



# To The Pointe

**HOA Newsletter Winter 2012**



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** *by Fran Switser*

Happy 2012! Hard to believe that 2011 is in the history books! The beginning of a new year is a time to reflect back and a time to look forward.

## **WELCOME**

The Welcoming Committee has had the opportunity to welcome the Cooper Family off Molas Ct. and The Garner's on Corona Court.

We look forward to welcoming all the other new homeowners to the community in 2012.

Happy New Year!

## **2012 BUDGET**

The 2012 Budget has been finalized and will be accessible for your review on the website at [www.sterlingpointehoa.org](http://www.sterlingpointehoa.org).

Find out where your dues have been allocated. Please take the time to review the 2012 budget.



Looking back, the Sterling Pointe Community has had a very active year, we have welcomed 5 new families to our community, the first female was elected president of the Board of Directors, had a first ever recall process, funding for Social activities was reduced, completed the Beautification Project started in 2010, selected a new Management Company, have two homeowners serving on the CWPP committee, have posted all information on our Website, and have tried to meet the wishes of all property owners of the Sterling Pointe Community.

Looking forward to the New Year, we will continue to work to enhance and preserve the value of properties, to prepare yearly budgets that best serve the community, to work to keep Sterling Pointe a safe and healthy place in which to live by following the rules and regulations of the bylaws, and to listen to homeowners' input and concerns. You can help the Board accomplish the above by attending our monthly meetings and by giving any suggestions and concerns you may have at the "Homeowners' Open Forum" which is on the agenda at every meeting. Meetings are the second Tuesday of every month; please check the Web site for more information.

Lastly, for me two things come to mind, while it has not always been easy, I have enjoyed serving on the Board of Directors. Sterling Pointe is a wonderful place to live and I hope we can all work together to keep it that way. Secondly, I cannot thank all committee members enough for all they do to serve our community. The Web site and Newsletter do a great job in keeping homeowners well informed. The Social and Welcome Committee help in opening the doors to get to know your neighbors and the Healthy Forest Committee and Design Review Committee serve to preserve and enhance our community. Without their time and effort Sterling Pointe would not be the special place it is. Thank you again.

May your 2012 be a prosperous and happy year for you and your family!

## **BEAUTIFYING STERLING POINTE**

All Sterling Pointe homeowners have a responsibility to help preserve the beauty of Sterling Pointe. Many of us enjoy getting out and taking a walk through this beautiful neighborhood. In an effort to help keep Sterling Point as beautiful as it is, all homeowners need to make sure their trash that is put out on Thursdays does not become victim of being littered throughout the community. Trash bags that are put out on the sides of trash cans and trash cans that are not completely closed fall victim of the crows and wildlife that break them open to eat out of, leaving the trash to be disbursed through the neighborhood and to be exposed to the elements. Please do your part in helping conserve the beauty of Sterling Pointe. Thank you!



## Organizing Tip

To start the year off right here are a couple of money saving tips to help with your 2012 budget.

A great way to save money and time this year is to Meal Plan. By scheduling a day during the week to sit down and schedule your meals for the week will save you money and time running to the store last minute or eating out.

If you are not sure what to make with what you have in the refrigerator or your pantry, check out the APP "Whole Foods Recipes". This app has an "on hand" button which allows you to input ingredients you have at home and gives you some great recipes to make with those items.

Another great way to save some money this year is to check out coupon websites and print coupons right from your printer. Check out coupons.com and couponshack.com.



## Recipe Corner

### Crockpot Mexican Casserole:

#### Ingredients:

6 Tortillas  
 Chicken or beef or turkey (cooked)  
 ½ cup chicken broth  
 1 10oz. can enchilada sauce  
 ½ cup spaghetti sauce  
 1 cup cheese  
 4oz. can green chilies  
 4oz. can olives  
 Chives

\* you can also add corn and beans. Just add it after you add the other set of 3 tortillas.

#### Directions:

- Spray Crockpot with Pam
- Place 3 Tortillas on bottom
- Add cooked chicken or beef or turkey, 5oz of enchilada sauce, spaghetti sauce, ½ cup cheese.
- Add 3 more tortillas, green chilies, olives, sprinkle with cheese.\*
- Top with remaining 5oz of enchilada sauce, chives, add the rest of the cheese.
- Cook on High 2 ½ - 3 hours uncover Crockpot for the last 30 minutes of cooking.
- Scoop and serve or scoop onto tortilla.

## SOCIAL EVENTS!

### HOLIDAY DINNER UPDATE:

Sterling Pointe's annual Holiday Dinner was held on December 15, 2011. The event was organized by Bonnie Thompson and Marilyn Rottschafer again this year. Michel Autret at Bear Dance Golf Club prepared a delicious meal featuring entrees of prime rib, salmon, and chicken breast. The gathering of 69 neighbors enjoyed meeting new homeowners as well as visiting with old friends. The festive evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

### CANASTA CARD PLAYING LADIES GROUP:

Want to learn a great card game and have some social time with the ladies of Sterling Pointe? I highly recommend you joining up with them on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month to play Canasta. Each month it is hosted at a different house. Contact Marilyn to find out where they will meet next. 303-681-2066 or [marilyn.rotschafer@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.rotschafer@gmail.com)

## Thank You!

On behalf of the Social Committee members and community we would like to say **Thank You** to Mike Chandonnet for his hard work, dedication and time chairing the Social Committee. He has informed the Board and social members that he will be stepping down from his position. We will miss working alongside him on the Holiday Dinner and Summer BBQ and having him coordinate the Snacks at 7 events.

Thank you for all you did!

If you are interested in getting involved with our social committee or have a social idea you would like to share, please contact Marilyn at 303-681-2066 or bring your ideas to the next monthly meeting to share with the community.

## CASTLE ROCK EVENT:

### The Healthy Living Expo!

Sat, February 11, 8:30am – 4:00pm  
 Douglas County Fairgrounds

Join over 100 exhibitors for The Healthy Living Expo! Colorado's largest Expo focused on Living, Working and Playing in Colorado! The Healthy Living Expo offers interactive educational exhibits, demonstrations and presentations. Please contact Melissa Mares for more information @ 303-688-4597 or email her [mmares@castlerock.org](mailto:mmares@castlerock.org) you can also visit [coloradohealthylivingexpo.com](http://coloradohealthylivingexpo.com)

**NEWSLETTER GOES GREEN...**All 2012 newsletters will be sent via e-mail. Mailed copies will go to homeowners that do not have an e-mail listed or have personally requested otherwise.

If you have any questions, contact the newsletter committee or the Board.

# HEALTHY FOREST COMMITTEE NEWS

Article by:

The Healthy Forest Committee would like to thank Don Deyoe for his time serving on the committee. Unfortunately, Don has decided to step down from the committee. The committee at this time is looking for a homeowner to step up in his place. Serving on this committee will be a great opportunity to learn more about our forest and you will be on the front line helping to preserve and protect our beautiful trees. If this is a passion of yours or you are just willing to lend your time and energy we would love to have you. If you are interested, please contact Fran Switser at 303.681.3906 or [fswitser@msn.com](mailto:fswitser@msn.com).

On another note, during the January board meeting the board has determined that after lengthy research a Forest Management Plan is needed for Sterling Pointe. It seems that past Boards have undertaken this project but their plan or guidelines were never added to the Sterling Pointe bylaws. The Board and the Healthy Forest Committee will be working on a plan that will meet the needs of Sterling Pointe to protect the forest that in turn protects the beauty of Sterling Pointe as well as the value of owners' properties. You can keep up to date on our progress by attending upcoming board meetings or following our news and updates in the newsletter.

## SEEDLING TREES:

The Conservation for Seedling Trees has been highly recommended. Ben Wolfe has used their services and will be ordering more this year. Check for your application you may have gotten in the mail. If not, check out their website at [www.csfs.colostate.edu](http://www.csfs.colostate.edu) for more information to apply for trees.

## UPDATING THE DIRECTORY!

Sterling Pointe has taken the time in years past to put together a wonderful community directory. It is being updated for 2012 and we would like to make sure we have all your current phone numbers, an emergency contact number or cell phone number. If you did not complete the directory update form that was included with the last newsletter, please complete the form on the website or you can contact Fran at 303-681-3906 or [fswitser@msn.com](mailto:fswitser@msn.com). Deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>!

## NEIGHBORS REFERRAL LIST:



Send your referrals and feedback to Newsletter @ [SterlingPointeHOA.org](http://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



This is a friendly reminder that the streets through Larkspur are 25 miles per hour. Please drive 25! Also, please make sure you are stopping completely at all stop signs for your safety and others. Thank you!

Want to add an article or information for future newsletters please send information to [Newsletter@SterlingPointeHOA.org](mailto:Newsletter@SterlingPointeHOA.org) or to [christianphelps@yahoo.com](mailto:christianphelps@yahoo.com)

## RECYCLING FACILITIES:

### New Drop Off Location in Castle Rock!



701 Prairie Hawk Drive  
Open:  
Saturday from 9 am – 1 pm

Drop offs include:  
Newspapers, cardboard, glass,  
1-7 plastics, tin and aluminum items.

All items must be completely  
washed out. Thank you!

## WHY CHANGE?

Do you embrace change, anticipate change, or just plan refuse change? Unfortunately, change happens. Change can be as simple as a change of year, remembering to write 2012 instead of 2011, but that is change. Neighbors move and new ones move in, jobs are started or ended, we all get a year older every year, children in school have to face changing grades each year, technology changes, laws are rewritten, the list can go on. The change you experience can be good or bad emotionally, but bottom line you can't control change. One thing that does remain constant is that we all experience change. The difference is how we deal with it.

If you have read "Who Moved My Cheese?" you know exactly what I am talking about, if you have never heard of it, now you have. It is a quick read with a life changing message on how to deal with CHANGE. Don't let 2012's changes get the better of you. Learn how to enjoy change by savoring the adventure, move with the change and learn how to monitor and anticipate when change is happening. All these great techniques are in "Who Moved My Cheese?", by Spencer Johnson, M.D. Find out what you would do if your cheese moved!



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