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www.floydhill.org

WELCOME FHAPOA RESIDENTS

Welcome to our FALL NEWSLETTER! The association's (FHAPOA) purpose is to take a proactive interest in the welfare, education, and civic matters of the property owners and residents of Floyd Hill. We want to be your voice for FLOYD HILL. We cannot guarantee that we can get what is wanted but we are willing to try. Your membership helps us do that.

In order for us to keep you informed we would like your current e-mail address on file. Even if you are not a member of the association we would like your e-mail address so we can keep you informed via sending electronic correspondence vs expensive mailings through the post office. We can put some information on Nextdoor, except not everyone reads Nextdoor and some of the info pertains only to Floyd Hill residents. Floyd Hill association members will be automatically added to our e-mail distribution from the FHAPOA. If you are not a member and live on the hill, you can be added to the mail list. Please e-mail your name, physical address, phone, and e-mail address to secretary@floydhill.org. We will not give these addresses to anyone for advertising or any other purpose. This is a private list and our intention is to not send you junk e-mail; we will just keep you updated with info on the hill.

Everyone on Floyd Hill is getting this newsletter and we would like you to join or renew your association membership. A membership form is enclosed. Membership is only \$35 for the year and is from January 1, 2020 to Dec 31 2020. There are also other member benefits like discounts from Wanderlust, Evergreen Septic, etc. Your membership, and involvement helps us to help you. Future information will go only to those on our list. We would like you to be a member of FHAPOA. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Your support and interest are needed to protect our interests on the Hill. If you currently are not a member, we urge you to join! We want as many residents on the hill to be association members as possible. This is your hill, be a part of it!

Note: A complete list of membership benefits were sent in the earlier newsletter and can also be found on the Floyd Hill Website.

We hope everyone survived the HAIL storm and life is back to normal. As many said, it has not been like this in over 20 years. Hopefully you too survived the early snow we had this year. But we can't argue with mother nature and I am grateful it is not worse.

FOCUS GROUP SUGGESTION

There has been some talk with neighbors on fire mitigation and what all of us can do to help clean up our properties of dead trees and slash. We would like to propose the creation of a focus group on what can be done as a community and individually to help make Floyd Hill a beautiful place to live.

Please email us if you would like to join a group of our neighbors to talk about this important topic.



FLOYD HILL FHAPOA BOARD MEETINGS

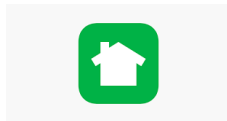
Meetings of the FHAPOA Board of Directors generally are held at 7:00pm on a quarterly basis at the Fire Station on Hwy 40. Homeowners are welcome to attend.

An agenda and the location for each meeting are posted one week in advance on the website's Resource Center at www.floydhill.org

FLOYD HILL IS ON NEXTDOOR

Nextdoor is a great way to communicate with your neighbors.

Go to <https://nextdoor.com/> and sign up for this social networking for neighborhoods.



FLOYD HILL PREPAREDNESS

Not knowing what else mother nature might have planned, there is always the fear of a forest fire on the hill. I often hear residents say about the hill and forest fires "it is not *if* it will happen, but rather *when*." True, but scary. Let me ask: are you ready to leave in a moment's notice?? If you had to leave in 30 seconds, what would take and do? Now is the time to think about what you would do...make a list and put it somewhere like on the fridge so you won't have to remember if that emergency ever occurs. Maybe expand the list: if you have 5 minutes, 10 mins, etc., what would you take?? Next, do you know where to go and what the evacuation route is? If you are interested to be in a group to try to help us get info out to everyone on evacuation of the hill, let us know. This is very important!!! We are concerned for the safety of those who have been on the hill for years and even more concerned for the new people on the hill. Does everyone know what to do and where to go? If this concerns you too, contact me at president@floydhill.org and let's put together a group to address these issues so will be prepared in the event something dreadful happens.

FIRE MITIGATION

Floyd Hill Fire Mitigates Nearly 100 Acres This Season

A huge shout out to all the homeowners and volunteers that took steps to fire mitigate their properties this year! Here are some stats we collected:

- Neighbors dedicated more than 200 hours volunteering to help their neighbors chip slash (dead twigs and small logs)
- Homeowners reported spending nearly 500 hours collectively cleaning up their properties
- Nearly 100 acres were treated
- There were 37 properties that reported doing some type of fire mitigation – we know many more homeowners likely did their own cleanup
- There were 30 fire extinguishers given away to neighbors
- Four community discount wood chipping days were offered to neighbors

A special thanks to FHAPOA, Saddleback HOA, Evergreen Fire and individuals for supporting our fire prevention efforts.

To view neighborhood evacuation routes and learn more about our community wildfire prevention efforts, visit www.floydhill.org and look under the Resources tab for Emergency Preparedness information. Stay tuned for 2020 wildfire prevention efforts and contact Jamie Bradley at 720-560-5430 with questions or to learn how to get involved.

MAIL SERVICE

Currently nothing has changed with the mail delivery. The last we heard from USPS was that they were going to propose CBU boxes for Ponderosa and Hyland at the location where the road starts to become a dead end road. Also they were going to develop a map which would suggest some mailboxes to be clustered together and put into a safer location. We have not heard anything from USPS nor what they will do about delivery of packages and driving on driveways in the winter. An option you might consider would be to have a large mailbox to accept packages and/or potentially a large, hinged container attached to your mail box post to accept packages.

We also understand that portions of Saddleback will have CBU units installed soon. We have not heard anything else recently from USPS.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

From what we have heard from our Road and Bridge person, CDOT is considering putting in a round-about on 40 where Homestead crosses over I-70. CDOT is also considering a roundabout where 65 comes into 40 too. It is still in the discussion stages but letters to CDOT supporting this project could be helpful.

Road conditions: With the recent early snow and the weather being so cold, it was apparent we may need additional sand barrels placed in strategic places on the hill. The FHAPOA board can discuss this and are open to suggestions as to trouble spots on the road areas of Floyd Hill. Please email us any suggestions that you may have.

In addition, another option is to begin paving roads on the hill. Maybe we can have a 2- to 3-year plan to get that all done. We would like to compare the cost of maintaining the dirt roads over time vs paving, and see what the costs are. Here again, if you have suggestions or would like to participate in this study please email us.

DEVELOPMENT IN THE MEADOW

Presently no application is on file with Clear Creek County from the developer. It seems to be the consensus of most of the residents on the hill to not have this development in the meadow. We are continuing to monitor this situation and again we need all of your support and help when addressing this issue of development of the meadow when it comes up.

EVENTS

If you missed the picnic in late August, it was attended by about 60 people and we had a great time talking, catching up and enjoying each other's company.

Earlier in the year, we had a successful flea market, deals deals deals! However, the night before we were not sure what was going to happen because the weather prediction was questionable. We lucked out and the weather was Floyd Hill wonderful. We are looking for someone who would like to coordinate the event for next year. It is NOT a very difficult event to coordinate so if you are interested, please contact me. (president@floydhill.org)

Upcoming Event: We have election of officers in January and if you would like to be involved as an officer or are willing to help with anything... please we need your support and involvement!! This hill is only as good as you are willing to make it.

Events in Idaho Springs

Look to Idaho Springs to make the holiday season celebratory and fun, including caroling by folks in period costumes, cookie decorating, ornament making, and caroling flash mobs. Watch for more information as times and dates are nailed down. One event with time details is Saturday 11/30 at 5pm for the Idaho Springs Dinner with Santa and Christmas Tree Lighting. Saturday 11/30 is also designated Small Business Saturday.

EVENTS CALENDAR

High School events:

All events will be held in the high school auditorium at 185 Beaver Brook Canyon Road, except for the basketball games which will be in the high school gym.

Dec 6th/7th – Fri/Sat at 7pm
Fall Play: Clue

Dec 10th – Tuesday at 7pm
Choir Concert

Dec 12th – Thursday at 7pm
Band Concert

Dec 13th – Friday at 5:30pm
Girl's Varsity Basketball vs. Bennett; 7pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Bennet

MEET YOUR HOA BOARD

President - Jim Cotsworth

I am single and retired and moved up here from the congestion of Denver about 3 plus years ago. I enjoy the outdoors and what it has to offer, skiing in the winter, hiking and biking in the summer. I really enjoy this wonderful location and want to help maintain this special place.

Vice President - Bill Mutscher

My wife Lisa and I moved up to Floyd Hill in the summer of 2016. Originally from Wisconsin, we have lived in Colorado for over 30 years. After practicing law in the 90's, Lisa is a long-time Realtor and owns her own brokerage, Expert Real Estate. I work in IT and we renovate houses too! We have two girls just finishing up college. We love living up here away from the city and enjoy the views and all the wildlife.

BOARD, CONT'D

Highlights at the Clear Creek Recreation Center:

- Two Brothers Deli Free Swim Day- Tuesday, November 26 2-6 pm
Free for children under 15
- Swim Team- Session 4- December 3 – 19" Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Inflatable Days- Sundays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the CCRC Pool
- Youth Basketball League- registration now open- Grades 3-6:
\$65.00
- Fall Break fun- November 25-27 ages 5-13
- Winter Break Wonderland- December 20, 30, 31, January 2, 3 and 6.
- New Years Eve Lock-In 2020- Ages 5-13 \$50.00 December 31 – January 1
- Bake Sale Fund Raiser- CC Rec Center – November 25-27
- Youth Holiday Shopping- December 14 1-4pm \$10.00

Reminder: A membership form is enclosed. Membership is only \$35 for the year and is from January 1, 2020 to Dec 31 2020. Join now so you can participate in the voting of the officers during the first quarter's HOA board meeting.

Have a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to FHAPOA membership.

Jim Cotsworth
FHAPOA President

Secretary - Lisa Pettitt

Lisa Pettitt has lived on the Hill with her family for 20 years. Originally from Iowa, she came out to Colorado to get her doctorate in developmental psychology at DU back in the early '90s. Lisa worked in research for a decade at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. She homeschooled her three children for many years, worked at the family's small business, and is now teaching yoga at The Yoga Room in Idaho Springs and volunteering at the high school. Lisa and her husband, Dave, have enjoyed watching their three children grow up on Floyd Hill. All three kids have attended Clear Creek High School. Sophia is now at the University of Puget Sound, Teresa will be heading to St. Olaf in the fall, and Hugh will start his junior year at CCHS in August.

Treasurer - David Kenney

David has lived on Floyd Hill for nearly 20 years. Dave and his spouse, Lisa Pettitt, have 3 children: Sophia (20), Teresa (17) and Hugh (15). All three children have attended or are attending CCHS. Work life: Dave is the CEO and founder of Efficient Forms, a software company that helps approx 30,000 business locations complete new hire onboarding paperwork online. Prior to founding Efficient Forms, Dave performed high-level finance and operations roles at The Quizno's Corporation, Decisioneering, Inc. and Datanomix, Inc. He has also worked as a Certified Public Accountant. Dave holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from St. Johns University in Minnesota.

