



Thank you for supporting the Pinery Homeowners' Association!

Most people living in the Pinery support the Association, either through direct membership dues or through the Pinery trash program or RV lot program. In case you don't know, the annual dues of \$30.00 per year help the PHA maintain the Pinery.

- Pinery entryways require landscaping maintenance (mowing, watering, tree care).
- the trees in the North Parkway median are cared for by the PHA.
- the two parks, one on Lakeshore and one at Sunridge Hollow and Ponderosa, require landscaping maintenance and playground equipment maintenance.
- the PHA must carry liability insurance.
- the PHA must review property change submittals and enforce covenants.

The PHA also provides for members of the Pinery:

- efficient and effective trash removal services for those who participate in the trash program
- maintenance of the Pinery RV storage property for those homeowners who desire to utilize this amenity.
- a newsletter with valuable community information and the opportunity to advertise for personal and business endeavors – members receive discounted rates.

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- a nationally recognized bird sanctuary
- monitoring of and participating in development issues in the broader community
- a holiday light display at the front entryway each year
- a community picnic with food and events – members receive discounted rates.
- a community garage sale including advertising in local newspapers and the Pinery newsletter and garage sale signs.
- a website, maintained by a Pinery volunteer, that provides valuable information for the Pinery community. *(continued on page 2)*

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Improve Your Neighborhood in Just 2 Hours!

Join us at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday May 10

at the Pinery Fire Station for our

Spring Clean Up!

We pick up trash along our roads and parks.

RSVP and information

at 303-841-8572

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- participation in a security coalition, with other HOAs and organizations, that contracts with Douglas County Sheriff's Association to provide additional security on evenings and weekends.
- coordination of community projects such as Eagle Scout projects
- the development of a trails system
- future development of the Pinery History Center near the bird sanctuary

You may not know that the PHA is governed by recent state legislation as well as the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act and has recently amended the PHA Bylaws to reflect compliance with the applicable laws. For links to these pieces of legislation, please go to the website at www.pinery.org, or if you have questions, call the PHA office at 303-841-8572.



Homeowner

May 2008
Newsletter Deadline
April 14, 2008

Pinery Bird Sanctuary

Let's Gear up for Spring - Be a Part of the Plan!

A warm New Year's greeting from the Bird Sanctuary! Spring is around the corner and we need to get moving on what I think will be a very exciting time in the Sanctuary and in the Pinery. We again need your help in maintaining the Sanctuary over the summer. We will also have few, or as many hours as you like, volunteering with the many projects we have planned. Parents, please inform your family members, who are in need of community service hours for graduation, honors programs, clubs etc. that Sanctuary hours do count and are a wonderful way to be outdoors and get moving. The work can also be built around their schedule.

We will be planning our first workday in early May to clean up winter plants, spread new mulch, tidy up the rock trails, and ready our irrigation system. Throughout the summer we need at least four volunteers willing to turn on one of four watering stations, one to two times per week for twenty minutes or more depending on the weather. During that time there are things to do while they run. This is a great way for teens to listen to their Ipods, get outdoors, collect hours, and help their community, don't you think? Turning off the Ipod and listening to the beauty of nature would be my preference, though. These positions are on a first come, first serve basis so call me early to

sign up! We also will have projects throughout the summer where we will need a little muscle for installing more trails and walkways as well as planting. It would be great to have a list of volunteers that I could call for these projects as well as people to fill in for vacation times.

We have ideas for merit badge work for interested scout troops. As you know, our sign and border walls were done by scouts. We would love to have another structure and sign put up; however, we welcome all ideas including those from all of you. We are also in need of a small split-rail fence and would love anyone's ideas, donations, materials etc. to make that happen.

Thank you again for considering this option for volunteering. We look forward to meeting you, working with you, and a beautiful Spring/Summer season.

Teresa Lennon
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Pinery Village Update – Annexation Not Currently Anticipated Intergovernmental Agreement Renewal Pending

After the Pinery HOA General Meeting on January 9, the meeting was opened to the general public interested in plans for future development of the property directly west of the Pinery main entryway on Highway 83. This property is known as ‘Pinery Village’ and has been zoned for commercial development since the initial creation of the Pinery. In the past, the Town of Parker has indicated interest in annexing the property and had proposed amendment of the current Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town and Douglas County relative to annexation boundaries to allow this to occur.

Under Colorado law, counties have very little standing to pro-

hibit towns from annexing unincorporated property. The IGA provides standing to the county.

The Town expressed concern that having retail development with a lower sales tax rate might significantly impact sales tax revenue for Town of Parker businesses adjacent to the area. Annexation of the property would ensure that any retail sales tax was consistent with these businesses.

At the meeting, Jack Hilbert, Douglas County Commissioner, announced that the developer had filed a Public Improvement Fee (PIF) which would be collected like a sales tax for any retail businesses in Pinery Village. Revenues collected would be used to support the infrastructure of the development (roads, parks, etc.) This is the type of fee that is col-

lected at Park Meadows Mall. The unincorporated Douglas County sales tax combined with the PIF will cause Pinery Village taxes/and fees to be consistent with sales tax in the Town of Parker. Parker Mayor David Casiano was present at the meeting and indicated that with the PIF, the Town is not interested in annexation at this time. The project will be developed under the jurisdiction of Douglas County Planning.

Renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement is pending and under negotiation between Douglas County and the Town of Parker. Representatives of the PHA will be in communication with Douglas County to provide input to the process.

Classic Pinery Filings - Covenants Available Online

Covenants for Pinery Filings 1-8A can now be found on our website, 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.



Pinery Trash Program – Rate Increase

Due to increases in the cost of the program, the Pinery Trash Program will increase, effective April 1, 2008, to \$50.25 per quarter. Customers who pay for one year in advance, effective April 1, 2008 (\$180.00) will postpone the increase into 2009. Please contact our office at 303-841-8572 if you are interested in this option.

The new rate continues to include single stream recycling, one large item per month and Pinery HOA membership along with your weekly trash service. No extra fuel fee is added.





Architectural Review Committee Election

The 2008 ARC Election will be held during the May 14, 2008 General Meeting. The election will be held to fill three two-year terms which will be completed April, 2010. Members elected will serve beginning with the June 10, 2008 ARC meeting.

Once the committee is in place, in addition to electing ARC officers, two members are appointed by the committee to represent the ARC on the PHA Executive Board. Please indicate your availability for such service as well.

The committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month; special meetings are scheduled as needed.

Each committee member is assigned responsibilities requiring four or more hours to complete during the month outside the meeting.

Information for candidates is needed **no later than April 10, 2008** for publication in the May 2008 newsletter. Please call 303-841-5305 or contact PineryARC@comcast.net for information.



Executive Board and Community Services Committee Election Results

At the Annual Meeting of the Pinery Homeowners' Association held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, election for three (3) Community Services Committee and one (1) at-large Executive Board open positions was conducted.

Mike Rue was elected to serve on the Executive Board and Travis Dieringer, Bill Heeden and Christine Hopkinson were elected to serve on the Community Services Committee.

All positions are for two-year terms. We sincerely appreciate that these residents have offered to serve the community in this way.

Please consider this important opportunity to serve your community.

Need a Passport?

Douglas County has just made it easier!

The Douglas County Clerk and Recorder's Office now accepts passport applications. The Recording Office at 301 Wilcox Street in Castle Rock accepts passport applications between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, including passport photo services. Applications, instructions and other information are available at www.douglas.co.us/clerk/recording. For official U.S. passport information, see www.travel.state.gov.

If you have questions or need assistance regarding this new County service, contact 303-660-7446 or recording@douglas.co.us.





COVENANT CORNER

The Pinery Architectural Control Committee

The Pinery Architectural Control Committee in 2007

With the change in bylaws for the Pinery Homeowners' Association, Inc. approved in 2007, the name of the Pinery Architectural Control Committee has changed to the *Pinery Architectural Review Committee*.

The ARC continues its work to maintain the standard of quality and beauty we all appreciate here in the Pinery.

The ARC is comprised of seven members who are elected for alternate two-year terms. Election for three or four positions is held during the May PHA General meeting. **The ARC meets the second Tuesday of every month** (unless otherwise announced via this newsletter) at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Pinery Fire Station. The ARC has covenant enforcement responsibility for Pinery Filings 1 through 8A, Fairway Ridge and Pinery Estates, almost 1900 properties.

The committee serves without compensation. ARC office hours are Tuesday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office is also staffed on Fridays prior to ARC meetings.

In an effort to address homeowner issues as quickly as possible at meetings, homeowner submittals are reviewed from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Review

of builder submittals begins at 7:30 p.m. or when homeowner reviews are concluded. Submittals

received by noon on the Friday before receive priority handling at the meeting.

Following is a summary of 2007 activity by the Architectural Review Committee.

Yard of the Month Awards 5

Homeowner Submittals

Approved:

Deck/Hot Tub/Patio	23
Driveway Changes and Additions	11
Exterior Color	45
Fencing/Kennels	17
Garage Door Replacement	2
Home Additions (including garages)	10
Landscaping Changes	23
Misc. (e.g. air conditioner, post lights, etc.)	12
Play Equipment	5
Roof Replacement	16
Sheds	7
Siding Change	16
Window Replacement / Changes	10

New Home Plans Reviewed and Approved: 4*

* Two plans approved in 2006 were withdrawn in 2007.

Violations Acted on:

Parking Issues	37
Trash Containers Stored in View	5

Unapproved Exterior Modifications	24
Dead Trees/Yard Maintenance	33
Exterior Debris	15
House Maintenance	3
Other (Bus. Use, Nuisance, etc.)	13

Covenant Violation Notices Filed with Douglas County Clerk and Recorder 4

Compliance Notices Filed for Previously Filed Violation Notices 1

As we approach the busy, warmer months of 2008, we want to thank Pinery residents for the pride they express in their community through compliance with Covenants, intended to maintain the unique qualities that led us all to select the Pinery for our home. If you have questions, please contact the ARC office at 303-841-5305 or PineryARC@comcast.net or feel free to attend any of our open meetings. We welcome your interest.

Mountain Lion Awareness

The Pinery HOA has received two mountain lion reports from the Pinery area. The following information is from the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

When Mountain Lions Meet People

Generally, lions are calm, quiet, and elusive. They tend to live in remote, primitive country. Lions are most commonly found in areas with plentiful deer and adequate cover. Such conditions exist in mountain subdivisions, urban fringes, and open spaces. Consequently, the number of mountain lion/human interactions has increased. This increase is likely due to a variety of reasons: more people moving into lion habitat, increase in deer populations and density, presumed increase in lion numbers and expanded range, more people using hiking and running trails in lion habitat and a greater awareness of the presence of lions.

What to do if you live in lion country

To reduce the risk of problems with mountain lions on or near your property, we urge you follow these simple precautions:

- *Make lots of noise* if you come and go during times mountain lions are most active—dusk to dawn.
- *Install outside lighting.* Light areas where you walk so you could see a lion if one were present.

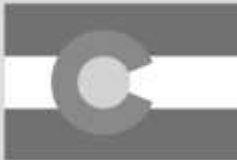
- *Closely supervise children* whenever they play outdoors. Make sure children are inside before dusk and not outside before dawn. Talk with children about lions and teach them what to do if they meet one.
- Landscape or remove vegetation to *eliminate hiding places for lions*, especially around children's play areas. Make it difficult for lions to approach unseen.
- Planting non-native shrubs and plants that deer often prefer to eat encourages wildlife to come onto your property. Predators follow prey. **Feeding the wildlife is dangerous and illegal!**
- *Keep your pet under control.* Roaming pets are easy prey and can attract lions. Bring pets in at night. If you leave

your pet outside, keep it in a kennel with a secure top. Don't feed pets outside; this can attract raccoons and other animals that are eaten by lions. Store all garbage securely.


What to do if you meet a mountain lion

No studies have been done to determine what to do if you meet a lion. But based on observations by people who have come upon lions, some patterns of behavior and response are beginning to emerge. With this in mind, the following suggestions may be helpful. Remember: Every situation is different with respect to the lion, the terrain, the people and their activity.

Mountain View Elementary Book Fair



Join us for a
**Reading Roadtrip
through Colorado**
April 2—9, 2008



The fair's books and educational products include newly released works, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software and current bestsellers. All proceeds support the MVE library.

Community welcome during school hours and on the evenings of April 2, 3, 8 and 9.

For more information on MVE's fair, go to:
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/mvelementary>

Mountain Lion Awareness cont'd

- When you walk or hike in mountain lion country, go in groups and make plenty of noise to reduce your chances of surprising a lion. A sturdy walking stick is a good idea; it can be used to ward off a lion. Make sure children are close to you and within your sight at all times. Talk with children about lions and teach them what to do if they meet one.
 - Do not approach a lion, especially one that is feeding or with kittens. Most mountain lions will try to avoid a confrontation. Give them a way to escape.
 - **STAY CALM** when you come upon a lion. Talk calmly yet firmly to it. Move slowly.
 - **STOP OR BACK AWAY SLOWLY**, if you can do it safely. Running may stimulate a lion's instinct to chase and attack. Face the lion and stand upright.
 - **DO ALL YOU CAN TO**
- APPEAR LARGER.** Raise your arms. Open your jacket if you're wearing one. If you have small children with you, protect them by picking them up so they won't panic and run.
- If the lion behaves aggressively, throw stones, branches or whatever you can get your hands on without crouching down or turning your back. Wave your arms slowly and speak firmly. What you want to do is convince the lion you are not prey and that you may in fact be a danger to the lion.
 - **FIGHT BACK** if a lion attacks you. Lions have been driven away by prey that fights back. People have fought back with rocks, sticks, caps or jackets, garden tools and their bare hands successfully. Remain standing or try to get back up!

Who do you call?

The Colorado Division of Wildlife is responsible for managing, conserving, and protecting wildlife.

If you have an encounter with a lion, immediately contact the Division of Wildlife, Monday—Friday, 8 a.m.—5 p.m.—303-291-7227. After hours, contact the Colorado State Patrol or Sheriff's department.

To report a sighting, please contact the Division during normal business hours. Your information is very valuable.

For more information
go online to:
<http://wildlife.state.co.us>.



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Landscape Design Tips

Question: Why is my backyard full of dead plants?

“We bought great looking plants last spring and babied them in the garage. We used the best compost when we planted them and watered them religiously. Now I look out in the back and all I see are dead sticks! What’s up with this?”

Frustrated in Douglas County

Answer: It’s hard to be a plant in Colorado. Intense summer heat and dry winters take their toll on trees, shrubs and perennials. Even native plants lose this battle every year. Here are a couple things that help:

Boulders: Not those 50 to 100 pounders but the big ones. If I can lift it I don’t call it a boulder. Boulders are a natural way to get some protection from the sun and dry wind. The plant can hide behind the boulder to get some shade. Under a boulder the soil can have more moisture and plant roots can hide there away from the scorching rays. Studies have shown how the sun can dry out the top 1 inch of soil, then the next 1 inch and farther and farther during prolonged drought. More and more plant roots are killed as the soil dries out deeper and deeper. Plants in front of the boulder can be helped even when not shaded. Water that hits the boulder can run down to the plant and give it just the extra water it needs.

Two boulders are better than one. Space between boulders can create a cozy area for plants to establish. This can range from hens and chicks to low-grow sumac to pine trees depending on space. A side benefit from boulders is they can slow down erosion. If planned and placed correctly they can look natural instead of contrived.

In Colorado we have a ready supply of boulders. In fact, I find that my favorite spots include boulders as the main feature.

Rock and weedshield:

The forest service has pamphlets with graphs showing how weedshield can reduce fluctuations in soil moisture. This is super helpful for plants. To keep weedshield from blowing away or degrading early from sunlight you want to cover it with rock or mulch. Rock lasts longer than mulch but does look as soft and natural. Mulch turns into dirt after a few years – it’s great dirt that your plants will love but now you need to re-bark.

Drip Irrigation:

If the weather cooperated you might not need this but how often does the weather cooperate? Drip is very efficient and reliable. It waters the intended plant and not the weeds. There’s very little evaporation. You can hand water religiously for a year and your prized plant is happy but what happens then? You go on a business trip or vacation or work long

hours and all your watering is for naught. Dead sticks in your yard. If you don’t miss a watering and you get the plant established you will have spent enough time to pay for a drip system.

Plant on a north slope:

Once again, this extra bit of shade in the winter and less direct sun in summer can give your plants a much-needed break. Don’t have a north slope? Any berm you add will have a north slope.

Use swales and drainage Areas:

That’s where all the trees grow out on the plains. Drive east and see the amber waves of grain broken by sandy creek-beds shaded by trees. You may have miniature swales or drainages in your yard. They may originate at gutters or your neighbors’ never-adjusted sprinklers.

Shady areas in your yard:

Shade from your house, from a gazebo, shed or existing trees.

by John Glenn, Designer



Spruce, rose and burning bush at the base of a slope



**Free Deer Alert Devices
Still Available at PHA Office**

We are all aware of the dangers posed by deer crossing the roads in the Pinery, especially on the North and South Pinery Parkways. In an effort to help protect those driving and the wild-life, free deer whistles are being made available to Pinery area residents at the following two locations:

- **The PHA office** at 8170 Hillcrest Way (the lower level of the fire station)
- **The Timbers Sales Office** (Timbers residents only)

(Devices attach easily to the front bumper of your car.)

**Parker Artists Guild
Spring Art Show**

Mainstreet Center in Parker
19650 E. Mainstreet
March 29 & 30, 2008
10 a.m.—5 p.m.



More than 50 artisans will be exhibiting their original work for sale. Media represented includes painting in a wide variety of media, photography, drawing pastels, pottery, jewelry, wood working, glass sculpture and more.

Shake off the winter doldrums by coming out to our Spring Show. See what your neighbors have been creating and soak up some art and music.

For more information about Parker Artists Guild and the Spring Art Show visit www.ParkerArtistsGuild.com or e-mail our show chairman, David Bahm at davebahm@comcast.net



Use of the Pinery Logo

Because the Pinery logo is a registered trademark, it may not be used for any purpose by either an individual or corporation without written approval of the PHA Executive Board prior to use.

**Emergency Telephone
Numbers**

Ambulance

24 Hour Line—911

Sheriff

Emergency only—911

Administration
303-660-7505

Fire Dept.

Emergency Only—911

Administration
303-841-2608

IREA (Electricity)

24 Hour Line 303-688-3100

**QWEST (phone)
(service & repair)**

24 Hour Line—800-573-1311

**Xcel Energy (Gas)
(North Pinery area)**

24 Hour Line—303-623-1234

**AQUILA (Gas)
(South Pinery Area)**

24 Hour Line—800-303-0357

**Pinery Water District
(water & sewer)**

24 Hour Line—303-841-2797

Comcast (Cable)

24 Hour Line—303-930-2000

Animals & Wildlife

**Douglas County
Animal Welfare**
303-660-7529

Colorado Division of Wildlife
303-291-7227

Utility Locator

1-800-922-1987
Call before you dig!