



To The Pointe

HOA Newsletter Spring 2011



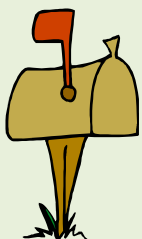
WELCOME

We would like to WELCOME new homeowners Robert & Mary Vinci on Cinnamon Rd and the Phelps' Family on Cinnamon Ct..

If you have recently moved into Larkspur this year and have not been greeted by our new Welcoming Committee, please drop us an e-mail at christianphelps@yahoo.com with your name and address and when you moved into the community. We would love to stop by and say hello and let you know of some of the great things offered in our community.

Mail Box Paint

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



President's Message

Join us at the Larkspur Fire Station at 7pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for the HOA Board meeting. Meetings are open to all Sterling Pointe homeowners and minutes are posted on our website (www.SterlingPointeHOA.org). We welcome your participation!

It's Spring Again! (Finally)

The birds are singing and the bulbs are beginning to pop through! It's that time of year to inspect your beautiful pines for that undesirable parasite: **MISTLETOE**.

This freeloader slowly kills your tree by robbing it of nutrients and water. You may not see its unsightly yellow/green foliage until 2 or 3 years after infection. The best management practice is to prune it out before it spews its seeds (at a rate of 60 mph) onto other of yours or your neighbor's trees. Here are some experienced contractors that can help with control and/or removal: **Affordable Tree Care (303-681-2092)** and **Rampart Landscape and Arbor Service (303-681-2085)**. For more information and to see pictures of this beast, log onto www.ext.colostate.edu. In the site search, type in ptk2106, then click on Planttalk Colorado – Dwarf Mistletoe.

Hand weeding those persistent **DANDELIONS** will prevent 1500 seeds per plant from being released when they go to seed. If you don't like this much communing with nature, lawn weed sprays such as 2,4-D & Dicamba kill dandelions but not grass. Mowing too short will encourage weed growth – recommended height is a minimum of three inches.

Our Neighbors are WILD ANIMALS

Intentional or inadvertent feeding is the major cause of most wild life problems. Learn to feed the birds, not the bears. Bears can follow scents for up to five miles away! It is illegal to feed deer and often doing so can danger the animals. The Department of Wildlife has an excellent web site on living with wild life. See www.wildlife.state.co.us. Click on the "wild life species" tab and then again in the left panel "living with wild life".

Obituary

Sincere condolences to Norma Pollman and her family on the death of her husband, Dr. Stan, who passed away unexpectedly last December. News doesn't always travel quickly through our neighborhood, and so we regret the belatedness of this acknowledgement. At the same time, the community would like to welcome Norma's son and family who now reside with her. We hope to see you all at upcoming neighborhood events!



Organizing Tip

Next time you are out shopping and you see one of those behind the door shoe organizers you may want to pick one up even if you are not storing shoes.

Hang the shoe rack behind the laundry room door to store cleaning supplies, rags, shoe strings, shoe polish, and buttons.

Hang the shoe rack behind a child's bedroom door and store stuffed animals, small dolls and/or toys.

Hang the shoe rack behind a bathroom door and store brushes, hair products, hair ribbons, lotions and bath accessories.

There are so many possibilities for additional storage with the use of a shoe rack.

Keep organizing!

Recipe Corner

Stuffed French Toast:

Ingredients:

- Loaf of White Bread (Texas Toast Preferred)
- 8 ounces Cream Cheese
- Dozen Eggs
- 2 cups Milk
- ½ cup Maple Syrup
- Cap full of vanilla or almond extract
- Cinnamon
- Powdered Sugar



Directions:

- Butter 13x9 pan
- Cut the crust off the bread
- Cube 16 slices of bread
- Cube cream cheese
- Beat eggs and add milk. Blend with whisk.
- Add cinnamon and vanilla
- Place bread on bottom of buttered pan. Top with cream cheese and layer with more bread. Slowly pour egg mixture over top and drizzle with maple syrup.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes
- Serve with Syrup and Powdered Sugar

Social Events

Snacks @ 7:00:

Get to know your great neighbors! Bring a sweet or salty snack to share. Beverages provided by your HOA.

The Social Committee is lining up 3 or 4 "Snacks at 7" for this Spring & Summer. Look for specific dates in your email or check the Sterling Pointe web site (www.SterlingPointeHOA.org). This is a great way to meet your neighbors! A big THANKS to the *Phelps* who recently hosted this event!

Ladies' Canasta:

Like to play cards? A group has formed with their 1st meeting scheduled the evening of April 27th. They will meet the 4th Wednesday of each month. Contact Marilyn Rottschafer for time and specifics at 303-681-2066 or marilynrotschafer@gmail.com.

Duffer's Golf:

Mel Daley will be coordinating the league's play this golf season! You do not have to be a scratch player to join in! Golf rounds are played at Bear Dance on Wednesday afternoons. Contact Mel for more info on this very social group: 303-681-3005.

Give Us Your Feedback!

Let me know HOW you would like to receive this newsletter: Email - Snail mail – "Take me off the mailing list all together!" Send your response to: Newsletter@SterlingPointeHOA.org. All newsletters are also posted on the website at www.SterlingPointeHOA.org!

Want to add an article or information for future newsletter please send information to Newsletter@SterlingPointeHOA.org.

Neighbor's Referrals List

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

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
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

Earth Day

By Christian Phelps



Let's celebrate! In 2009 the United Nations designated one more day for us to celebrate and that is, **April 22nd International Mother Earth Day**. We celebrate everything from saints, president's birthdays, and special holidays why not our planet. Our planet provides us with an abundance of resources we could not live without. This is the time to remember all the wonderful things we have on this planet and gently remind us of what we can do to better serve and protect our Earth, the place we call home!

At our home we have made some changes that help reduce energy and waste one step at a time. We have cut our sandwich baggie use by 95% by using reusable lunch boxes that have containers for all their food items. I have purchase cloth snack bags for them to even take their snacks in made by snack taxi. I even send my kids to school with a stainless steel thermos filled with filtered water. No more plastic water bottles here! Note, if you are using stainless or a plastic reusable container always make sure it is BPA free. My kids love to use straws in their cups so to compromise I found stainless steel straws that can be washed and reused. No more buying straws and throwing them away! I wash out plastic containers, glass and aluminum and break down food boxes to be put out or taken to be recycled. We save energy by using energy efficient light bulbs, turning lights off in rooms we are not in, using energy star appliances, programming our thermostat as to the time of day we are home, away and asleep. STOP; don't go into the store without your reusable bags! Yes, I take my reusable bags with me everywhere. Not only will you be saving the planet by not using plastic bags, but you will have less to carry from the car to your house. The reusable bags hold much, much more than a plastic bag. Organic and eco-friendly cleaning products have now become the staple at our house. It is amazing what white vinegar and baking soda can clean. These are just a few things we have implemented in our house as a way to REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE.

What are you doing? Please e-mail me some of your ideas so we can post them in the next newsletter to christianphelps@yahoo.com. If you would like to implement some of the ideas listed above, here are some great websites to get reusable products for you to start: www.reuseit.com, www.laptoplunches.com, www.cheftools.com, and www.kleankanteen.com. You can also find many of the items at your local stores as well. Happy Earth Day!

Upcoming Earth Day Events

Pikes Peak Earth Day Recycling Event: Saturday, April 9th 9:00 am – 1:00 pm @ Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 3255 Akers Drive. Go to www.pikespeakearthday.org or Call 520-7878 for more information.

2011 Mountain Area Earth Day Fair: Saturday, April 23rd 10:00 am – 4:00 pm @ Evergreen Lake House. Go to www.evergreenaudubon.org for more information.

9th Annual Earth Day 5K in Boulder: Sunday, May 1st starting at 10:00 am @ Potts Field at CU Research Park. Go to www.active.com for more information.



RECYCLING SURVEY

Don't forget to fill out your enclosed Recycling Survey. Having a recycling program here in Sterling Pointe is another great way to do our part in celebration of Earth Day.

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

Please respond by: **Friday, April 8th!**

Thank you for your participation.



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