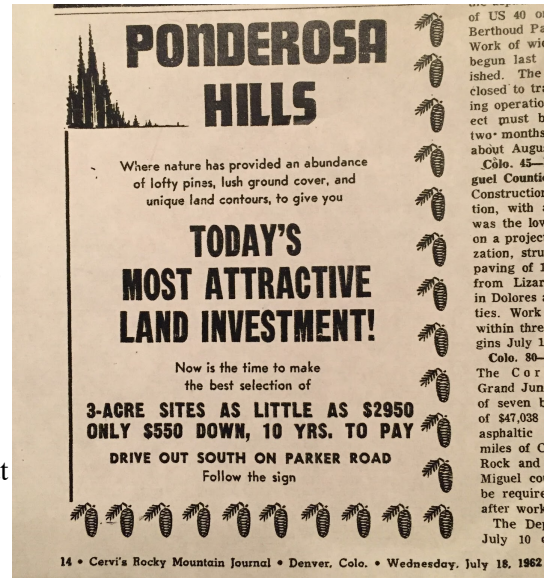


Q1 2019 Newsletter

Ponderosa Hills neighbors, Welcome to 2019!

This is a great community that we live in, with so much history. Just look at this newspaper ad from 1962 for our neighborhood. It has been a pleasure getting to know our Ponderosa Hills neighbors and exploring how the community started and how it's grown. The Ponderosa Hills Civic Association Board is looking forward to year of engaging with the community and is inviting everyone to get involved, get out to meet your neighbors, share and learn the community history, and develop new friendships. Please join us as we plan 2019 activities and participate in all that this area and community has to offer.



Civic Association Membership

1962 Ponderosa Hills Ad

Your annual membership (\$30 prior to June 1, \$50 after June 1) will provide:

- Access to Dumpster, Recycling, and Donation day! Members benefit from one free load (approx. a full-sized pickup bed full or equivalent) in the dumpster, with additional similar loads at \$50. Detailed information will be provided on the website prior to dumpster day.
- Neighborhood watch and community announcements
- Firewise activities to inform and promote fire safety within our community
- Email blasts with timely information (zoning changes, road construction, public meetings) and a periodic newsletter
- Access to the annual and monthly board meetings to discuss new ideas and questions/comments
 - **2019 Meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7pm-9pm MT at the SMFR Station 42 (7320 S. Parker Road, Foxfield, CO 80016) in the Community Room. Location / date or time updates will be posted on the website.**
- Opportunities to serve on committees such as Traffic & Safety / Roads, Communications, Community Activities, Fire Prevention/Preparedness, Signage, and Open Space
- Additional activities during the year designed to support and engage our community

Pay your 2019 PHCA Annual Dues Now!!

- Mail the enclosed sheet and a check payable to PHCA to PHCA, P. O. Box 2127, Parker, CO 80134
- Via the PHCA Paypal account. See instructions on our website at www.ponderosahills.org Click on the **Join** tab.

Committee Reports

Traffic and Safety / Roads - As Douglas County continues to grow there is an increased need to communicate with the Douglas County Department of Roads. We are in communication with key personnel within Douglas County and are looking for committee leads and members to assist in our engagement in issues such as access in and out of the community, speed, traffic management, etc. Current committee updates:

- 2019 Douglas County budget updates impacting Ponderosa Hills
 - (<https://www.douglas.co.us/documents/2019-adopted-budget-book.pdf>)
 - Pine Drive Construction – One-time \$1,000,000 - The 2019 budget includes funding for the preliminary work required prior to when the widening of Pine Drive in Parker can be completed. This proposed funding will be used for design, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation. Once these activities are complete Pine Drive can be widened to four lanes which will be enough to meet traffic demands and reduce congestion pressures. (pg. 84)
 - Pg 197 and 205 also contain additional 2019 and 5 yr budget planning details for future development (including potential turn lanes and a traffic signal at Pine and Ponderosa)
- Engaging with the Douglas County Director of Public Works Engineering, Janet Herman
- Engaging with City of Aurora Planning teams regarding the Rocking Horse Development
 - No currently planned changes / improvements along the Aurora annexed section of Inspiration
 - Gartrell Rd will be extended to Inspiration Rd in the next 18-24 months
 - When Gartrell is extended to Inspiration, Rockinghorse Pkwy will be closed to through traffic
 - The Aurora Pkwy extension to Parker Rd is 4 to 5 years out
- Interesting fact: More than 800 vehicles go in and out of our community along Ponderosa Dr. and more than 250 along Woodland Trail

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 Firewise Community designation which can reduce home insurance charges. Firewise activities must be maintained each year in order to retain this designation. Please join the Fire Preparedness committee to help us keep this designation and keep the community actively working to reduce fire danger. For the most recent firebreak news follow the link:

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildfire/Fire-Break-Newsletter>

Community Entrance Signs - As discussed during the annual meeting this committee is actively investigating options for new community entrance signs. Multiple designs and placement options are being considered. If the community has any ideas, suggestions or if anyone would like to lend their expertise please send contact board@ponderosahills.com.

Community Outreach / Activities - The Civic Association would like to increase engagement across the community through organized events and outreach activities. We are actively looking for committee members to support event planning, welcoming committee, etc.

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

9-1-1 Accepts Text Messages - Did you know that you can send a text message to 9-1-1?

Available in Douglas and Elbert counties since 2015, texting to 9-1-1 provides accessibility to the hearing- and speech-impaired population and provides an alternative to reach help in a dangerous situation when a voice call is not possible or where a voice call fails due to a high volume of activity. How to text to 9-1-1:

- Enter the numbers 911 in the “To” field.
- The first text message to 9-1-1 should be brief and contain the location of the emergency and type of help needed
- After sending the first text, be prepared to answer questions and follow instructions from the 9-1-1 text recipient
- Please text in simple words and keep messages brief and concise. Do not use abbreviations.

9-1-1 Address Signs - If you are interested in adding an address sign with your homes numerals (4 or 5) to your property you can purchase them online at www.safetysign.com (PHCA does not endorse safetysign.com and there may be other sites to purchase 911 address signs).

Tri-County Health Department Well and Septic Tank Recommendations - Tri-County Health Department (TCHD) recommends water testing for all wells. Water can be tested at any certified laboratory: www.tchd.org/water.htm. Annual testing can indicate if your well is well. 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. You can reach Tri-County by phone at 303-220-9200.

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. 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/>.

Recruiting Board and Committee Members

In addition to annual dues collection, we would once again like to gather information about your areas of interest. Please complete the included survey and return to PHCA via mail with your dues or email president@ponderosahills.com.

PHCA Board / Committee Survey

Please complete this page and mail with your membership dues check made out to PHCA at PHCA, P. O. Box 2127, Parker, CO 80134 or email the information to: president@ponderosahills.com and pay your dues through the website (join tab).

Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Contact Number:

Select all that apply:

- 2019 Dues Enclosed**
- I am interested in joining the PHCA Board and would like a board member to contact me**

I would like to volunteer for the following events or committees (descriptions online):

- Community Activities**
- Dumpster/Donation Day**
- Firewise Committee**
- Communications**
- Other / Comments**
- Traffic / Safety / Roads**
- Open Spaces**
- Signs**

What questions or suggestions do you have for the Ponderosa Hills Civic Association board?

Current 2019 Board & Committee Members

President	—	T.J. Schneider
Vice President	—	Jerry Banks
Secretary	—	Position Available
Treasurer	—	Brad Doyle
Board Member	—	Gary Rasmussen
Board Member	—	Terry Bell
Committee Chair	—	Tricia Banks


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We have openings on the 2019 Board. Please consider joining. We need you!!

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