

Ponderosa News



The Newsletter of the Ponderosa Hills Civic Association

1st Quarter 2018

2018 PHCA Annual Dues are Due!!

Hello to neighbors new and old,

Another year has begun and we are looking forward to continuing to preserve and enhance our unique community. Voluntary annual civic association dues are now due for 2018.

For 2018, your annual membership of \$30 will provide you with:

- Participation in the annual Ponderosa Hills Pancake Breakfast attended by South Metro Fire and Douglas County Sheriff staff items of neighborhood
- Dumpster, Recycling, and Donation day! Members benefit from one free load in the dumpster, with additional loads at \$25 each concern)
- Firewise activities to inform and promote fire safety within the community
- Email blasts with timely information (zoning changes, road construction standards, public meetings, Periodic newsletters with items of interest (e.g. road activities, fire prevention, nearby development status, water and plant life information, etc.)
- Open forum at the annual meetings, usually in Sept, plus opportunities to attend open portions of the board meetings as a guest to discuss your areas of concern.
- Opportunities to serve on committees such as Open Space, Fire Prevention/Preparedness, Roads, Communications, Signage
- Other activities during the year that support a sense of community.

How to pay:

Mail this sheet and your check to PHCA, P. O. Box 2127, Parker, CO 80134

or

pay dues at our Paypal account. See instructions on our website at

www.ponderosahills.org Click on the **Join** tab.

Please provide updated information in the boxes below to facilitate our records.

You can mail this information in with your dues payment or email it to

treasurer@ponderosahills.com

In addition to annual dues collection, we would once again like to gather information about your areas of concern and interest. Please complete the following survey and return to PHCA.

Select all that apply:

I would like to volunteer for the following events or committees:

Community Day (Picnic/Pancake Breakfast)

Dumpster/Donation Day

€ **Fire Wise Committee**

• **Roads**

• **Open Space**

• **Communications**

• **Signs**

Other/Comments

I would like to be a board member.

Do you have any questions or suggestions for the Ponderosa Hills Civic Association board?

President	—	Open at this time
Vice President	—	Open at this Time
Secretary	—	Sandra Fish
Treasurer	—	Janet Finer
Communication Chair	—	Gary Rasmussen
Sign Chair	—	Terry Bell
Board@ponderosahills.com		

We have opening son the 2018Board. Please consider joining.
 Notice: It is time to step up and do your part to keep the Civic Association alive and healthy. Join now. We need You!!

Treasurer’s Report

Checking Account Total			\$
Savings Account			\$
Water CD			\$17,472.60

Committee Reports

Roads

The Civic Association would like to form a committee to communicate with the County on issues such as speed and volume of traffic on Ponderosa Drive. We also need to communicate with them the need for a traffic light and or road configuration changes at the Ponderosa and Pine intersection. If these are areas of concern for you please plan on joining the Roads committee.

Fire Preparedness

The Civic Association encourages our residents to work with the fire department to have their property assessed and receive suggestions in order to improve the fire preparedness status of their homes. Ponderosa Hills has received a Fire Wise Community designation which can reduce

designation. Please join the Fire Preparedness Committee to help us keep this designation and to keep the community actively working to reduce fire danger.

OpenSpace/Bridal Trail

A new committee has been formed to work on improvements along the OpenSpace. Please let us know if you can help with this effort.

Important News

CodeRED Emergency Notification System

Life can change in a moment – make sure you are connected to the Code RED emergency notification system in Douglas County. Douglas County’s public safety agencies encourage everyone to register their contact information in the CodeRED system (reverse 911). Registration is not automatic, but it may be critical to your safety and that of your family.

Please register online at: douglascountycodered.com. If you are unable to register online, please leave a message at 303-663-7747, or public_notify@douglas911.org for assistance.

If you receive a call from the CodeRED system, the number 866-419-5000 and the message “Emergency Comm” will show on your caller ID screen. Please program that number into your phone so you can call back to hear the message again if you need to. Please do not call 911 to hear the message!

You may add cell phone, work phone, and/or other numbers to the CodeRED System. Two (2) numbers may be registered each time you go to the registration site douglascountycodered.com. You may also enable the ability to receive alert information via text message and email.

Tri-County Health Department Well and Septic Tank Recommendations

Is your well well?? Just a reminder to test your well water and have your septic tank pumped and inspected. Annual testing can indicate if the well is safe or has contaminants in it.

Tri-County Health Department (TCHD) recommends water testing for all wells. Water can be tested at any certified laboratory: www.tchd.org/water.htm.

Performing regular maintenance on your septic system may lessen the chances of expensive repair or replacement and prevent disease transmission.

TCHD’s Individual Sewage Disposal System Regulation requires that septic tanks be pumped and inspected every four years. Licensed cleaners can provide this service: www.tchd.org/septic.htm.

Here are the Tri-County local offices you can call for assistance:

Aurora: 303-363-3055 Commerce City: 303-288-6816 Castle Rock: 303-846-2027

Senior Exemption From Some Real Estate Taxes

Property Tax Exemption is available to senior citizens, surviving spouses of senior citizens, and disabled veterans. For those who qualify, 50 percent of the first \$200,000 in actual value of their primary residence is exempted. The state pays the exempted portion of the property tax. Once approved, the exemption remains in effect for future years, and the applicant should not reapply.

NOTE: the General Assembly may eliminate the funding for the Senior Citizen Exemption or Disabled Veteran Exemption in any year in which the budget does not allow for the reimbursement. Application requirements are as follows:

Senior Citizen: The exemption is available to applicants who: a) are at least 65 years of age as of January 1 of the year of application, b) owned their home for at least 10 years as of January 1, c) occupied it as their primary residence for at least 10 years as of January 1. Limited exceptions to the ownership and occupancy requirements are detailed in the qualifications section of the application. The senior citizen exemption is also available to surviving


You can find the info at this link:

<http://www.douglas.co.us/treasurer/senior-citizenmembers-of-the-national-guard-and-reserves-tax-deferral-and-exemption-information/>

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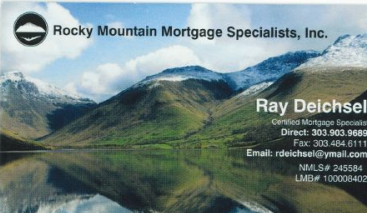
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