

Ponderosa News



HOT WEATHER IS HERE!!

We are in for what may be an exceptionally hot and dry summer. Fire and Water are the two issues that are foremost on my mind.

A Stage One Fire Ban is in effect for all of Douglas County for the entire summer. This means no open fires, and no fireworks. I want to thank the residents of Ponderosa Hills for their adherence to the No Fireworks Ban this year. This was so very important and thankfully we had no reported violators and no reported fire incidents. Great Job!

We still need to be vigilant about the open fire ban. In past years we have had residents who have burned in barrels or pits. This year please refrain and use Dumpster Day to get rid of unwanted yard and tree debris. Your first load is free with your paid membership. More about Dumpster Day on later pages.

Water use. We all share the water in the aquifers below us. These aquifers are labeled as nonrenewable. That means they are not renewed by ground water runoff. Historical data however has shown that they do renew somewhat from ground water but only very slowly. Bottom line – our water should be treated as a finite resource and used wisely and sparingly. Please don't waste water and don't over water. Blue grass is not a good choice for yards out here. Think prairie not suburban yard.

Thanks for being a member and supporter of the Ponderosa Hills Civic Association.

Cathy Lichty
President, PHCA

Please support PHCA with your membership, your annual dues, and any other contributions you feel are appropriate. Your participation is always very welcome through committee work and on the board.

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We have openings on the 2018 Board. 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		\$ 2,868.91
Savings Account		\$ 1,655.52
Water CD		\$17,472.60

Committee Reports

Roads

The Civic Association developed a survey and solicited input from residents about the traffic and safety issues they were experiencing on our major intersections. We received less than 10 responses in total, but the overwhelming concern was the Ponderosa and Pine intersection. We will plan on opening the survey for comment again in the fall when school traffic picks up. The purpose of the survey was to gather data which could be submitted to the County in an effort to get some action taken to improve these intersections: Inspiration and Lost Canyon, Pine and Pine, and Ponderosa and Pine. The County informed us last spring that these were not dangerous intersections because there had been no increase in reported accidents. We felt they were misunderstanding the large number of near accidents at these intersections.

If these are areas of concern for you please join the Roads committee.

Dumpster Day

August 11. 8:30 to 11:30

Annually PHCA members are offered the opportunity to get rid of trash, tree slash, and to recycle metal items. Members’ first load is covered by their annual membership fee.

This year residents who have not paid their membership by June 30 will be charged a \$50 membership fee for the rest of the year which will include the first load at dumpster day.

A load is considered the equivalent of what can be loaded into a pickup bed. Additional loads may be allowed if there is space and will incur an additional **\$50 charge** per load. **PHCA Board reserves the right to turn away any items or loads they consider unacceptable or excessive.**

Certain items cannot be accepted by the dumpster providers. Below is the list. If these items are discovered in the loads or in the dumpsters PHCA will be subject to fines and additional charges.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Unacceptable Items List

Tires	Propane tanks	Asbestos
Transmission oil	Gasoline	Contaminated oil –
Motor Oil	Vents	Car batteries
Antifreeze	Liquid Paint	Appliances
Solvents	Chemicals	Batteries
Electronics	Dirt	Florescent tubes
Industrial Waste	Railroad ties	Medical Waste
Oil filters	Hazardous materials	Herbicides/Pesticides
Dead Animals	Radioactive material	Barrels
Any liquids	Aerosol cans	

Metal Recycling on Dumpster Day

Our Metal recycler on Dumpster Day is Matt’s Maintenance. He will recycle items that are substantially metal. Metal appliances are also accepted. Electronic items are NOT accepted.

Slash Items on Dumpster Day

Matt’s Maintenance is also providing the chipper on Dumpster Day. Logs up to 10” in diameter are acceptable. Dirt is NOT acceptable. Also the slash must be free of metal, cement, nails or other items that are none organic and could damage the chipper. **You must plan to do your own unloading and must stay with the load until it has been chipped.** Last year we had a great many abusers so the rules will be must stricter this year. You will not be allowed to just dump and leave.

General Household Recycling Guidelines

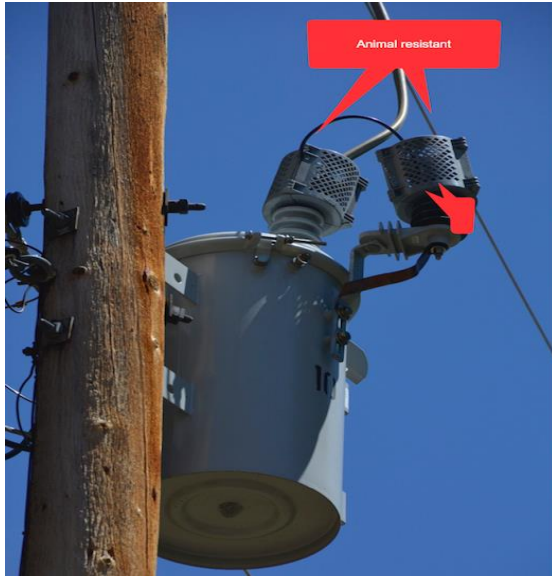
The Garbage Man, one of the garbage and recycling providers to Ponderosa Hills, has kindly provided some recycling guidelines.

<p>Paper – newspapers, paper products such as plates/cups/towels, magazines, phone books, and light cardboard such as cereal boxes.</p>	<p>Plastics – number 1-7 are acceptable. Plastic containers that have held anything other than water must be thoroughly rinsed out.</p>
<p>Cans – aluminum cans & soup/vegetable cans.</p>	<p>Glass – bottles, jars, etc. must be rinsed out. Caps should be removed</p>
<p>Please NO heavy metals.</p>	<p>Please NO food matter.</p>

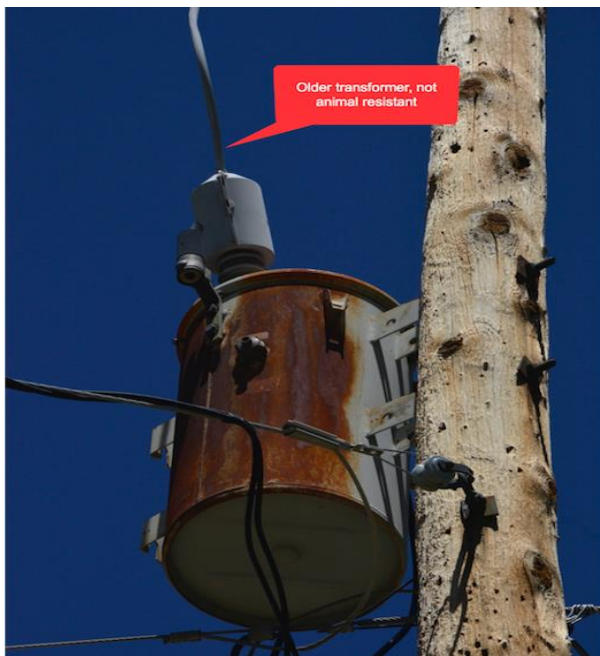
Removing the paper labels on cans and bottles is requested but not required. No separating is necessary; you may combine all of the above for easy single stream recycling. Materials may be loose in any size container or bagged in clear or blue recycle bags.



Electric Transformers.



This transformer provides some protection from animals short circuiting it and causing a fireball.



This transformer is an older one that provides no animal protection.

Check the pole outside your house. If you have the older one call IREA and ask them to replace it to prevent a fire hazard. They have a replacement plan already in place so just get them to move up your priority.

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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