

Ponderosa News

The Newsletter of the Ponderosa Hills Civic Association

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Paving Ponderosa Drive

Douglas County is currently reviewing the possibility of paving Ponderosa Drive at the County's expense. Before doing so, the County would ask residents actually located along Ponderosa to vote on the matter. The current requirement for paving to pass is 70% in favor, but the County is considering lowering this to 66%. Also, note that a "no reply" is counted as a "Yes" vote.

Speeding

Have you noticed the red speeding signs around the neighborhood? Research has shown that signs like these can be effective in getting drivers to drive more responsibly. If nothing else, they remind us all to just slow down! 25 mph is plenty fast enough to get around the neighborhood.

If you would like to post a sign on your property (not on the road right of way), just drop an email and we'll make sure you are included in the next order. board@ponderosahills.com

Join the Ponderosa Hills Covenants Committee!

The PHCA Board receives a steady stream of inquiries concerning the protective covenants attached to every property in Ponderosa Hills. The board has determined that a specific covenants committee is needed to give each covenant-related issue the attention it deserves.

We are seeing a significant uptick in the number of residents getting involved. As always, the PHCA is an easy and rewarding way to apply your energy, brainpower, and enthusiasm for Ponderosa Hills directly into the neighborhood!

The PHCA Board meets once a month, typically on Wednesday evenings, and the new Covenants Committee promises to be the most interesting of all!

Join the Board! You know you want to!
board@ponderosahills.com

PHCA Treasurer's Report

Checking	\$2,986.35
Savings	\$2,653.57
TOTAL	\$5,639.92

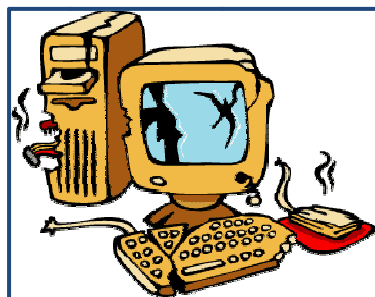
Electronics Recycling

Feb. 6th

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Central Facilities Recycling Drop-off Site
13646 E. Ellsworth Ave., Aurora
303-739-7173 or auroragov.org/recycle

This is open to all Aurora residents and **non-residents**. All items are free to drop off except cathode ray tube televisions (\$20 each) and cathode ray tube monitors (\$10).



Power Outages

Did anyone else suffer a multi-hour outage of Xfinity services recently? It took out our internet, phone and TV. While all of the utility providers have improved their reliability in the neighborhood over the years, IREA, Xcel, and CenturyLink are not immune to outages either. (Providers will deduct the time of outages from your bill – which can be significant - but only if you call.)



Be sure you have at least a couple of gallons of water set aside to see you through outages. Toilets don't flush but once after a power outage unless you have water to pour in them to flush them with. Leave cabinets open to expose pipes to some heat so they don't freeze.

Readiness and self-reliance in case of emergencies, big and small, is something we can always be better at. This is an ongoing priority for PHCA, and we look forward to sharing a number of important readiness tips, resources, and initiatives with you this year!

**From the President –
Dogs Off Leash**

For some reason, cold and winter seems to encourage residents to allow their dogs to roam free range. This is illegal and unsafe for walkers, drivers, horse riders, cats, chickens and, of course, dogs.

My daughter when she was 16 ran over and killed the neighbors' dog when it dashed out in front of her car. I personally received 18 stitches after being bitten by a neighbor dog when I was out walking. Needless to say, these types of incidents are very traumatic for all concerned.

Nor do you want your wandering friend to tangle with one of our resident skunks, coyotes, and even porcupines! (Jack the dog on Antelope Trail, I'm talking to you!) All of these critters are very active this time of year.

Perhaps it is easier for Fido to jump the fence when there is a foot of snow to launch from, but let's all please do our best to be responsible dog owners and keep them safe at home!



Hunting

While the PHCA Board acknowledges hunting in Ponderosa Hills is legal with appropriate licenses and tags, and if confined to property boundaries, we again wish to express our unanimous objection to the discharge of firearms in the neighborhood.

Residents who share this concern may wish to consider posting your property No Hunting.



Dead Trees

Please take steps to expeditiously remove any dead trees on your property. This is important for the entire neighborhood: fire safety; disease and insect prevention; and aesthetics.

While PHCA doesn't endorse specific providers, we can refer you to a tree service if you contact us (board@ponderosahills.com), or you can check out the Nextdoor.com website for specific recommendations from your neighbors.

Ponderosa Hills Services Directory

This directory of services is provided as a service to PHCA members and does not constitute an endorsement by the PHCA Board of Directors. Send your ad requesting or providing a service to board@ponderosahills.com. If you no longer need the service, please let us know. The editor retains the right to edit or reject any advertisement.


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