

# Ponderosa News



The Newsletter of the Ponderosa Hills Civic Association

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## What is Nextdoor?

"Our neighborhood is using a private online network called Nextdoor Ponderosa Hills, and we think you'll benefit from joining. On the Nextdoor site, neighbors share community events, recommendations, items for sale/free, crime/safety concerns, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better, and more. Please join us to build a better neighborhood!" Carmen Wilkes

**Please note:** Nextdoor Ponderosa Hills is a private website created by you and your neighbors, and supported by the company, Nextdoor, Inc.

Nextdoor is the private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. And it's free.

Thousands of neighborhoods are already using Nextdoor to build happier, safer places to call home.

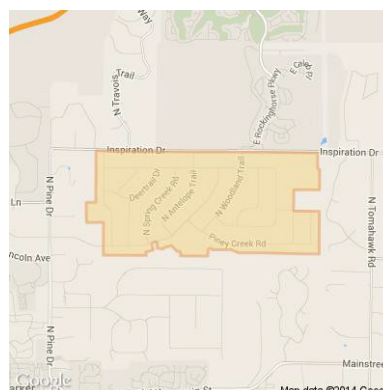
People are using Nextdoor to:

- Quickly get the word out about a break-in
- Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group
- Track down a trustworthy babysitter
- Find out who does the best paint job in town
- Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog
- Find a new home for an outgrown bike
- Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name

Nextdoor's mission is to use the power of technology to build stronger and safer neighborhoods.

### Nextdoor Ponderosa Hills

To accept your invitation, visit:  
**[ponderosahills.nextdoor.com/join](http://ponderosahills.nextdoor.com/join)**  
Your flyer code: **WPAUUU**



## Community Meeting Notes

The April 16th meeting saw our normal turnout of approximately 50 people. A lot of information was shared by our speakers. Below is a very brief synopsis.

- Jake Morton from CSBT explained the investment options listed on the water CD ballots. All were 100% FDIC insured and the principal was guaranteed. At final count the 7 year JP Morgan Efficiente CD was chosen by a large majority. The Board will decide the exact amount of the funds to invest.
- Einar Jensen from the South Metro Fire Division reviewed the importance of fire mitigation and having an escape plan. Plans for our fire drill have had to be postponed to September. A planning committee meeting is planned for June. [Contact board@ponderosahills.com](mailto:board@ponderosahills.com) to get involved.
- Sean Olsen from Douglas County Roads explained the CAPP and the LID procedures for requesting a road paving in our neighborhood. These procedures have recently been revised and are available from the county office.
- Jake Zambrano an XCEL representative explained the impact on Ponderosa Hills of the proposed high voltage line expansion in the XCEL easement areas to the east and south of Ponderosa Hills. The project is in the approval process now. Completion is projected for 2019.

## Speeding in Ponderosa Hills by Mallory Conklin

The allure for most of us living in Ponderosa Hills is the beauty, the serenity and the never ending natural wildlife we are surrounded by. We also have the luxury of enjoying a diversity of pets. That enjoyment can be felt from simply peering out our windows to strolling down a street and noticing foxes, deer, squirrels, rabbits and horses just to name a few. While walking my dog last week I came upon this sign in our Ponderosa Hills neighborhood.

I had recently heard that a beautiful puppy had been killed by a hit and run driver and this sign was a harsh reminder of that fact. I'm sure I speak for many, if not all, when I express our neighborhood condolences for this family's sad loss. In addition, I have recently seen two separate foxes lying by the side of the road and assume they possibly had a similar fate. While expressing our sadness I feel that this tragedy would be an appropriate time to highlight another topic which might be somewhat related; speeding. I have become aware that this has become more of an ongoing problem as of late on both the paved and dirt roads. Some feel that drivers are using Ponderosa Hills as detour roads, or possibly we are just running a bit behind in our busy lives? Let's all try to be more aware of this in our daily travels and hopefully we won't have to worry about seeing these types of signs in the future.



To report speeding call the Traffic Hotline 303-660-7539. The more calls made to the Hotline the more police presence in Ponderosa Hills.

In addition, pet owners please take care to restrict your pets to your own property unless they are on a leash and under your direct supervision.

## Treasurer's Report May 2014

Checking Account			
Total		\$	7851.30
Deposited in Pay-Pal			\$0.00
Savings Account		\$	486.66
CD			\$19884.28



## Board Updates

Amy Arnett resigned from the Board due to increased obligations at home and at work. We thank Amy for her service and wish her all the best.

New member Sandy Fish has been added to the board. Sandy will take on the position of Secretary. Welcome Sandy!

## Committee Reports

### Ponderosa Park Project

Efforts are afoot to try and get approval to create a natural playground area in our park. This would include logs for climbing, stumps for climbing and sitting, pinecones and log slabs for manipulation. We would welcome your ideas and efforts to make this happen. **Contact [Board@ponderosahills.com](mailto:Board@ponderosahills.com) if you would like to be involved.**



### Fire Preparedness

The planned drill for Ponderosa Hills has been put off until September. We are forming a committee to start the planning. The first planning meeting will take place in early June. A slash collection day in June is also under evaluation.

**Contact [Jerry Banks@aol.com](mailto:JerryBanks@aol.com) if you would like to participate in this committee.**  
<http://www.firewise.org/>

### Oil

Proposed Fracking Legislation would allow home rule to cities. The bill has not yet passed and is unlikely to pass before the end of the current legislative session.

### Ponderosa Open Space Project

We are talking about creating a volunteer work force to eliminate downed trees and scrub from our open space area. We would like to make this area safer from wildfire and more accessible to our residents. We will let you know when we need volunteer workers with their own tools such as chainsaws, wheelbarrels, axes. The trail signs also need to be replaced and more trail signs are needed. **Contact [cathy@ponderosahills.com](mailto:cathy@ponderosahills.com) if you would like to be involved.**

### Water Monies

The majority of the monies in the water CD (\$18,000) will be invested in a 7yr JP Morgan Efficient CD through CSBT. This plan was elected by a majority of those voting on the CD investment options.

### WOOD

**If IREA left wood piles near your property, and you want to get rid of them contact Greg Waltz at [sodacanrobug@gmail.com](mailto:sodacanrobug@gmail.com)**

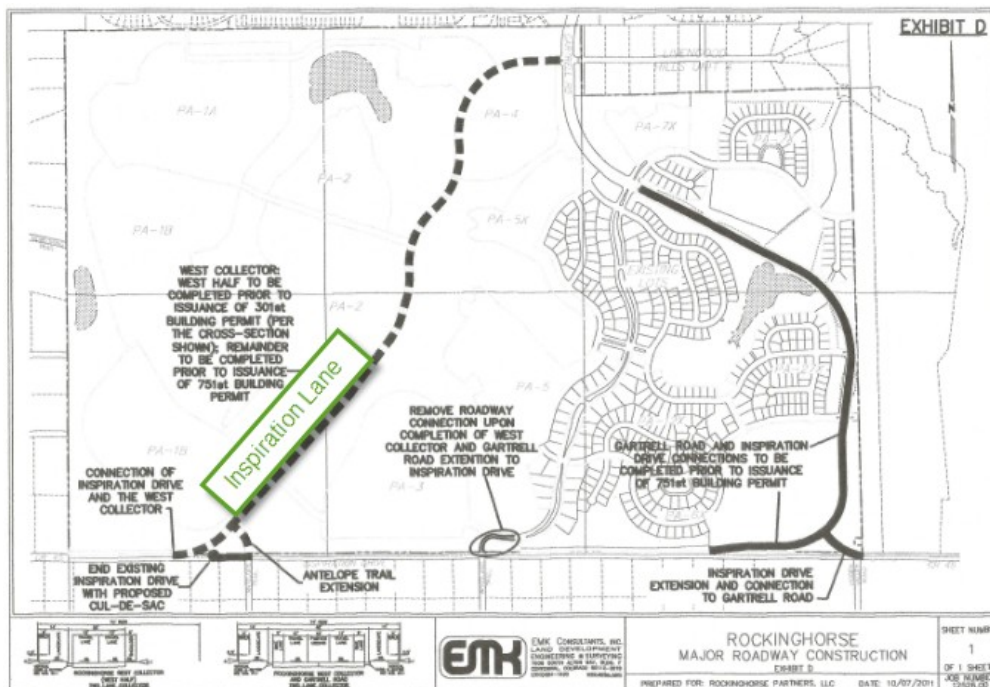
## Committee Reports, continued

### Inspiration Realignment

The Rocking Horse development as of January 2014 has been acquired by Wheelock Street Capital. Currently only 150 homes are occupied at the site. Wheelock is re-evaluating the size of lots and type of architecture for the development. They have determined that roughly half of the land, all on the west side of the development, will be designated as a 55 and older retirement community for an active adult population. On the east side parks, open space, and 13 miles of trails are part of the plan for the non-age restricted area. The planned residential density has increased slightly to 1891 lots from 1840 lots.

The West Collector road will be named Inspiration Lane and will connect to Inspiration at the round-about to be built across from Antelope Trail. This road will connect directly to Gartrell Road near Wagon Wheel Way. This path avoids the current winding route through the existing developed lots in Rocking Horse. The current connection on Inspiration at Woodland Trail will be removed. Another, later extension will be developed to connect the east end of Inspiration Drive to Gartrell Road near Hidden Valley Road. This connection will be completed prior to the issuance of the 751<sup>st</sup> building permit. Work on the West Collector road is anticipated to begin within 1 to 3 months.

An Elementary school site is part of the configuration of the eastern portion of the Rocking Horse development and has been increased in size from 10 acres to 12.8 acres.



### Parker News

Lincoln Avenue - East of I-25 - Under Construction June 16 until mid/late November 2014


Road to remain open during construction. Construction confined to Lincoln Avenue between Chambers Road and Keystone Blvd.

One of Douglas County's major east/west thoroughfares will receive pavement replacement, constructed in phases between Chambers Road and Keystone, beginning Monday, June 16 through mid-to-late November 2014, weather permitting. The \$4.3 million dollar investment will remove 30-year-old concrete and road sub-surface, and replace the entire subsurface of the road, with an asphalt road surface. The construction will occur from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday during the entire project. While the road will be open during construction, alternative routes are advised.



## 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 [editor@ponderosahills.com](mailto:editor@ponderosahills.com). If you no longer need the service, please let us know. The editor retains the right to edit or reject any ad. Special thanks to Nan Galligan for assisting the board in keeping this section of the newsletter up to date.



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