



To The Pointe

HOA Newsletter Summer 2011



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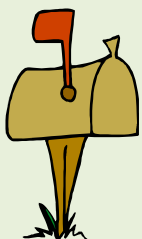
To get a printed copy of the Sterling Pointe Directory, contact John O'Conner by phone 303-663-3615 or by email at jjoco@earthlink.net

To get a PDF file with updated entries, send an e-mail to Rick at webmaster@sterlingpointehoa.org. Please include property owner name & address for verification.

We will be updating the directory after the September Annual meeting. If you need to make changes e-mail us at newsletter@sterlingpointehoa.org.

Mail Box Paint

The Sherwin Williams store in Castle Rock can supply you with the paint for your mailbox post. Ask them to match **Kwal/Howells "Wooden Oar, Deep"**.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Mark your calendars for **September 13th** our Annual Meeting! At this time we will hold the elections for three (3) board positions. If you or someone you know is interested in being nominated for a board position, please contact the current board. Board member contact information is on the website. If you are interested in getting involved, the Social Committee Chair position is open. If you enjoy coordinating events, socializing and meeting your neighbors we would love your help.

A proposal has been brought to the board for a recycling program and after taking a survey from the community and only receiving 44 surveys back, the board has decided to have an open discussion regarding the recycling during the annual meeting. Enclosed with this newsletter are the arguments for and against the issue along with the proposal. Please take the time to read the proposal and arguments given. I encourage all homeowners to take the time and to vote for your new board and participate in the recycling discussion. This is your community and your voice counts!

I welcome all homeowners to come to our monthly meetings that are held on the 2nd Tuesday each month. This is a great time for homeowners concerns, issues or topics you would like to have the board consider and address. It is a great way to be heard and make improvements to our community. Attending monthly meetings is also a great opportunity to sit and listen to what is going on in our community and the current issues the board is handling. You can review the agenda on the Sterling Pointe website as well as prior minutes at www.SterlingPointeHOA.org.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting!

September 13th @ 7:00 pm Larkspur Fire House

NOXIOUS WEEDS:

Article by: Nancy Douglass

Noxious weeds are non-native plants that have no natural control. They disrupt native vegetation and ecosystems. The Colorado Department of Agriculture has categorized noxious weeds into three lists: **List A:** Plants on this list are designated for elimination on all lands! **List B:** These are plants whose continued spread should be stopped as they are becoming a problem. **List C:** These plants are not a problem yet but spread control is recommended.

To see a listing and pictures of flowers that make up these lists, visit www.cwma.org and click on "noxious weed information" on the left hand side. You may have seen these plants that are on list B in our neighborhood: Thistle (what a pretty purple flower!), Dalmation toadflax (looks like a snapdragon and oh, so pretty). And most likely you have heard of Russian-olive and tamarix (what a great smell from the Russian-olive). There are two on list C that surprised me: Common mullein and St. Johnwort! Please check out the website for more information and take action by getting rid of those noxious weeds. Happy Gardening!



Organizing Tip

Organize your summer pool bag:

Make sure you have a good size bag to carry towels.

Top 15 must have items:

1. Towel(s)
2. Sunscreen (Para ban Free!)
3. Lip balm with sunscreen in it
4. Hat or visor
5. Sun glasses
6. Swim Goggles
7. Snacks
8. Hair brush
9. Hair Rubber band
10. Good book or magazine
11. Water bottle (Stainless Steel Reusable one preferably)
12. Couple large baggies to put wet clothes in
13. Change of clothes or wrap
14. Small bottles of shampoo and soap
15. Camera or Phone with Camera

Enjoy the summer!

Recipe Corner

Chicken Enchilada Dip:

Ingredients:

- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breast halves
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (8 ounce) jar of mayonnaise
- 1 (8 ounce) package shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 (4 ounce) can diced green chile peppers
- 1 jalapeno pepper, finely diced

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
 Place chicken breast halves on a medium baking sheet.
 Bake chicken in oven 20 minutes or until no longer pink. Remove from heat, cool and shred.
 Place shredded chicken in medium bowl, mix in cream cheese, mayonnaise, cheddar cheese, green chile peppers and jalapeno pepper.
 Transfer the chicken mixture to medium baking dish.
 Bake uncovered for 30 minutes or until the edges are golden brown.



SOCIAL EVENTS!

Snacks @ 7:00:

Thank you Whitson's for hosting the May Snacks at 7:00. It was a great evening!

If you are interested in hosting Snacks @ 7:00 at your house, please go to the Sterling Pointe website and click on Social Committee and click on Volunteer to Host Snacks @ 7:00 or contact Mike at 303.681.3168. The more volunteers we have the more events we can do!

Duffer's Golf:

Duffer's Golf has had a late start due to weather and scheduling conflicts with Bear Dance. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mel for more info on this very social group: 303-681-3005.

Annual Summer Picnic:



Mark your calendar for the Annual Picnic this summer on **Saturday, August 13th** at the home of Don & Vicki Deyoe: 1735 Gore Dr. RSVP to Don and Vicki at ddeyoe0841@aol.com or 303.681.0195 or Mike at 303.681.3168. Look forward to seeing you there!

CHIPPING WITH SAGE PORT



Do you need your wood chipped? Hurry and schedule it with Larry in Sage Port. Sage Port is having a community event this **Saturday, June 25th**. If you would like to participate, please contact Larry Horwitz directly at 303.681.3547 for time scheduling and price.

Neighbor's Referrals List

Send your referrals and feedback to Newsletter @ [SterlingPointeHOA.org](mailto:Newsletter@SterlingPointeHOA.org).

Appliance Repair	RB Appliance Repair	Rich Buzako	303.437.7783
Computer Maintenance	Black Bear Digital	Rick Corey	303 681 9432
Electrical Work	Firefly Electric, LLC	Aaron Gonzales	303 941 8841
Fireplace Service	Fireplace Services, LLC	Buck Marsters	303 359 8200
Heating & Cooling	A&B Mechanical		303 688 4320
Landscaping	Swingle	Tom Tews	303 306 3148
Nuisance Wildlife	All American Wildlife Control	Joe Harreader	303 840 7743
Pine Beetle Spraying	Affordable Tree Care	Ed Ward	303 681 2092
Plumbing	Flush Plumbing & Heating	Rick Lutz	303 660 6006
Rock Retaining Walls		Scott Bennett	303 378 8294
Roofer	Wapiti Enterprises	Brent Donnelly	303.921.2358
Roofing	Integrity Roofing	Jon Habermann	303 663 6965
Septic System	Septic Masters	Debi Patterson	730 344 2120
Trash & Slash Removal	M.R.Hauling	Tony Perconti	303 919 1996
Tree Care	Rampart Arbor Service	Michael Rule	303 681 2058
Window Washing	Celtic Window Cleaning	Chris Turner	303 435 8316

Want to add an article or information for future newsletters please send information to Newsletter@SterlingPointeHOA.org or to christianphelps@yahoo.com

RECYCLING SURVEY RESULTS!



The results are in! I would like to THANK everyone that participated and for taking the time to respond to the recycling survey that went out. Your feedback was greatly appreciated.

According to the statistics recycling is VERY IMPORTANT to our community. Over 79% of the 44 surveys that were turned in said they would recycle and 90% preferred curbside pick-up.

The board has reviewed all the results and would like to continue the discussion before making a board decision on the issue. It has been agreed to put recycling on the agenda at the annual meeting to be discussed further and a show of hands will be counted as to the number of homeowners interested in a recycling program in our community. Please read the enclosed arguments for and against the issue.

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PLAN

Article by: Don Doyoe

We live in a WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE (WUI) zone where structures and other human development meet and intermingle with undeveloped wildland or vegetative fuels. Elden Beach and Don Doyoe have been named to represent the Sterling Pointe Community on a new regional committee that will develop and implement a coordinated **Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)**. The organizing meeting for this project was held on May 18, 2011, and was very well attended by residents of all the HOAs in the area. The speakers and leaders for this effort presented the overall CWPP project details, which includes an umbrella plan by Douglas County.

The specific CWPP to be developed will cover a region bound by Tomah Road, Highway 105, Perry Park Road and the town of Larkspur. The chairman of the regional committee is Dan Krueger of Sage Port and the committee will be assisted in their work by Randy Johnson (Fire Marshall, Larkspur Fire District), Jill Alexander of Douglas County and Kristen Garrison (Director of Forestry, Colorado State Forest Service).

This WUI zone poses tremendous risks to life, property and infrastructure and is one of the most dangerous and complicated situations that firefighters face. The Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) provides communities with a tremendous opportunity to influence where and how federal agencies implement fuel reduction projects on federal lands and how additional federal funds may be distributed for projects on nonfederal lands (like Sterling Pointe). A CWPP is the most effective way to take advantage of this opportunity. While the regional CWPP will encompass a larger area than our Sterling Pointe community, it will be written to detail specific projects in Sterling Pointe and provide a means for us to obtain federal funds for these projects.

The CWPP will provide us with a tool to support the forest management goals outlined in our existing covenants and to mitigate fire danger in our community. We will keep you updated on our progress at monthly meetings and through the website and newsletter.

MISLETOE

We spoke of Mistletoe in our Spring issue, but I feel it is so important to bring your attention to it again! There are many properties in Sterling Pointe that have been observed with Dwarf Mistletoe in their trees. By the end of July and beginning of August is typically when mistletoe will spew and spread its seeds to your other trees and even your neighbor's trees. This parasite will cause disease, premature death and other effects on your trees. According to our Association Covenants Section 2.6 existing infection and further infection of your trees can be managed by creating a buffer zone, pruning, removal or other means if necessary. Management of the infected trees within our planned community may be imposed by the Colorado State Forest Service or the Association. If you have not started attacking the Dwarf Mistletoe on your property, I would highly encourage you to do so. I would hate for anyone to suffer the imposed violations and possible fines for this pesky parasite. Please help in protecting the trees in our community by attacking any Dwarf Mistletoe on your property.

RECYCLING FACILITIES:**RECYCLE AMERICA**

Drop off facility for: Aluminum, cardboard, glass, plastic, junk mail & newspaper
602 E. Fourth St., Colorado Springs
719.633.0955

Peak Disposal Recycling

Drop off facility for: Aluminum, broken down cardboard, newspaper, magazines, mail, office paper & 1-7 plastics completely washed out.
856 Washington St., Monument
719-481-2340 or www.peakdr.com

TLC Computer Repair

Drop off facility for: Electronics
(fee applies)
303 Hwy 105, Monument
719.302.2937

More Recycling facilities in Castle Rock go to:
www.crgov.com click on I Want To....click on Dispose of...
it will take you to the Douglas County site of recycle drop off facilities!

FOR SALE:

Oak Computer Hutch: Mission Style with pull out desk and work table. \$450 call Christian 303.681.3358

*If you would like to post items **For Sale** in future Newsletters, please e-mail Christian at christianphelps@yahoo.com. The next newsletter is due to go out end of September.*

Thank you!

**Castle Rock Farmers Market**

Opens

July 9 to October 1st

Located on 2nd Street

(btwn Perry & Wilcox)



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