

Q4 Ponderosa News



The Newsletter of the Ponderosa Hills Civic Association

4th Quarter 2014

2014-2015 Board

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Open — Five Board Positions

Open — Committee Chairs (Roads, Water, Open Space, Newsletter)

No new candidates for the PHCA Board were identified. All of the existing 2013-2014 Board members agreed to stay on for another year. Many open positions remain unfilled which puts the board in a rough position to continue after the 2015 year.

Members, Nothing good happens without a little effort being expended. Consider serving on the board, please.

FIRE DRILL CANCELLED

Sadly, due to lack of participation, the Ponderosa Hills first-ever fire drill planned with the South Metro Fire District and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office was cancelled. This result was truly disappointing to all of the people who had spent time and effort trying to bring this effort to fruition. South Metro is willing to try again.



This drill is for us, to help us be prepared and know what to do to keep ourselves and our animals safe if we should be threatened with a fire like the southern Black Forest area was. We are the northern Black Forest area.

Treasurers Report 2014 Expenditures



Checking Account Total		\$ 4949.85
Savings Account		\$ 2552.64

Ponderosa Hills Annual Mailbox Decorating Contest

Again this year, we will hold a holiday mailbox decorating contest. Gather up your holiday spirit and get into the fun of the competition. Hoping to see a lot of holiday spirit this year.

Mailboxes will be viewed and judged the week of Dec 14 through 20th. Pull out all the stops and make this a jolly, decorating year!

2012 and 2013 WINNER!



PHCA 2015 Proposed Budget

Proposed Expenses 2015		Proposed
Pancake Breakfast	Recurring	1000
Dumpster Day	Recurring Expense	1850
Communications	Recurring Expense	600
Miscellaneous fees	Recurring	150
Bi-annual meetings	Recurring	300
Liability and Officer Insurance	Recurring Expense	900
Total Expenses		4800
Expected Dues (238)		5500.00

Roads, Paving

The development has begun on the north end for the new access road between Inspiration and Gartrell via the new Inspiration Lane. When this road is completed the next phase is to close the current access route to Gartrell across from Woodland Trail. The new access road will be near Antelope Trail.

Community Information

Pine Sawflies



Figure 1. Adult sawfly female (*Neodiprion* spp.) laying an egg in a ponderosa pine needle. Photo: Michael R. Wagner, Northern Arizona University.

Although the Colorado Forest Service has not detected Pine Sawfly in the Douglas County area yet, they wanted the conservation district to forward you this information to attend a Pine Sawfly informational meeting on November 15th at 9:30 am

Pine Sawfly Informational Meeting

When: Saturday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m. **Where:** Exhibit Hall, Elbert County Fairgrounds (95 Ute Avenue, Kiowa)

Who: Meg Halford, Assistant District Forester, Colorado State Forest Service (Franktown District)
 Bill Ciesla, Entomologist and owner of Forest Health Management International
 Elbert County/Colorado State University Extension Agents

Topics: Life cycle of Pine sawfly.
 What is being done (egg mass survey update)?
 How to manage (aerial vs. ground application, grant monies).
 Question and answer session.

Please RSVP to reserve your seat at 303-660-9625.

Seedling Order Form

The Douglas County Conservation District has seedling trees for sale to landowners. **There is no longer a minimum acreage requirement** to be eligible to purchase seedlings. There are a wide variety of species available such as bare root shrubs and trees as well as deciduous and coniferous trees. **New this year** there are perennials and larger tree stock available. These plants are to be planted for conservation uses such as windbreaks, shelterbelts, living snow fences, erosion control, wildlife habitat, and reforestation.

Payment (checks or money order) must accompany the order and sent to the Douglas County Conservation District, PO Box 688, Franktown, CO 80116. We are not set up to process credit cards at this time. These plants are available on a first-come, first-served basis so get orders in right away. The deadline for ordering will be Monday March 30, 2015 to be picked up on Wednesday April 15, 2015 in Castle Rock in time for spring planting.

Please contact Pam at the Douglas County Conservation District office for any questions at 303-688-2042 ext. 100 or pam.brewster@co.nacdnet.net

See Colorado State Forest Service Nursery's Buyers Guide for specific plant information: <http://csfs.colostate.edu/pdfs/08byrgd-www.pdf>

See Colorado State Forest Service Nursery's Species Suitability Guide for Colorado: <http://csfs.colostate.edu/pdfs/SpeciesSuitabilityGuideforColorado.pdf>

WINDBREAK WORKSHOP is scheduled for Wednesday January 14, 2015 in Franktown. Recommended tree species, planting and care for your seedlings and windbreak design for your property will be presented. Please RSVP to our office before January 13th to attend.

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Noxious Weeds: Fall Control

Fall is a good time to treat noxious weeds and to get a head start on next year's effort. The seeds of annual Cheatgrass are germinating. They can easily be treated by removing them now or spraying in a few weeks after everything else is dormant.

Biennial thistles and knapweeds rosettes (seedlings) are beginning to grow this time of year. Treating them by either removing or spraying is much easier at this stage.

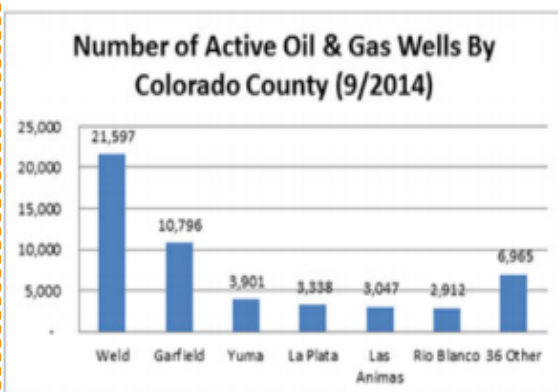
Many perennial weeds respond best to treatments during the fall. They are transitioning and sending food-stores to their roots which helps move herbicides deeper into the plant. Leafy spurge, Myrtle spurge, Canada thistle, Russian knapweed, Dalmatian and Yellow toadflax are all controlled better using fall treatments.

For more information visit www.ext.colostate.edu/sam/weeds.html

Oil and Gas Development in Colorado

Quick Facts

- Colorado is the 6th leading producer of natural gas and the 9th leading producer of oil in the U.S.
- In Colorado, natural gas is produced primarily through hydraulic fracturing and coal bed methane recovery while oil is produced primarily through hydraulic fracturing.
- Over 90% of new oil and gas wells in Colorado utilize hydraulic fracturing, And most of the recent growth in the industry can be attributed to the now cost-effective combination of hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling.
- The state exports about 3/4 of the natural gas it produces while crude oil produced in the state offsets about 1/3 of state consumption.



Source: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

CSU Extension just issued a new fact sheet on Oil and Gas Development in Colorado.


The fact sheet covers the basics of extracting, processing, and distributing oil and gas resources. Access the fact sheet at www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/comsumer/10639.html

In addition, Dr. Ken Carlson with the CSU Center for Energy-Water Sustainability is leading a new CSU Water Watch project. The project will set up monitoring stations near oil and gas wells to monitor water quality and make data publicly available in real-time. The full story is at <http://source.colostate.edu/testing-the-water/>

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