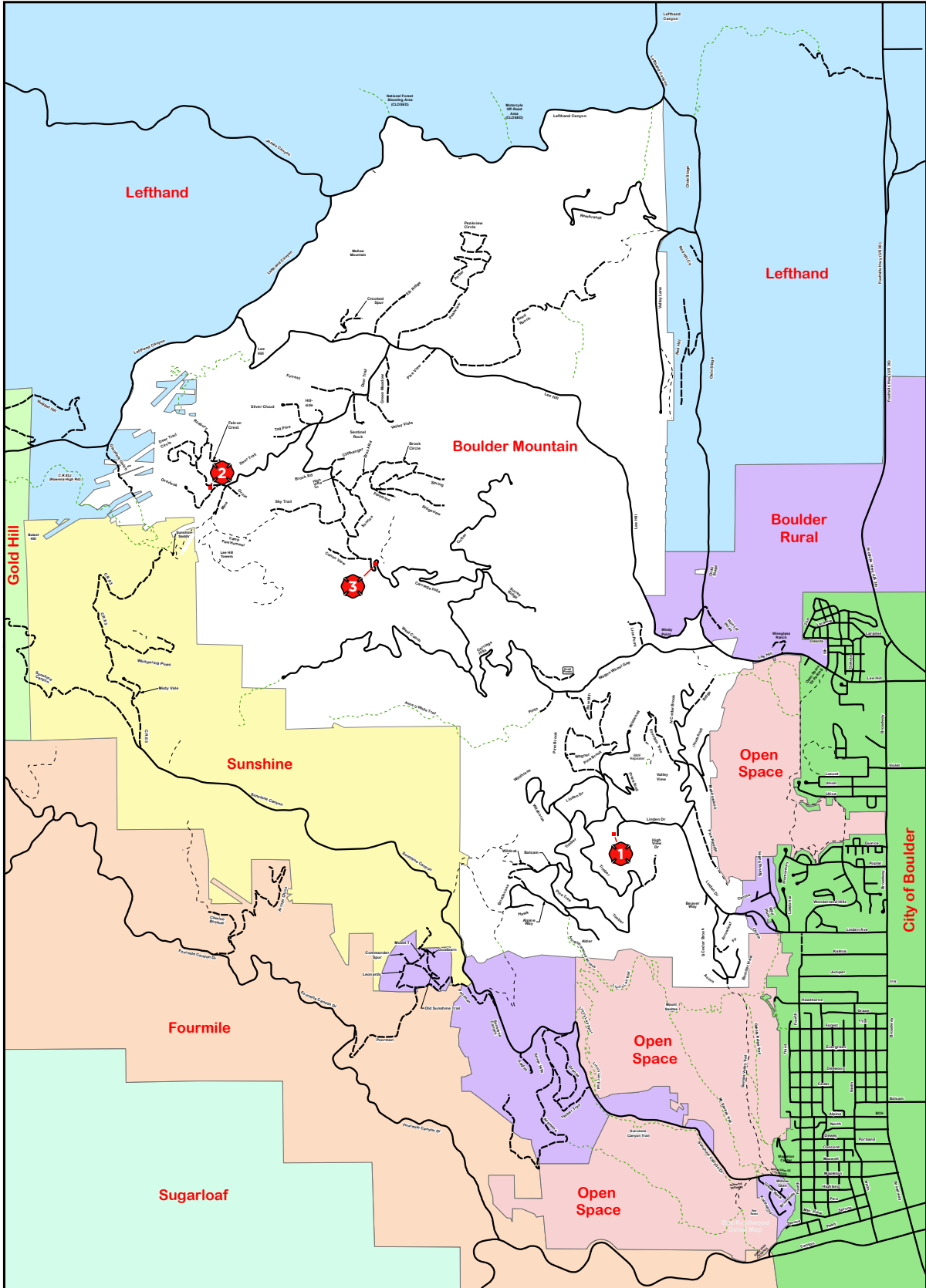
See the map for the locations of the stations. In this mountain community, it is said that everyone protects everyone. In other words, first responders may come from any station within the district regardless of neighborhood in response to a medical, fire, or other emergency call.

Every volunteer firefighter and every member of the Auxiliary (the support arm of the Fire Department) have been asked to support the capital campaign effort. When you're considering your 2021 charitable giving, keep Boulder Mountain Fire in mind. To make a tax-deductible contribution for rebuilding Station Two using your credit card, or to find the donation form and instructions for mailing a check, please see <https://www.bmfpd.org/donations>.

If you have questions, or want to see a model of the new station, please contact Bob Loveman at president@bouldermountainfire.org or 303-926-0204.

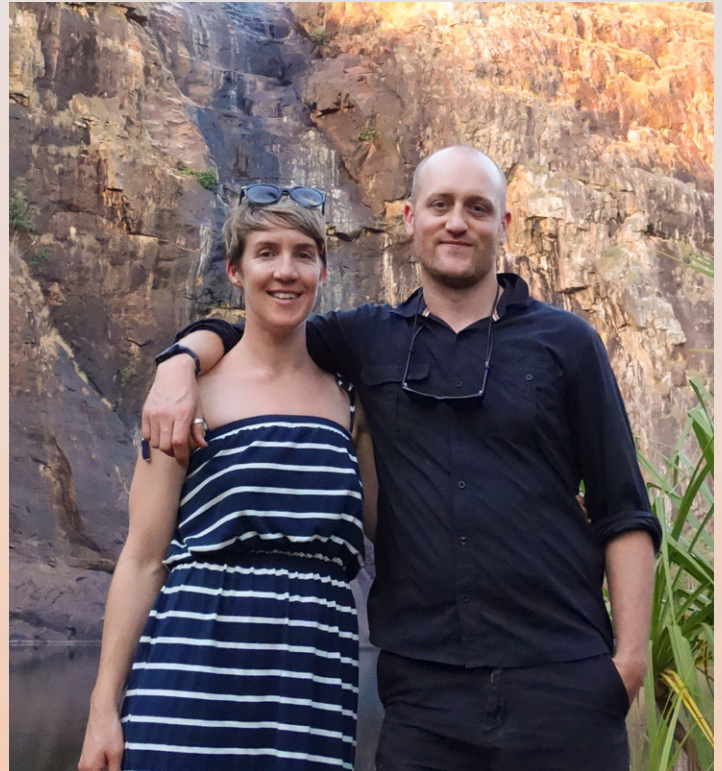


Boulder Mountain Fire



NEW RESIDENTS

Bronwyn Aalders and John McCarten moved to Pine Brook Hills in February 2020, just before Covid became a new reality—yet the timing was perfect to hunker down and start living a mountain life they'd both always dreamed of. Bronwyn grew up in Sydney, Australia and John grew up in Lancashire in England's north. They met in London back in 2002 and have lived together in many cities and countries around the world – London, Montréal, Sydney, New Zealand and California. When they first visited Boulder in 2019, they didn't know about Pine Brook Hills but were determined to live somewhere far enough away to enjoy beautiful views and wildlife, yet close enough to sample Boulder's great food. They also didn't know they'd be welcoming their first daughter Kirra in May 2020. Since then they've adjusted to family life, helped along greatly by the beauty and wildlife sightings. Bron is a creative director and designer who works in conservation, and John has enjoyed a career in video game development and film special effects. They love hiking, snowboarding, rock climbing, and most recently, John has obtained his paragliding license. It's been a dream to be able to enjoy his hobby so close to home! They can't wait to eventually have family visit their home in Colorado.



Michael Anderson and Joycemarie Kie are recent arrivals to Pine Brook Hills, having moved from the Seattle area. They are loving the gorgeous scenery and wildlife here, and they are enjoying spending time with some family members in the region. The people of Boulder and especially in PBH have been very welcoming. Previously, Michael had a long career at Microsoft, primarily working on 3-D graphics development tools for PC games. If you've ever played the card game Spider Solitaire on Windows, that is his code! Joycemarie was a medical assistant and surgical tech at several Seattle area hospitals, clinics, and operating rooms. They enjoy house projects, entertaining, skiing, cooking, music, and traveling in their RV with their cat Zia.

Pat and Emily, along with their dog Abuelo, recently moved into their dream home on Alpine Way. Both originally from the East Coast, Pat is from Maryland and Emily is from Maine. After living all over the US and overseas, they settled down in Colorado after NCAR hired Pat as a project scientist. He puts his PhD in Meteorology to use there! Emily's background is in marketing and software development, and she is a project manager for a rapidly growing startup. When they aren't working, or settling into their new home, you can find them rock climbing, hiking, skiing, camping, going to concerts, taking art classes, and traveling. They also love trying all the local beers and vegan-friendly restaurants around town. If you run into them on a walk with their dog, a heads up that Abuelo was born perfectly hairless and has an extensive wardrobe! They feel so lucky to live in this neighborhood and are excited to plant roots in Boulder.



MEET SOME OTHER NEIGHBORS



Paraglider. Photo by Bennett Robinson



Hello, Fox. Photo by Susan Schiff



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