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**Wed., February 9, 2022
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Enthusiasm and Optimism in 2022!

By Martha Riley

There was a strong sense of enthusiasm and optimism at the first Foxridge Improvement Association Board meeting of 2022 on January 12th. The creativity and talent of new members became evident during our 9-member board meeting, even through a Zoom format. Such a pleasure to see cohesion and a sense of purpose in our neighborhood in a world where things sometimes feel out of control.

Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm was very evident as we discussed plans for 2022. Besides continuing our regular services and activities, we hope to add a couple of events we haven't held in a while. Here's how the calendar is shaping up so far:

Event	Date	Time	Location
Easter Egg Hunt	Sat, April 2 Alternate date: Sat, Apr. 9	11 to noon	Foxridge Park
Neighborhood Garage Sale	TBD	TBD	Throughout the neighborhood
Dumpster Day #1, including Goodwill Truck and Shred-a-Thon (must be member)	Sat, June 11	8:30 to noon	Corner of Mineral Ave and Monaco St
July 4th Bicycle Parade (tentative - hosted by Club at Foxridge)	TBD	TBD	Foxridge Park
Foxridge Fair	Sun, Aug 7	4-7 pm	Foxridge Park
Dumpster Day #2 including Goodwill Truck (must be member)	Sat, Oct 1	8:30 to noon	Corner of Mineral Ave and Monaco St
Halloween Costume Parade and Trunk-or-Treat Event (tentative)	Sun, Oct 30	Dusk (time TBD)	Foxridge Park and Pool Parking Lot (TBD)
Holiday Carriage Ride, paired with 'Light up Foxridge'	Sun, Dec 18	5 - 7 pm	Pool Parking Lot

Optimism

Our optimism was evident as we discussed our hopes that residents of Foxridge would help us meet the challenge of increasing our membership in 2022. This activity list is only possible with funding that can support it. The board voted unanimously to approve a budget that projects a roughly \$4,000 deficit based on 2021 memberships. That is only possible because of a healthy reserve. This reserve is dwindling, however, so this scenario is not sustainable. We are optimistic that we can attract over 90 new members that will cover that deficit. If not, we will have to cut programs for next year or perhaps increase the voluntary dues. Much better to raise membership numbers so more people are supporting our services rather than relying on more money from those who typically join.



Membership Numbers...and 2022 Membership Goal

Last year, 407 households out of 934 paid their \$50 dues – one more than 2020. That's 44%. Around 380 people joined in 2018 and 2019, so things are definitely on the upswing. Our goal for 2022 is 500 members – a number that would allow us to operate in the black and preserve our services and programs into the future.

We have a pretty good start! As of January 18th, our press deadline, we had 92 Members; last year at that time - around 50 members. Feel free to check the website at www.foxridgecommunity.com for updated membership numbers (scroll down the home page to see the updated graphic).

Please join today, if you haven't already, to help us meet the challenge of increasing membership to 500. Simply use the scanner code below or go to www.foxridgecommunity.com and click on Membership. Thanks!





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Contact: foxridge.gid.reps@gmail.com

Centennial Council of Neighborhoods (CenCON)

Contact: foxridge.board@gmail.com

Representative Jim Black

**Covenants of the 11 filings comprising
Foxridge can be found on our website:**

www.foxridgecommunity.com

under FIA Board, Covenants

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Need help with snow removal? Consult the Teen Services Listing in Foxtales.

Community Resources:

There are some community needs that are not necessarily handled by the FIA Board. For questions or concerns, contact the following agencies:

Mayor: Stephanie Piko

www.centennialco.gov | 303-754-3350

District 3 Rep: Rik Holt

E-mail: rholt@centennialCO.gov

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Graffiti Removal: 303-795-4711

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www.co.arapahoe.co.us

District 2 Commissioner: Nancy Sharpe

E-mail: nsharpe@arapahoegov.com

Phone: 303-795-4630

Clerk & Recorder: 303-795-4200

Tri-County Health Dept:

www.tchd.org | 303-220-9200

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Non-Emergency Issues & Questions:

720-989-2000

After Hours Dispatch:

720-258-8911

SE Metro Stormwater Authority

www.semswa.org

Report Clogged Stormdrains & Foam in Creeks:

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Hazardous Waste Disposal Program:

(Curbside, Inc.) 1-800-449-7587

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Membership/ Welcome Committee

We begin 2022 with 92 paid members (as of the submission deadline for Foxtales). However, we have 77 responses to the membership form. It is important that members fill out the membership form, and it is important that membership form respondents pay their membership dues. Information about both may be found on the Foxridge website: Foxridgecommunity.com.

The FIA board members have agreed to add the welcoming of new folks to their list of tasks as board members. They will be delivering the welcome packets of information about our community, along with some information about Centennial and a Foxridge magnetic notepad with our website address. New residents will have contact information and websites to answer questions and learn more about the benefits of living in Foxridge.

Foxridge Improvement Association Budget Overview 2022 January through December 2022

Jan - Dec 22

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Receipts	
Interest Income	1.44
Sponsorship Contributions	1,498.73
Voluntary Homeowners' Dues	20,550.00
Total Receipts	22,050.17
Total Income	22,050.17
Gross Profit	22,050.17
Expense	
Administration	
Bank Charges	24.00
CENCON Dues	40.00
Compute/Software Lease/Purchase	160.00
Directors'/Officers Insurance	1,492.00
General Liability Insurance	790.00
Meeting Room Fees	102.50
Misc / Donations/Etc.	55.00
P.O.Box Rental	322.00
Secretary of State filing fee	20.00
Total Administration	3,005.50
Communications	
Ballot Mailing	400.00
Foxtales Postage	4,453.29
Text Message Service	34.56
Voluntary Dues Notice	200.00
Website Hosting & Maintenance	309.60
Welcoming Packets	138.63
Total Communications	5,536.08
Community Improvement	
Covenant Advisor	
Covenant Advisor Fee	3,960.00
Total Covenant Advisor	3,960.00
Events	
Community Clean-ups	4,395.77
Egg Hunt Event	425.00
Fair	4,000.00
Halloween Parade	50.00
Santa and Carriage Ride	2,500.00
Total Events	11,370.77
Holiday Lighting/Service	600.00
Storage Unit	1,598.40
Total Expense	26,070.75
Net Ordinary Income	-4,020.58
Net Income	-4,020.58

February Landscape Update:

Your GID Funds at Work

By Martha Riley

Icy Roads - Car Crashes - Wall and Fence Damage Again

Icy streets on December 31st caused three more small accidents at the corner of Mineral and Quebec, causing damage to the wall in three areas. Only one driver reached out to report the accident. SuttonScapes repaired all the damage.

Icy streets on January 15th caused another crash at the corner of S Monaco St and S Magnolia Way. This accident damaged the GID fence but luckily no posts were damaged, so the cost won't be too high. Nobody has claimed responsibility.

If you have an accident that affects any of our community assets, - GID fence, landscape wall/monument, or trees/shrubs - please send an email to foxridge.gid.reps@gmail.com to report the damage. Thank you!

Holiday Decor: Many thanks to Sandra Williams, Cheryl Gass, and Scott Harman who helped me take down and store most of the holiday decor around the neighborhood. Rich Jaramillo, of Any Reason, Any Season, installed and took down the lights at Holly and Otero for \$600. Erik Sutton put up and took down the wreaths at County Line (pro bono).

Landscape Maintenance

The SuttonScapes contract will be renewed for 2022. Work includes:

- Spring and fall cleanup
- General weekly landscape maintenance for nine months of the year
- Landscape and lighting maintenance of entry gardens
- Irrigation startup, blowout, maintenance and repair when needed
- Entry garden wall repair, as needed
- Small fence repairs
- Miscellaneous work as needed

City FGID Website:

The FGID website can be found at <http://www.centennialco.gov/foxridge>.

FGID Contact Information: The Foxridge GID representative can be reached at Foxridge.gid.reps@gmail.com.



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Foxridge Community Garden

If you're interested in learning to garden or need a friendly place to grow your favorites, please join us at Foxridge Community Garden. We offer raised beds rentals with enriched soil (water included!), as well as a friendly community of gardeners and volunteers. Detailed information about bed rentals will be coming in March on the FCG website: foxridgecg.com.

We also host social events, workshops on gardening topics, kid's programs, and volunteer opportunities. Volunteers may choose to help plant, water, and weed; help with programs, or deliver produce to local food banks. Who knows what else we'll need to do in the garden this year?

We invite folks who are new to gardening and/or Foxridge Community Garden to please fill out our interest survey by using your smart phone's camera to scan the QR code below, which will take you directly to the survey. By completing the survey, you will be added to our email list and receive notices of upcoming events and happenings. We will not share your information. If you are already receiving our emails, skip the survey.



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6263 E Phillips Place	\$749,999	\$735,000.00	4	4	3,707	8712068
6782 E Jamison Place	\$625,000	\$726,000.00	3	3	2,785	8424576
8258 S Jasmine Court	\$725,000	\$725,000.00	4	4	4,077	8240171
8200 S Locust Way	\$674,900	\$667,000.00	4	3	3,098	7885921
6686 E Jamison Avenue	\$704,200	\$640,000.00	3	2	3,240	1R947718
7811 S Monaco Court	\$670,000	\$635,000.00	5	4	3,056	8359719
8257 S Locust Street	\$580,000	\$580,000.00	3	2	3,032	3253395

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Courts Survey Information

For many years, the Club's Board Members have looked to repair/replace the dilapidated tennis courts, but raising the substantial capital necessary to do so has been a challenge. After unsuccessful efforts to raise funds to build tennis courts, several members suggested that pickleball may be a new offering that could drive new interest, increase membership and possibly attract additional funding sources. Because a vast majority of the Club's income comes from Membership Dues, it is important to know whether a new pickleball offering and/or revived tennis courts would attract new members, additional revenue and possibly donors.

Since we have been unable to raise the \$300,000+ (for any courts, tennis, pickleball or combination of both) necessary to rebuild the courts, we were all ears to hear what we needed to do to determine if there was funding for us to take care of that space. With the advice of a resident who has experience raising capital for neighborhood court projects, we decided to launch a survey as a way to gauge interest levels and determine whether these ideas would be worthwhile pursuits. Because the Club permits members to join from outside the neighborhood, we sent the survey to surrounding areas as well, and asked you to help us forward to friends and family in the area to help us learn about broader interests.

Here are some of the results of the survey:

- 208 Responses received
- 111 Current Members responded and 97 non-members
- 72 respondents (35%) said that Pickleball courts would encourage them to join the Club
- 99 Respondents (48%) ranked their interest in tennis as a 4 or 5 (on a scale of 1-5)
 - Average overall ranking for tennis interest (on a scale of 1-5) = 3.11
- 64 Respondents (30%) ranked their interest in Pickleball as a 4 or 5 (on a scale of 1-5)
 - Average overall ranking for pickleball interest (on a scale of 1-5) = 2.61
- 117 Respondents (56%) said they would play pickleball if built
- 121 Respondents (58%) said they would play tennis if a tennis court were there
- 27 Respondents said they would donate for Pickleball Only courts
- 34 Respondents said they would donate for Tennis Only courts
- 34 Respondents said they would donate something for Pickleball courts with One Tennis Court

We also had suggestions of making mixed use courts to include basketball. We saw suggestions for a dog park, hot tub, club house, grassy playground, additional parking, volleyball, hang out area with BBQ and area for social gatherings.

The amount respondents were willing to contribute to the project varied based on preference for Tennis or Pickleball, or both, but it appears that there are members of our community that want to support an improvement. With these responses, and the understanding of a \$300,000 price tag to make any improvements, we are still in the process of considering all options.

That is where we will need your help. If anyone would like to participate as a member of a committee to determine what to do with the space and to raise the necessary funds, please reach out to contact@foxridgeclub.com with your name, contact information and your stated interest. We will then reach out to those interested as we move into the next stage.

As we process all of these, and move toward costs of each and funding sources, we will stay in communication with current members on the future of the space.



Save the date:

Club at Foxridge Pre-Season Public Meeting

April 5th, 7-9pm, Location to be determined.

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January 1, through December 31, 2022

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You will be able to pay by Zelle or PayPal.

If you prefer to send a check, please complete the form below and send with your check made out to FIA to:
Foxridge Improvement Association
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Foxridge Fair

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Dumpster Day

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Carriage Ride

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General Interest

☐

The Wine Press

By Foxridge resident, Jillian Bethune

Does anyone else have a headache these days? Lots of things can cause them but when you get them from wine.... well, what's up with that? If you already have allergies, I will take a gander that you also have trouble drinking reds. So, Let's examine this top 10 question about wine from consumers. Why do I get a headache when I drink wine? Warning: Polishing off a bottle will also give you a headache.

Shared allergens found in both White and Red:

Yeast: Yeast is used to convert the natural sugars in grape juice into alcohol. It is highly unlikely this is your source of headaches since during fermentation enough heat is produced to break down the allergens and therefore what's actually left are minuscule amounts. Winemakers do make wines that are unfiltered and unfined leaving behind a cloudy wine with floating dead yeast cells. If you do have a yeast allergy, these wines might be avoided.

Alcohol (Ethanol) Some people are allergic to alcohol but again it's rare. Some people have an intolerance to alcohol, giving you symptoms as mild as a flushed face to stomach cramps.

Sulfites (sulphur-based-salts) This is probably the root of your problem if you get headaches with white wine. Sulfites are naturally occurring in all kinds of food like pickles and dried fruit and wine is no different. Sulfites are a by-product of fermentation, but winemakers can use sulfites before or after fermentation. Think about it as hand sanitizer for wine, it's just good hygiene. Bulk wine and cheaper wine need more stabilizing to prevent oxidation and spoilage than high quality wine. They can contain

up to 400 parts per million. Organic wines can't add additional sulfites and will be somewhere between 30 parts per million or less. Higher quality is somewhere in between at 30-100 parts per million. With this said if you are sensitive to sulfites and drinking, let's say a box wine, look for an organic or higher quality and see if this makes a difference.

Red Wine gives me headaches

Red wine has all the same allergens above but with the added allergen histamine. This causes the problem for people. When fermenting red grapes, you leave the skins on for the color and tannin and for white grapes, the juice is separated from the skin during fermentation. Since histamine is located in the skins of grapes this only happens with red wine. Histamine may be the culprit to your headache woes. Can you take an anti-histamine before drinking red wine? No clue, I am not a doctor so I can't advise on that!

Happy Valentines' Day to all
you wine lovers out there!



FIA Board of Directors Meeting, January 12, 2022 DRAFT Minutes of the Virtual Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Foxridge Improvement Association (FIA) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 12, 2022 by President Martha Riley, declaring that a quorum existed with nine of nine directors in attendance virtually via Zoom. Other directors present: Dan Anthonie, Jim Black, Alex Martinez, Cheryl Gass, Alison Krebs, Sandra Williams, Chris Laird, and Tudi Arneill. No one proposed agenda amendments.

Statement of Purpose of the Association: Martha read a short statement relating the FIA's purpose from Article 5 of the FIA Articles of Incorporation:

To educate and inform Owners about the Covenants applicable to the various Filings, to encourage Foxridge property owners to preserve their property's value, desirability and attractiveness, to promote friendly relations between neighbors and support the general welfare and safety of all residents.

Meeting Minutes Approved: The Directors approved the December 2021 Draft meeting minutes as published in the January *Foxtales*.

Election of Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President – Martha Riley (incumbent) Vice-President – Alex Martinez (incumbent) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretary – Jim Black (incumbent) Treasurer – Chris Laird (incumbent)
Covenant Advisor Report (R. Gamet)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ron Gamet sent in his report, noting that all five issues had been resolved. 	
Discuss/Appoint Roles and Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View Page 2 of <i>Foxtales</i> to see a list of 2022 Roles and Responsibilities. All positions are filled. 	
President's Report (M. Riley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To update our email list, I created a Google Form to capture information, including email addresses. Membership is now a two-step process; complete the form and pay the \$50. We have some work to do to smooth out the process, but the good news is that we have already attracted a couple of new volunteers who have already become involved. 	
Vice President's Report and Website Update (A. Martinez)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed our new website for the benefit of the new board members. Noted new FAQs, including one on short-term rentals. Alison Krebs suggested that we highlight one FAQ each month in <i>Foxtales</i> to publicize the website and will write the first article. 	
Treasurer's Report (C. Laird)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End-of-Year Balances - Checking: \$3013, Savings: \$12,046, PayPal \$0 Reviewed, amended, and approved the amended 2022 budget 	
Membership and Welcome Cmte Report (T. Arneill)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed and approved the idea of having FIA Board members deliver the welcome packages to their neighbors. Membership so far this year is 45, so we're on track. Reviewed plans to have teens update the teen-services list on the website. 	
Social Events Report (M. Riley reporting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed the Horse Carriage Ride. We had 250-300 attendees and were 25% under budget because there was no snow to deal with. The magic show by an 8th grader and the hot-cocoa station were big hits. 2022 Event Date Proposals- Easter Egg Hunt: April 2 with April 9 backup; Foxridge Fair: August 7; Halloween parade and "trunk or treat"; October 30; Horse-Carriage Ride: December 18 	
Community Events Report/ Dumpster Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposing June 11 and October 1 for our two Dumpster Days Defer discussion of Community Garage Sale 	
Community Garden Update (T. Arneill)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held meeting to review the past year. We recognize the need to make it possible for people to sign up for garden beds on the FIA website. 	
General Improvement District (FGID) & Landscape Report (M. Riley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erik Sutton will continue as our contractor in 2022. Icy streets in December contributed to several car crashes that did damage to a retaining wall and parts of the new fence. Repairs have been made and drivers' insurance will pay for most of the damage. 	
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storage shed: Paid 1-year lease to mitigate price increases. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 Membership Process – Martha will send an email reminder to 2021 list FIA & Foxridge Reference docs on Drive Keep eyes and ears open for new volunteers for 2022 New ideas for 2022 – Dan will lead discussion next month on connecting with small local businesses Filing of non-profit taxes – Chris Laird will investigate. Filing of legal documents – Chris Laird will file with CO Secretary of State Bank signature authority – Martha Riley and Jim Black will serve this year 	
Foxtales Deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submissions due Jan 18 for FIA Board members articles, reviews, ... 	
Next Meeting	Next meeting is Wednesday, Feb 9, 2022, via Zoom.	

With no other business to conduct, Martha Riley adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

-Respectfully submitted by Jim Black

Teens who would like to be listed or wish to update their information for the mailed copy of Foxtales may provide the information by completing the Teen Services form on the Foxridge website (foxridgecommunity.com). The form can be found under Membership. Note: The teen services page is not posted in the electronic Foxtales on the website, and only phone contact information will be listed in the mailed copy.

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Please see the FoxTales Teen Services List in the printed newsletter.

Tennis is Alive and Well in Foxridge!

By Shami Dillman, Jaime Martinez, and Martha Riley



Despite the demise of the courts located behind the pool at The Club at Foxridge, tennis is alive and well in our neighborhood. Foxridge is home to many junior and adult tennis players, at many levels of experience and expertise. This includes some very notable high-level adult players, including one who was nationally ranked as a teenager.

The physical, mental and social benefits of playing tennis are many. Players new to the sport can even compete in league play at the 2.5 level. From there, they can progress through the ranks as they improve their game and win matches – there are 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 levels and beyond. Some 4.5 players are teaching pros.

Even though The Club at Foxridge currently does not have a tennis program, there are many opportunities to play, either for recreation or for competition. Two sets of South Suburban courts are located right in our neighborhood; they are called Rusty Sun and Otero Courts. They are used year-round when conditions allow. Lessons, drills, and league play are also available year-round through South Suburban and local pros. Watch for more detailed information in the March *Foxtales*!

We applaud the efforts of the Club Board to try once again to determine a viable plan for the court space behind the pool. Please take a moment to read the article on page 7 and consider joining us as we work to expand tennis in Foxridge.

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How long have you been a resident of Foxridge? 10 years

What brought you here? Aaron’s job as a stormwater engineer and our interest with the Colorado Rocky Mountains

Tell us about your family... We are a family of four. Evan is 10 years old and in 4th grade, Julia is 7 years old and in 2nd grade at Ford Elementary School.

How did you meet your spouse? We are high school sweethearts from our hometown, DeWitt, Iowa.

What is/was your career? Aaron: Stormwater engineer at ICON Engineering; Jen: horticulturist and professor at Colorado State University.

Why did you chose this career? Aaron: integrating engineering with nature and interest in completing projects that improve our communities; Jen: enchanted with plants since youth and pushing the extremes on the conditions that plants can survive.

What are your hobbies/passions? We love the outdoors. Especially camping, hiking, biking, and gardening.

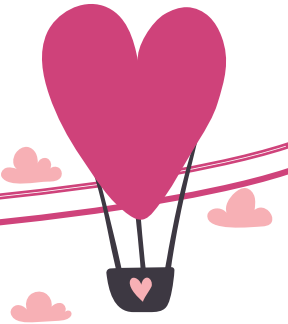
What is one of your proudest achievements? Becoming parents. Publishing books. Becoming a business owner.



What is an interesting fact about you that people may not know? We both grew up working on farms. We really enjoy live music.

What is the best advice you ever received? Education is the only thing that cannot be taken away – everything else can – freedom, health, even life.

Do you have a “guilty pleasure”? Traveling.



Connect with Foxridge!

There are many ways to stay connected in Foxridge so you are aware of upcoming events and activities.

- Website:** Go to www.foxridgecommunity.com to find a wealth of information.
- Membership.** Click on ‘Membership’ on the website and you will be able to fill out the Membership Form that has an option for you to provide your email address. You can also pay your \$50 annual membership dues.
- Text Messages:** To receive text messages about Foxridge events (through Rained Out), please go to www.rainedout.com, scroll down and search for ‘Foxridge Improvement Association.’ *Please note that we do not share your contact information with anyone and we send only a few messages a year.*
- Facebook:** Search for ‘Foxridge Improvement Association’ on Facebook and become our friend.
- Foxridge Mom’s Group:** Want to connect with other moms in Foxridge to organize events, share information and build friendships? A group of neighborhood moms setup a Facebook group to do just that! Check out <https://www.facebook.com/groups/286579975148610/> to sign up.



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Michelle Cox
Neighborhood Plumber



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ALL OF Castle Rock	\$25	3,000
Acres Green, LONE TREE	\$25	1,053
Colliers Hill, ERIE	\$25	1,332



Living Roofs

By Jennifer Boussetot

Living roofs are just what they sound like – rooftops with vegetation. A more common name for living roofs is green roofs. No matter what you call them, most people instantly picture a high-tech, verdant city. Ironically, living roofs are not just futuristic but have a long history, even in Colorado. As we know from history books, sod houses used to dot the eastern plains and most of them had vegetation growing on top of the sod bricks used to make the structures. Living roofs are mentioned in ancient history, too, in the form of the fabled Hanging Gardens of Babylon.

The benefits of living roofs include all of the benefits of open space and gardens alike (managing stormwater, mitigating urban heat islands, supplying pollinator resources, providing green space, etc.) except that they are elevated. Many scientists view living roofs as a way to replace the ecosystem services of land that is paved over when cities are built. In other words, living roofs are a way to reclaim some of that space for nature.

While the concept of living roofs is intuitive to grasp, the design and installation of them are not as simple as they sound. ‘Recreating’ built-up green spaces like living roofs is challenging due to the upfront cost and weight loading on buildings. However, when designed specifically for new buildings, compared to retrofits on existing buildings, these factors become less of a challenge.

Few in Colorado have the specialized training and experience required to create a successful living roof. However, I am lucky enough to have spent the last 15+ years studying and consulting on green roof systems in Colorado. As an assistant professor at Colorado State University in the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture with the specialty of living roofs, I am often involved with these projects throughout the state. Also, as a technical advisor for the City of Denver’s Green Building Ordinance, I get a ‘front row seat’ for projects and policies related to living roofs in our metro area.

The Foxridge Community Garden organization is interested in putting my expertise to use right here in our neighborhood. (Yes, we are Foxridge residents even though I work for CSU – I teach 100% online and have most of my research here in the Denver area). We hope to receive funding to install a living roof on a tool shed in the community garden area adjacent to the Foxridge Pool. We have already submitted one grant proposal on this concept. Please help us look for funding opportunities so we can make this vision a reality.

Disaster Preparation Steps

South Metro Fire Rescue



Greetings,

As you may have imagined, we are receiving a lot of questions about wildfire with Boulder’s suburban conflagration and its historical hurricane force winds. We often talk about mitigation, but there are also often overlooked steps to prepare for ANY emergency. Below are some often overlooked disaster preparation steps. Also, linked are some resources to prepare for wildfires for yourself and some of your younger household members.

Some often forgotten important steps:

- *Reverse 911 – Emergency Notification: Many do not realize that your phones have to be opted into the notification system. <https://ace911.colorado.gov/arapalert>*
- *You don’t just need 2 ways out of your home. You also need 2 ways out of your neighborhood. Many times, people are not aware of secondary routes.*
- *Do you have a go-bag of essentials ready?*
- *Have you walked your home with your video camera to document what is inside your home for insurance?*
- *Do you have duplicate copies of important papers at a secondary trusted location?*

More planning information can be found here:

www.arapahoegov.com/1460/Planning-for-a-Wildfire

Discuss with Children: Additionally, if you were away and your non-driving children were home, would they know what to do if they received an evacuation notification? The activity book (lesson plan is in the back) has resources to have this discussion:

files.constantcontact.com/621c062f001/0b32b721-a245-49b2-bac6-86918afdb9af.pdf

Finally, Arapahoe County recently finished their Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan. For the county’s plan on various hazards, you can follow this link:

www.arapahoegov.com/DocumentCenter/View/12172/FINAL-with-Adoption-letters-Arapahoe-County-HMP-1-18-21-Final

Stay safe,

Kimberly Spuhler, Community Risk Reduction Specialist
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Pet Safety Tips

- *Prepare a go-bag for your pets, with food, water bowl, restraint devices or kennels, sanitation needs, copies of vaccinations.*
- *Pet decals for the front and back doors alert responders there are pets inside. Many varieties are available at pet stores and online sellers.*
- *Developing a plan with neighbors. They can get to know your pets and prepare them for evacuation better than a stranger.*
- *One online detailed plan for pets can be found here: https://petfbi.org/how-to-protect-your-pet/disaster-preparedness-for-pets/?gclid=CjwKCAiAlfqOBhAeEiwAYi43F9mRR3yAQc_o7pX_5TTmf8RrHoVUXgjL4XRskv-iOBFfmuvC7PYuxoCXwQQAvD_BwE*

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Brennan's Bananas Foster



This recipe from Brennan's restaurant in New Orleans is just as delicious as it was when they invented it more than 60 years ago.

Courtesy of Southern Living magazine

Ingredients

- 4 medium-sized bananas
- ½ cup butter
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- Dash of ground cinnamon
- ¼ cup banana liquor
- ½ cup rum
- Vanilla ice cream

Directions

1. Cut bananas in half crosswise, then lengthwise. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add brown sugar, and cook, stirring constantly, 2 minutes.
2. Add bananas to skillet, and sprinkle with cinnamon. Remove skillet from heat. Stir in liqueur and rum, and carefully ignite the fumes just above mixture with a long match. Let flames die down.
3. Return to heat and cook 3 to 4 minutes or until soft. Serve over ice cream.

Full Moon Calendar for 2022

February 16th	Snow Moon
March 18th	Worm Moon
April 16th	Pink Moon
May 16th	Flower Moon
June 14th	Strawberry Moon
July 13th	Buck Moon
August 11th	Sturgeon Moon
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October 9th	Hunter's Moon
November 8th	Beaver Moon
December 7th	Cold Moon



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