



## Proposed Bylaws Voting Sought From All PHA Members

In 2002 our HOA began updating the Bylaws to provide for restructuring of our association. At that time, the community approved the establishment of the Executive Board as the entity responsible for overseeing all aspects of your Association. You overwhelmingly approved this revision in 2004. Two standing committees were then authorized to do the work needed to serve the residents: the Community Services Committee and the Architectural Control Committee. Due to a court case of the ACC and due to changes instituted by the legislature since 2002, including Senate Bills 100 and 89, it has become apparent that the current Bylaws need some additional revision. Your Executive Board established a process to solicit and review community input on those aspects of the current Bylaws that allow us to function as an HOA now and in the future and to bring us into compliance with these two bills.

Your Board has solicited the input of numerous community members including those who have or are currently serving in various capacities as well as legal counsel to arrive at the proposed update for your consideration. The update is posted on our web site and copies are available at our office located on the lower level of the fire station, 8170 Hillcrest Way. We sponsored two public forums for

input on Wednesday, June 27 and Wednesday, August 15, in our community meeting room. Suggestions from the two meetings that met the criteria of providing for the best interests of the community now and in the future have been evaluated by the Board and reviewed by counsel. The proposed Bylaws are on our website and are available from the office.

The next General Meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2007 at the fire station at 7:00 pm. You'll have a chance to vote at the meeting, or by casting and returning your ballot prior to the meeting, at the office, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There is also a ballot provided in this newsletter with information on casting your vote. Your Executive Board urges you to participate in this process. The Board thanks all members who have

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### September General Meeting

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Pinery Fire Station Meeting Room

6:45 p.m. Newcomers' Meeting

7:30 p.m. Main Meeting

Bylaws Vote

(See ballot on page 9)

RV Lot Security

*Refreshments provided.*

*Complimentary Child Care*

contributed to the Bylaws update. We live in a beautiful place and there are numerous benefits to contributing your time and talent to your community. The Pinery is one of the oldest HOAs in Colorado. With your help there is no reason why it will not continue to be a tremendous place to live.

Answers To Some Common Questions  
You May Have

**THE PINERY AS A “COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY”**

It is not a new concept or idea that the Pinery is a Common Interest Community.

Many Owners and past and current board members have expressed their opinions that the Pinery is a Common Interest Community, especially since the Colorado Supreme Court ruling in Evergreen Highlands Association v. West.

Regardless of those past opinions, the Colorado Supreme Court’s ruling in the Evergreen Highlands case, and, in late 2003, a Douglas County Court Judge ruling that the Pinery is/was a Common Interest Community, appear to settle this question.

In 2003, in a lawsuit filed by the Architectural Control Committee against an Owner, a Douglas County Court Judge used the Evergreen Highlands case and the Judge’s own findings to establish that the ACC was obligated to pay attorney fees incurred by the Owner in defending the case brought by the ACC. The Court found CCIOA (the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act) applied, that the Pinery is a common interest community and that the ACC was obligated to pay the attorney fees of the Owner. The Owner won the case and CCIOA provides that the person winning the lawsuit is entitled to an award of their attorney fees. The PHA then paid the attorney fees incurred by that Owner.

“So what?” you may ask. Well, in addition to the law in CCIOA that the winner in a lawsuit between the PHA and an Owner is to also be awarded their attorney fees, other parts of CCIOA apply to the Pinery as a Common Interest Community. That question now appears to be answered.

- Colorado Common Interest Communities are

governed by the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act, an act which balances rights and responsibilities of Owners, the PHA, the Executive Board and committees.

- CCIOA has two applications. The first is to communities that were formed before it was effective (before July 1, 1992). In that event, only parts of CCIOA apply. The other application is to communities that were formed after CCIOA became effective. Then, unless an exemption applies, those communities are subject to all of CCIOA.
- As a “Common Interest Community”, the PHA has mandatory membership for all Owners in the Pinery filings 1-8a, subject to the assessment authority of the PHA.

**SUMMARY OF MATERIAL CHANGES  
PROPOSED IN THE BYLAWS BEING  
VOTED ON BY MEMBERS**

The new proposed Bylaws would implement the following and other changes for the Pinery Community, the Members, the Executive Board and committees:

- The proposed Bylaws will place the Pinery within the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act (“CCIOA”), as a “Common Interest Community” that was formed when the Pinery was first started. As a community that was started in the 70s, the Pinery is subject to only those parts of CCIOA that apply to pre-CCIOA communities (those that were in existence when CCIOA became law on July 1, 1992). [See the separate article in this Newsletter on The Pinery as a Common Interest Community.]
- The proposed Bylaws would confirm the following characteristics, consistent with CCIOA and state law:
  - **Mandatory Membership of Owners in Filings 1 – 8A** - The proposed Bylaws would continue to designate the Members of the PHA as the Owners in Filings 1 – 8A.
  - **Voting rights** - The proposed Bylaws would continue to recognize voting rights only to

Members in good standing (those current in payment of the annual dues).

- **Mandatory Dues** - All Owners will continue to be asked to pay the \$30 annual dues.
- **Possible Dues Increases** - The PHA will not have the unlimited authority to increase the annual dues. The proposed Bylaws include a budget process that requires budgets to be proposed by the Board to the Members. Then a majority of a quorum of members present at an annual meeting, could veto the Board's proposed budget (the quorum requirement is proposed to be raised from 20 to 40 Members).
- **Dues collection** - The PHA has not been aggressively pursuing collection of the \$30 annual dues from Owners, and does not plan to, whether the proposed Bylaws are adopted or not. To the contrary, the PHA has adopted a collection policy that supports the past voluntary payment of dues. The policy specifies that lawsuits or attorneys' fees cannot be sought or filed by the PHA until after January 1, 2009. Late charges and interest are also not allowed to accrue on dues until 2009. At that time, a \$10 late charge is allowed for and interest can accrue at the rate of 18% per year.
- The proposed Bylaws include provisions addressing the PHA as a business, a nonprofit, membership-based, and tax exempt organization, and as an owners association under CCIOA and state law.
- As a common interest community, the Pinery is, and the proposed Bylaws confirm, that the PHA will be responsible for complying with applicable parts of the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act, with all Members having the rights under that Act.
- The current Bylaws do not take advantage of and are not consistent with beneficial provisions CCIOA.
- The proposed Bylaws would take advantage of the parts of CCIOA that establish rights of the Members.

- CCIOA requires the PHA to adopt governance policies and procedures, (which have been adopted by the Executive Board) and also requires the PHA to educate Members on how the PHA is governed, managed and operated.
- The proposed Bylaws would support the governance policies the Board has adopted.
- CCIOA requires the PHA to annually disclose important PHA documents and information.
- The proposed Bylaws would support those annual disclosures.
- The proposed Bylaws will require that Board Meetings and committee meetings will continue to be open to all Members, as provided and in confirmation of Colorado law.

To review the proposed Bylaws, and to see all that is proposed, visit the PHA's website and click on the appropriate webpage.

Respectfully,

Jerry Orten  
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Attorneys at Law

Joe Narracci  
Executive Board Chairperson  
The Pinery Homeowners' Association, Inc.

### Pinery Visors are Here!

Get your Pinery sun visor! Introduced at our 2007 Picnic, we have great looking Pinery visors. We have



four color variations (two 'Pinery green' combinations, pink and lime green) and two styles, all with easy-to-use Velcro closures. Available for sale for \$10 (cash or check) during business hours at the PHA office.



# The 2007 Pinery Picnic A Colossal Success!



available in case of a snack attack. There was always a long line at the face painter's tent. Her creations decorated the event with butterflies, puppy dogs, flowers and much more. One of

truck arrived. The children were allowed to inspect the fire engine as the firemen/woman explained what they do and how to be safe.



It was hot!

the highlights of the afternoon was when the fire



But a great time was had by all who attended the 2007 Pinery Picnic. The DJ provided a pleasant setting for the activities of the day as he played music for young and old. The children enjoyed the carnival games, castle bounce, obstacle course (Chaos) and horse rides. Bubble blowing, tug of war, sack races, hula hoops, three legged races and much more were part of the group



What else can be said? Smiling faces prevailed. A big thank you goes to Kirk Rabius who coordinated the event. Thank you also to the sponsors (see page 6), the hard working volunteers, the Pinery Fire

activities led by "Princess". Children of all ages participated. An appetizing meal was catered by Sweet Lorraine's and popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones were



Dept., the PHA staff & the Community Services Committee (CSC) operating as a team to make this time together a great success.

# The 2007 Kids' Fishing Derby A Big Splash!



Trophies this year went to Naomi Gertschitz, age 11, for the largest bass at 6 inches. Nathan Meyer, age 7, won a trophy for the 7¼ -inch perch that he caught. Lillyanne Cortright, age 6, who attended her 4<sup>th</sup> Kids Fishing Derby finally had her wish come true by winning a trophy for the largest Sunfish at 7 inches. Her older brother had already won at least one trophy in past Derbys, so now she too has bragging rights. The amazing catch of the day was when Jace Grounds, age 4, caught a 28-inch carp. Last year Jace caught a 26-inch carp but was beat out by his brother Dane who caught a 36



The winners: Nathan, Lillyanne, Naomi, Jace

incher! All winners had big smiles on their faces as volunteer Douglas Ravnholdt presented the trophies.

The fish story of the day has to do with one of the pictures taken of two children who had grasshoppers for bait. The photographer, Doug R, overheard one boy say, "My dad caught a bigger grasshopper than your dad".

Close to 100 parents and children participated in the

Kids Fishing Derby this year. We thank all of the volunteers who helped at Fishing Derby. There were four young adults and a couple of adults that circled the lake to measure the fish and call in the details to "fish central". It was a beautiful day, with a still lake and the Kids had a great time. A special thank you to Dave Hause and Scott Mceldowney from Douglas County Parks & Open Space who brought fishing poles and tackle donated by Sportsman's Warehouse. Also available for the Kids were bobbers, hooks, sinkers, artificial bait, wild life ID cards and other Douglas County Parks and Trails brochures.

Thanks also to Arch Bryant of the CSC for his assistance with this event.



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the Pinery  
Picnic!!**



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# PHA Trash Program Enrollment Form

If you are not in the Pinery Trash Program, you might want to consider joining with the over 1400 other participating homeowners. The program offers state of the art trash service for its participants that includes Single Stream Recycling. This provides you, the homeowner, with the opportunity to put the paper and other recyclables together into the same labeled container (we provide the labels) of your choice. Recyclable items still must be separated from your regular household trash, but the recycling center now separates the paper from bottles, cans, and other items. You may choose to use a container with wheels and a lid for ease of handling. No more lugging awkward and uncovered recycling bins to and fro or

coming home to newspapers strewn all over the neighborhood from the wind.

In addition, our program includes the pick up of one Large or Bulk Item every month. Just set the item out with your regular household trash and say goodbye. Restrictions are listed below for items regulated for this program. That's twelve times a year you can get rid of a sofa bed, mattress, chair or other item without additional charges. If you have more than one item in a month we offer low rates to get rid of them. Why not join your neighbors in the Pinery Trash Program. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose...but your trash.



**YES, I would like to join the Pinery Trash Program. Please begin my trash collection and billing under PHA's program as of the date checked below. I understand that the normal cycle will be billed in advance, quarterly.**

<u>Starting Month</u>	<u>Please pay</u>	<u>Paid Thru</u>	<u>Starting Month</u>	<u>Please pay</u>	<u>Paid Thru</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> January	\$45.00	March	<input type="checkbox"/> July	\$45.00	September
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<input type="checkbox"/> March	\$65.00	June	<input type="checkbox"/> September	\$65.00	December
<input type="checkbox"/> April	\$45.00	June	<input type="checkbox"/> October	\$45.00	December
<input type="checkbox"/> May	\$32.50	June	<input type="checkbox"/> November	\$32.50	December
<input type="checkbox"/> June	\$65.00	September	<input type="checkbox"/> December	\$65.00	March

**I understand that my next quarterly billing will be \$45.00 which includes trash collection and program fees. I understand that I am responsible for canceling any other service arrangements I may have.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### AGREEMENT

By submitting this enrollment form with initial payment, the above Pinery resident and/or homeowner ("Homeowner") hereby authorizes The Pinery Homeowners' Association, Inc. ("PHA") to engage its contracted trash service to collect and dispose of Homeowner's normal household waste materials at the above described Pinery residence. Homeowner warrants that all waste materials offered for collection will not contain any hazardous, toxic or radioactive wastes or substances as defined by applicable federal, state or local laws or regulations. Homeowner agrees to pay PHA in advance within 15 days of billing for quarterly trash service at the PHA's then current rates until such time as Homeowner notifies PHA of Homeowner's termination from the PHA trash program. Homeowner shall be solely responsible to the contracted trash service for any additional services requested which are not included in PHA's normal trash program. Homeowner acknowledges that PHA is merely acting as a billing agent for the contracted trash service. Homeowner acknowledges and agrees that PHA will not be liable for any act or failure to act on the part of the contracted trash service, including, without limitation, violation of laws or regulations, injury or death to persons or animals and loss or damage to property or the environment.

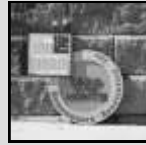
Signature

Date

**PLEASE NOTE: This form must be signed prior to participation in the PHA trash program.  
MAIL WITH PAYMENT TO: PHA, 8170 Hillcrest Way, Parker, CO 80134.**

# Congratulations!

Pinery "Yard of the Month" Recipients



## July 2007



Sparks Residence—Windwood Way

## August 2007



Wiatrowski Residence—Pine Hollow Dr.

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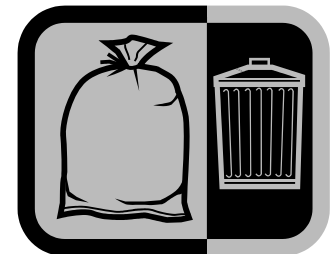
by calling:  
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Newsletter deadlines can be found on the calendar page of the newsletter.

## Trash Tidbits

### Wind Measures

With the many times unexpected winds occur in our area, we encourage residents to bag trash (even when in containers) to ensure that it does not escape to become litter. Also, on recycle days, be sure your papers are weighted down with other recycling materials if they are not in a covered container.



### Waste Advantage

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**Official Ballot**

**Official Ballot**

**2007 Fall Meeting  
The Pinery Homeowners' Association  
Second Amended and Restated Bylaws**

**One ballot per PHA member household only please.**

**Important:** Please complete lower portion of this form - this will be removed prior to deposit in the ballot box and will be used only to validate your ballot—if this information is missing, your vote will not be tallied. Drop off or mail ballots to: The Pinery Homeowners' Association, Inc., 8170 Hillcrest Way, Parker, CO 80134.

**All ballots must be received by September 26, 2007 at close of business.**

**If the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Pinery Homeowners' Association, Inc. is approved by the separate members of the PHA, the current Bylaws of the PHA are to be replaced and superseded by the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Association and are to be filed with the Colorado Secretary of State.**

**I approve the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Pinery Homeowners' Association, Inc.**

**I do not approve the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Pinery Homeowners' Association, Inc.**

**I am unable to attend the meeting. This form serves as my ballot for the proposed Bylaws. Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please print**

Name (Last, First) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature required:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(This portion must be completed for your vote to be tallied)**

## Pinery Bird Sanctuary

### Thank you Deb Dieter!

I'd like to begin by introducing myself to all of you in the Pinery. Over the past 8 years I have seen the incredible growth and yet remaining warmth in the community. Having come from farming communities in Nebraska and Iowa, I have experienced and come to love the benefit and joy native landscapes have for families, communities and wildlife. The Bird Sanctuary is a gift to all of us in the Pinery. I look forward to working with the PHA and all of you in the future growth of The Bird Sanctuary.

Over the Spring/Summer I have had the pleasure of working with Deb Dieter who has volunteered her time and in-

credible efforts in making the Bird Sanctuary what it is today. Over the past nine years she has turned what was once perhaps a parking lot, into a thriving and plentiful natural habitat that is now registered with the National Wildlife Federation. Thank you Deb Dieter on behalf of the PHA and the Pinery community for your outstanding contribution. We will continue to make this site a lovely place where children will continue to learn about their native land, where families and friends can enjoy pleasurable walks and where plants and animals will continue to thrive in their natural surroundings.

For those of you new to the Pinery who are not familiar with the Bird Sanctuary, please go to

[www.pinery.org](http://www.pinery.org) for a map and brief history. You will also find a bird checklist for all you bird watchers. If you drive or bus your children to Northeast, you drive right past it. We hope to continue expanding the Sanctuary with trails and wildflowers filled with happy birds. We welcome any volunteer who would like to give a small amount of time, any students or scouts in need of community service hours, or anyone willing to donate materials for our expanded growth. Please feel free to contact me via e-mail at [teresa@myawai.com](mailto:teresa@myawai.com) or at the phone number below.

Teresa Lennon  
303-906-7550



## Mowing of Douglas County Open Space in the Pinery

There have been questions over the years about mowing the small open space areas in and around the Pinery. Although some areas have been mowed in the past, most areas should not or will not be mowed. Open space areas owned or managed by Douglas County are there to provide wildlife habitat, movement corridors and buffers to the housing developments. Following are some thoughts if you have questions about mowing Douglas County open space:

- Not all open space areas are owned by Douglas County.

Some are owned and managed by the Pinery HOA. In the cases where the parcels are owned by the Pinery HOA, the HOA Board makes mowing decisions.

- Mowing does not reduce snake danger in your yard nor does it significantly impact wildfire danger. Those issues are more likely to be reduced by what you do inside your own property line.
- Douglas County will evaluate requests for mowing only after all affected homeowners

are in agreement and when the property has been confirmed as being owned and managed by Douglas County. The final determination on mowing will be based on wildlife, habitat and manpower issues.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Douglas County Parks and Trails at 303 470-0140 or Douglas County Open Space at 303 660-7495.



**Douglas County Household Chemical Roundups**  
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
Open to residents of Douglas County



**Acceptable Items:** house, garden and pool chemicals, paint products, automotive fluids, fuels, propane tanks (1-20 lbs.), vehicle and household batteries, mercury, passenger vehicle and pickup truck tires only (remove from rim).

**Non-acceptable items:** business and commercial waste, radioactive waste, explosive waste, smoke detectors, asbestos containing waste, compressed gases other than propane, tractor tires.

**You will need:** a driver's license, water bill, utility bill or phone bill as proof of residence.

**Cost:** Participants will be asked for a \$20 contribution to help offset the high costs of hazardous waste disposal.

**Saturday,  
September 22, 2007**

Town of Castle Rock Utilities  
175 Kellogg Ct.

**For more information, call:  
Roundup Hotline  
303-846-6249  
or visit  
[www.tchd.org/  
householdchemical.htm](http://www.tchd.org/householdchemical.htm)**

**Noxious Weeds?**

Thanks to a generous Pinery resident, we now have a color booklet in the office depicting plants that have been designated as noxious weeds in the state of Colorado. The booklet is produced by the Colorado Weed Management Association ([www.cwma.org](http://www.cwma.org)) and may be viewed in our office during regular business hours.



**Parker Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4266 Wants You!!!**

Men and women who have served in the U.S. military overseas in unfriendly countries or conflicts, you may be eligible to join!!! VFW Post 4266 is looking for local ex-military people that want to be a part of a great group of folks. We are involved in the local parades and give financial support to several non-profit groups assisting veterans and their families. We also provide items and labor to local military families when they are going through difficult times. We help veterans get in touch with

the proper people to assist them in getting all of their benefits and also send care packages to your overseas loved ones.

We are also looking for mothers, daughters, wives and grand daughters of veterans to join the Women's Auxiliary for Post 4266. If you are interested in joining our VFW post or Auxiliary, or, if you have family members currently serving overseas in an unfriendly country and could use some extra support, please contact Commander Bill McClaron, 303-841-8292 or [brmax2001@yahoo.com](mailto:brmax2001@yahoo.com).



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memories  
this Fall

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If you want to kick off the fall with a smile on your face, then join Girl Scouts—we've got the perfect place for you.

We are looking for girls and leaders interested in joining Girl Scouts and being part of a great organization.

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**Classic Pinery Filings -  
Covenants Available Online**

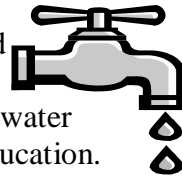
Covenants for Pinery Filings 1-8A can now be found on our website, [www.pinery.org](http://www.pinery.org). From the menu on the left of the screen, select 'Covenants'. If you don't know your filing, there are instructions to help you determine which filing you are in.

# NEWS FROM THE WATER BOARD

The Pinery Water & Wastewater District produces a regular newsletter and maintains a website where we catalog all of the newsletters in case you want to go back to look at past copies. Our website address is [www.pinerywater.com](http://www.pinerywater.com). At the website you will also find information on our various payment options – you may pay by mail, use the drop box by our office, or sign up for an automatic payment. The forms needed to sign up for the Auto Pay option are available on the website.

The District is also involved in two regional water organizations. The first is the Douglas County Water Resource Authority. This organization is made up of water interests in

Douglas County and Arapahoe County and it is focused on water conservation and education. Visit their website at [www.DCwater.org](http://www.DCwater.org). The other organization is the South Metro Water Supply Authority (SMWSA). The SMWSA is focused on regional projects to bring additional water supplies to water providers in Douglas and Arapahoe Counties. The membership of SMWSA consists of 13 water providers working collaboratively to work on regional water solutions, check them out at [www.southmetrowater.org](http://www.southmetrowater.org).



If you have questions or desire additional information on District matters you may contact us at 303-841-2797 or email us at [information@pinerywater.com](mailto:information@pinerywater.com).

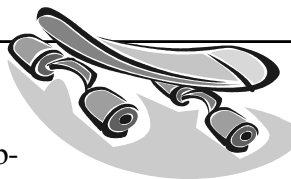
## Newsletter Not Authorized

Please note that a publication which is being distributed in the area, *The Pinery & Pradera Porchlink*, advertising itself as ‘The Pinery & Pradera’s Neighborhood Newsletter’ is not authorized in any way to distribute information on behalf of the Pinery Homeowners’ Association, Inc. The *Pinery Homeowner* and our website, [www.pinery.org](http://www.pinery.org) are the only PHA authorized sources of information for our organization.

## Pinery Streets / Skateboards

Recently, children and young adults have been observed riding skateboards in lanes of traffic on Pinery roads, including North Pinery Parkway. This activity is extremely dangerous and is a violation of Colorado Revised Statute 42-4-109. Quoting from the statute: “It is also unlawful for any person upon roller skates or riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicle, or similar device to go upon any roadway except while crossing a highway in a crosswalk, and when so crossing such person shall be granted all

of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to pedestrians.”



Homeowner

**November 2007  
Newsletter Deadline  
October 15, 2007**

## Public Schools in the Pinery Area

### Mountain View Elementary (K-3)

8502 N. Pinery Parkway  
303-387-8675

### Northeast Elementary (4-6)

6598 N. State Highway 83  
303-387-8600

### Sagewood Middle School

4725 Fox Sparrow Rd.  
303-387-4300

### Ponderosa High School

7007 E. Bayou Gulch Rd.  
303-387-4000

## Living with Nature in the Pinery

**D**o you work hard planting the most beautiful flowers in your yard, making sure they are just perfect, just for the deer to come and make them their lunch? It's absolutely maddening how the deer seem to eat everything in everybody's yard! But we love to see the deer. The thing is, they *don't* eat everything. Some plants smell too strong for the deer, while others are just too bitter. Take lavender, for example. Lavender is both bitter and odorous to the deer, and they stay far away from it. Tulips, on the other hand, are the perfect snack at midday for a deer, as they are quite tasty. Here is a list of flowers that the deer do not like:

**Perennials:** Gaillardia, echinacea, poppies, alliums, day lilies, grape hyacinth, daffodils, iris, Spanish bluebells, Maximilian's sunflower, salvia, zinnia, lavender, coneflowers, Indian paint brush, catmint, lamb's ear, Russian sage, red hot poker, Missouri evening primrose, Nordic dragonhead, Jethro fluted tickseed, narrow leaf foxglove, and so many more!

**Herbs:** Garlic, thyme, chives, mint, rosemary, and sage; they're so wonderful to grow because they are natural deer repellents!

**Plants that act as deer repellents:** All of the herbs shown above, black locust, cucumber,

geranium, peony, squash, verbena, and wisteria.

If none of these plants work for you, you may want to purchase a natural deer repellent that will protect your flowers and lawn. If your flowers are in their first growing season, just treat them with repellent for a year, and then the plants themselves become naturally repellent! Good luck and start planting!



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Saturday, September 29, 2007 at the  
Pinery Fire Station for our **Fall Clean Up!**  
We pick up trash along our roads and parks.  
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### Dog Control – Unintended Consequences

**W**e were saddened to learn recently of a fawn in the area which had to be put down due to injuries it sustained from a dog attack. The fawn was in open space, the dog was not contained or leashed. Please obey Douglas County leash laws. Dogs should be fenced or leashed at all times when outside.

