



ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING

This is the official written notice of the annual Wonderland Hill Five Homeowners Association meeting via a Zoom meeting on Saturday, March 5 at 12:00pm. Meeting materials will be emailed separately closer to the meeting date and owners will be asked if they wish to participate. Those who wish to participate will receive an email invitation to connect.

Please complete and return your proxy if you do not plan to attend the meeting to ensure we have a quorum to conduct business. You may register at the HOA's website to receive notices of changes to the website including calendar announcements of Board meetings.

ANNUAL DUES

The annual dues invoice (\$240) is included with this newsletter and again there is no increase for 2022 (2023 will likely see an increase). **Please pay by the due date to avoid late fees. There will be no reminders, so please pay on time.** Also, MAIL your payment; do not leave it at the front door or in the mailbox, it could be missed, damaged, or lost. All billings are done with volunteer time, we do not pay a management company, therefore keeping dues to a minimum. Please be kind to your volunteer HOA board.

Please keep in mind that Pool & Tennis is a separate organization; they bill for dues in the spring. WH5 does not collect Pool & Tennis dues. Questions/complaints regarding Pool & Tennis should be forwarded to:

Brenda Feldman Pennant Investment
brenda@pennantinvestment.com
303-447-8988 x114
6560 Gunpark Dr #A
Boulder, CO 80301

SNOW REMOVAL – REMINDER

Per City code, sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall. Newport Lane and Oakwood are plowed at the HOA's expense after 3" or more snowfall. **Please park in your garage or driveway to facilitate street snow plowing.**

Those with sloping driveways or aprons should put down ice melt where water drains and accumulates or otherwise remove/prevent ice to allow safe walking. Also, please keep our sidewalks (including the part extending over your driveway) free of ice. If your trees are lower than 8' clearance over sidewalks, please trim them back. If shrubs are growing into/over sidewalks, please cut those back, too. Many neighbors walk their dogs and sidewalks are a safer option to icy streets when they are kept clear.

FIRES

None of us needs reminding of the horrific fire that went through Superior and Louisville. It didn't seem possible that would happen to communities well away from the mountains. Our own community was threatened in July, 2002 including an evacuation order during the night. Fortunately the fire didn't get to any homes, but it is a reminder that it CAN happen here. This

newsletter includes a fire safety article every July. Fire mitigation tips appear next; we have to take care of ourselves and each other and minimize fire risk. Another article that follows provides information about emergency notifications, which surely saved a lot of lives in the recent disaster.

10 FIRE MITIGATION TIPS

1. Walk around your property to look for places where dried leaves and dried pine needles have gathered. It is important to track these places and, of course, to clean up this fire fuel. The reason for tracking where leaves and pine needles gather is that this is where the wind eddies are; embers would land in exactly these places when stirred up by the wind caused by a fire.
2. Clean your gutters and clean them frequently.
3. Store flammable materials (for example, firewood, propane tanks) in an enclosed area such as a garage. Do NOT store them outside your house.
4. Install some sort of latticework or screen between the bottom of your deck and the ground (embers tend to collect under decks, smolder, and eventually ignite). ¼ " mesh screen is best.
5. Cover soffit vents with ¼" mesh screen, again to prevent smoldering embers from igniting.
6. Keep landscaping watered. Keep yard and surroundings clear of dried plant material. Consider rocks instead of mulch.
7. Sign up for emergency alerts.
8. Make an emergency plan with your family. Establish a meeting place in case of evacuation.
9. Be aware that creeping fires can be even more dangerous than tree fires.
10. BE EMBER AWARE! WINDBLOWN EMBERS ARE THE BIGGEST RISK TO SPREADING FIRE IN WONDERLAND HILL.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Boulder County has an emergency alert system where you may opt in and include your home or cell phone. The following link will get you to the sign up.

<https://member.everbridge.net/453003085612231/login>

Boulder Count is currently looking into a notification system that does not require citizens to opt into the current system.

IS YOUR HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE UP TO DATE?

This might be a good time to check your coverage considering increasing property values in our area. One owner in the burned-out area said he was underinsured by \$350,000. Have you taken pictures/videos of your home's contents? Would be very useful if needed.

ECOPASS BUS PASSES

Our neighborhood participates in the RTD EcoPass program which provides bus passes for use in Boulder, Denver, surrounding areas and to the airport. Anyone who did not sign up at year-end and would like to do so may contact Kathy Byrne at betterbriefs@msn.com to join.

20MPH SPEED LIMIT

As you know, the speed limit on our streets (as well as other Boulder residential streets) has been reduced to 20mph. And yes.....it.....seems.....very.....slow..... However, think about the 30 seconds more it takes to get to Broadway as a safety net for children, pets, and the rest of us. Slower speed allows you to react if something unexpected happens, which may save you, too. Be kind to all of us; keep your speed at 20mph.

THINGS TO KNOW

- **Please avoid parking in the cul-de-sacs.** Parked vehicles make it difficult for trucks (particularly the trash trucks) to get around and Boulder parking regulations prohibit parking within 5 feet of a driveway or fire hydrant.
- **Contact the Architectural Control Committee before** making exterior changes to your home including landscaping and tree removal, painting, lighting, fences, roofing, renovations, and other changes.
- **Per City code, trash, recycle, and compost bins may not be placed at curbside before 8pm the day before pickup.** Empty bins must be removed by the end of the day of pickup. Trash and compost bins must be locked when placed at the curb. Per HOA covenants, **bins must be stored in a location not visible from the street or from neighbors' properties.** You may put a stop on your trash pickup if you are away and get a credit for that period. Go to Western Disposal's website at <https://www.westerndisposal.com/> to schedule vacation holds.

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