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 Foxridge Improvement Association Board of Directors
 meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

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Find Finnegan

Finnegan, our lively Foxridge mascot, earned his name through a spirited vote at the Foxridge Fair in 2022. This playful fox can't resist joining in on all the excitement at Foxridge events. Spot him sniffing around the Foxridge Community Garden, sunbathing at the Club at Foxridge Pool in the summer, or casually climbing the trees at Foxridge Park.

Introducing a fun new series: Find Finnegan! Each month in 2024, Finnegan will make a surprise appearance on one of the pages in our Foxtales publication. Can you find him in this issue? Once you spot Finnegan, snap a pic, and share the joy with us on the FIA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/foxridgecommunity/>.

Let the Finnegan hunt begin!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The 2024 Foxridge Improvement Association volunteer Board of Directors is already planning an array of services and events for the new year, including:

- *Foxtales*
- Covenant advisor that helps keep Foxridge looking nice
- Two Little Free Libraries
- Holiday Lighting and Décor
- Welcome Committee
- Website Design and Management
- Teen Services Listing in Foxtales
- Representation at Centennial Council of Neighborhood meetings
- Collaboration with the General Improvement District Representative
- Social events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Foxridge Fair, Halloween Parade, & Carriage Ride
- Dumpster Day Plus Events in June and October
- Yard Waste Composting Event in November



These services would not be possible without voluntary \$60 membership dues paid by Foxridge residents. Please consider joining today to support these services and save many hours of time spent encouraging people to join.

Please Join in January and Consider Auto-Renewal starting January 1, 2024!



You can pay your FIA dues today by going to www.foxridgecommunity.com and clicking on Membership or by scanning the QR code on the left. You can pay by check or by using popular electronic methods of payment that also allow for autopay for three years. Autopay can be deactivated at any time should you move or decide to quit. We encourage you to join as soon as possible as it helps in our planning.

One last note - we welcome your participation; feel free to join us the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 pm for our board meeting at Metrum Community Credit Union. Check the website for details. And feel free to email us at foxridge.board@gmail.com with comments, suggestions, or to let us know you would like to be involved.



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[term thru 12/31/24]

FIA Board Members At Large

Tudi Arneill (term through 12/31/24)
Bryon Bhagwandin (term thru 12/31/24)
Cheryl Gass (term thru 12/31/23)
Alison Krebs (term thru 12/31/23)
Sandra Williams (term thru 12/31/23)
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FIA Responsibilities & Committees

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Centennial Council of Neighborhoods (CenCON)

Contact: foxridge.board@gmail.com

Representative Cheryl Gass

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

www.foxridgecommunity.com
under FIA Board, Covenants

Did You Know....

Paying your FIA dues in January allows the board to budget more accurately for the entire year and saves countless board member volunteer hours of work throughout the year.

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

District 3 Rep: Mike Sutherland

E-mail: Msutherland@CentennialCo.gov

Phone: 303-754-3407

Gardening, Tree & Shrub Advice:

CSU Extension: 303-730-1920

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Utility Notification Center of Colorado

1-800-922-1987 | www.call811.com

Willows Water District:

303-770-8625 | www.willowswater.org

Power Outages: Xcel Energy Emergency

Call Center: 1-800-895-1999

Nonworking Street Light:

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1-800-895-4999

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Building Services &

Home Improvement Program:

303-754-3321

Building Inspection Hot Line:

303-708-1430

Road, Sidewalk, Traffic Issues, Problems:

303-325-8000

Animal Control / Barking Dog Complaints:

303-325-8070

Code Enforcement:

303-325-8000

Law Enforcement & Arapahoe Co. Sheriff:

Sheriff@arapahoesherriff.org | Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency Issues & Questions:

303-795-4711

Crime Prevention & Neighborhood Watch:

303-795-4711

Graffiti Removal: 303-795-4711

Arapahoe Co. Government:

www.co.arapahoe.co.us

District 2 Commissioner:

Jessica Campbell-Swanson

JCampbell-Swanson@arapahoegov.com

303-795-4630

Clerk & Recorder: 303-795-4200

Arapahoe County Health

6162 S. Willow Dr., Suite 100

Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Phone: 303-795-4584

South Metro Fire Rescue Authority

www.southmetro.org | Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency Issues & Questions:

720-989-2000

After Hours Dispatch:

720-258-8911

SE Metro Stormwater Authority

www.semswa.org

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Hazardous Waste Disposal Program:

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

South Suburban Parks & Recreation District

303-798-5131 | www.sspr.org

Tennis Court Reservations:

Rusty Sun & Otero Courts

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Parks and Greenbelts (Seth Swanson)

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Free Christmas Tree & Light Recycling

Don't throw away your Christmas tree or string lights; give them another life by recycling! The City of Centennial, Arapahoe Park and Recreation District and South Suburban Parks and Recreation District are providing residents with an opportunity to dispose of Christmas trees and unwanted string lights appropriately and safely. Starting Tuesday, December 26 through Monday, January 15, 2024, you can dispose of clean, non-ornamented, non-decorated Christmas trees and string lights seven days a week from sunrise to sunset at the Centennial locations listed below. Lights must be removed from trees and wreaths to recycle and artificial trees will not be accepted.

Unwanted string lights may be dropped off at the following locations:

- Lookout Park, 5455 S. Riviera Way
- Piney Creek Hollow Park, 6140 S. Tower Road
- Centennial Civic Center, 13133 E. Arapahoe Road
- City's Eagle Street Facility, 7272 S. Eagle Street

East Side Tree Recycling:

- Lookout Park, 5455 S. Riviera Way
- Piney Creek Hollow Park, 6140 S. Tower Road

It is anticipated free mulch will be available for private use, on a first come first serve basis, at Lookout Park and Piney Creek Hollow Park starting Thursday, December 28 and every other day after that, excluding holidays, weekends and snow events.

West Side Residents for Tree Recycling NO STRING LIGHTS

- Willow Spring Service Center, 7100 S. Holly St, in the designated enclosure by the front gate.

Sign Up for Our E-Newsletter!

Stay connected with your neighborhood through the FIA's monthly newsletter, filled with exciting highlights and updates. By subscribing, you'll also receive timely information to keep you in the know about all things happening in the community. Don't miss out – join our mailing list today!

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News From The Foxridge Community Garden!

"WHAT GOOD IS THE WARMTH OF SUMMER, WITHOUT THE COLD OF WINTER TO GIVE IT SWEETNESS."

-JOHN STEINBECK



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GID/Landscape January Update

Submitted by Tudi Arneill and Martha Riley

Landscape Maintenance/Irrigation

Trash and debris pickup will continue over the winter.

Fall Cleanup

Most of the fall cleanup was completed on Sunday, Dec. 10th by a small crew of hired young people. Erik finished some final work soon after. The leaves were picked up and taken to be composted by Eden Tree Care, paid for by the GID.

GID Fence Damage

A car crashed into the back fence of a home during the slippery evening of Friday, Dec. 8th where Otero Avenue dead ends at Monaco. Two entire sections were destroyed and a police report was filed. No one was hurt. The fence was repaired by Split Rail Fence Co.

Electrical Issue

A problem at the electrical outlet at the Holly and Otero entrance was repaired so the holiday lights in the trees would work. Further work is needed to fix a bigger issue; Sturgeon Electric has been contacted.

FGID Website and Contact Info at the City of Centennial

The FGID website can be found at <http://www.centennialco.gov/foxridge>. Feel free to reach out to Patrick Fleming with the City if you have any questions – pfleming@centennialco.gov or 303-754-3319.



Choosing the Right Fire Safety Gear for Your Home

Extinguishers and Fire Blankets

When it comes to fire safety within your property, being adequately prepared is paramount. Without the proper tools and knowledge, a fire can quickly escalate, leading to potential harm and significant property damage. In this article, we'll explore the pros and cons of two essential fire safety tools: fire extinguishers and fire blankets.

Pros of Fire Extinguishers

- **Versatility:** Fire extinguishers come in various sizes, each suitable for tackling different types of fires. Whether it's a kitchen fire caused by cooking fat or an electrical fault, having the right extinguisher enables you to combat the fire from a safe distance.
- **Specialized extinguishers:** There are specific extinguishers tailored to various fire types, including flammable liquids (petrol, diesel, spirits, and paint), flammable gases (butane and methane), and flammable solids (paper, wood, etc.).
- **Customization:** With the assortment of sizes available, you can ensure your home is equipped with a fire extinguisher that matches your specific requirements.

Cons of Fire Extinguishers

- **Knowledge and handling:** Without proper training, using a fire extinguisher can be challenging. Additionally, certain extinguishers may not be suitable for all fire types, potentially making the situation worse.
- **Weight:** Larger fire extinguishers can be heavy, requiring considerable upper body strength to operate for an extended period.
- **Mess:** The use of a fire extinguisher can result in a significant amount of liquid, potentially causing damage to property.

Pros of Fire Blankets

- **Protection from harm:** Fire blankets serve as a versatile tool, not only protecting property but also individuals from harm.
- **Early stage fire suppression:** Fire blankets are effective in stopping smaller fires, particularly those caused by cooking equipment and other common household sources.

Cons of Fire Blankets:

- **Limited effectiveness:** Fire blankets are most effective on small fires contained within a specific area.
- **Close proximity requirement:** Using a fire blanket necessitates getting up close to the flames, which can be dangerous. Proper application requires proximity to the fire.

In conclusion, both fire extinguishers and fire blankets play crucial roles in fire safety. Your choice between the two may depend on factors, such as the size of your property, your comfort with handling the equipment, and the specific fire risks you anticipate. Remember that while having the right tools is essential, proper training in their use is equally crucial for effective fire prevention and control.

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8383309	09/29/2023	6412 E Otero Place	\$950,000	\$962,300	5	4	3,407	2
8730750	09/12/2023	8070 S Jasmine Circle	\$879,000	\$880,500	5	4	3,217	2
6839797	08/31/2023	7824 S Magnolia Way	\$808,800	\$788,800	5	4	3,132	2
4529999	08/31/2023	7894 S Magnolia Way	\$779,000	\$779,000	4	4	3,661	2
3457354	08/21/2023	8160 S Monaco Circle	\$750,000	\$750,000	4	4	3,376	2
4427077	10/27/2023	6159 E Otero Drive	\$749,900	\$740,000	4	3	2,804	2
3054429	11/30/2023	7783 S Poplar Way	\$750,000	\$725,000	4	3	2,251	2
2771133	12/07/2023	8260 S Kearney Street	\$724,900	\$724,900	3	4	3,030	2
1685410	12/06/2023	8224 S Leyden Court	\$720,000	\$720,000	4	3	2,526	2
8816056	09/01/2023	7967 S Pontiac Way	\$800,000	\$700,000	4	4	2,742	2
3901060	11/17/2023	8224 S Niagara Court	\$683,000	\$684,000	5	3	2,506	3
8238454	11/30/2023	6297 E Mineral Place	\$650,000	\$645,000	3	3	2,136	2

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—Andrea, Centennial, 2023”

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The Club At Foxridge

Come Play with Us!

“We Need Play, Seriously.” That’s the title of an article in the latest issue of National Geographic magazine. The subtitle is “Adults tend to dismiss it as silly or childish, but having fun may be fundamental to the survival of our species.” The article points out that people of all ages benefit from play.

Research also indicates that people who are connected to each other and to their communities are healthier, happier, and live longer. Wellbeing.com states, “The word community is, without question, central to human experience. Being part of an engaging community gives us a sense of belonging. It enables us to share personal relatedness and support perpetual growth of each other, ourselves and our environment.”

The Club at Foxridge offers a perfect way to meet people, connect with others, and play! It’s not too early to start planning your summer fun. Just go to www.foxridgeclub.com for all the details.

Here are some updates:

Plans are in the works for an extended pool season next year and adult lap swim will continue, including during off-hours! Swim team and tennis will, of course, be up and running. The social calendar is looking great!

Other ideas under consideration:

- Teen Advisory Group to help develop more teen activities
- Water Aerobics
- Young Children/Parent Activities
- Other (your ideas!)

Feel free to reach out at contact@foxridgeclub.com with any questions or simply go to www.foxridgeclub.com and click on Join Us.

Tennis Court Construction Update

As of press time, construction on the tennis courts was well underway with the concrete pour scheduled in early January. If you are interested in tennis next year, go to www.foxridgeclub.com and click on ‘Tennis Interest Form’ to be added to the interest list! Non-members are welcome when space is available.

Photos taken in December 2023



Full Moon Calendar for 2024

January 25 Wolf Moon	February 24 Snow Moon	March 25 Worm Moon
April 23 Pink Moon	May 23 Flower Moon	June 21 Strawberry Moon
July 21 Buck Moon	August 19 Sturgeon Moon	September 17 Harvest Moon
October 17 Hunter’s Moon	November 15 Beaver Moon	December 15 Cold Moon

Entities Operating Within Foxridge

There are several separate and independent entities that operate within our community. Below is a list to help you better understand how these entities relate to the Foxridge Improvement Association.

THE FIA (Member Funded)

The Foxridge Improvement Association (FIA) is a non-profit corporation with membership available to all 934 homeowners in Foxridge, but is not mandatory. The purposes of the FIA as stated in the Articles of Incorporation Article 5 are "To educate and inform Owners about the Covenants applicable to the various Filings, the betterment of the general welfare and the promotion of friendly relations between the residents of Foxridge, and, when called upon, to provide arbitration of disputes related to Community issues." The annual voluntary FIA dues are \$60.00 per calendar year (Jan 1 thru Dec 31).

FGID (Taxpayer Funded)

The Foxridge General Improvement District (FGID) is not a part of the FIA. The FGID is a taxing district approved by the Foxridge homeowners in 1990 to provide funding for items such as community fencing, entry gardens and monuments, irrigation, and landscape maintenance. In 2019, voters living in Foxridge approved a mill levy increase to pay for the installation of a new Trex fence along Quebec and the main thoroughfare streets. The fence project was completed in 2021. The FGID funds are administered by the City of Centennial via Foxridge Community representatives who are approved by the FGID Board of Directors (City Council).

CenCON (Funded by Association Members)

Centennial Council of Neighborhood (CenCON) is composed of neighborhood associations' representatives in the City of Centennial. Their current membership represents about 22,000 Centennial homes in about 50 different Homeowner Associations. CenCON meets eleven times a year to impart important information from the City and many special districts that serve its members. An FIA Board Member serves as the FIA's CenCON representative and relays this information back for dissemination to homeowners by means of monthly meetings, newsletters, etc.

SSPRD (Taxpayer Funded)

South Suburban Parks and Recreation District (SSPRD) manages and maintains the public tennis courts, parks, trails, Foxridge Orchard, some grassed and irrigated street rights-of-way and the natural open space drainages within Foxridge. The mission of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District is to foster healthy living through stewardship of the environment, parks, trails, and open space and by providing recreational services and programs.

THE CLUB AT FOXRIDGE (Foxridge Swim and Racquet Club) (Member Funded)

The Club at Foxridge is a member-owned private swim & tennis club located one block west of Quebec on East Mineral Avenue at 7070 E Mineral Ave, in the Foxridge neighborhood. Joining The Club at Foxridge is not mandatory and membership is also available to those living outside of Foxridge. It is not affiliated with the FIA or FGID, although a mutually beneficial cooperative relationship is maintained. The Club offers a swim team program and lessons that are open to non-members at a higher fee. A 2023 revitalization project updated the pool and amenities and a project is underway to redevelop the dilapidated tennis court area to include tennis, pickleball and a social area.

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The Teen Services listing is offered and maintained by The FIA, and is not a service of Porchlink Media. Any misuse of the listing should be reported immediately to the FIA, its officials or agents.

TROPHY CLUB (Homeowner Funded)

The Trophy Club is an HOA that consists of 75 residences within Foxridge West Filing No. 1. The Trophy Club is not affiliated with the FIA, although we encourage and maintain a mutually beneficial cooperative relationship. The FIA has no authority to enforce Trophy Club Covenants.

FOXRIDGE COMMUNITY GARDEN (Donation Funded)

The FCG is a place where Foxridge residents, as well as neighbors from surrounding areas, can enjoy their own garden plot or volunteer in communal garden plots. Extra produce is donated to local food banks. The garden is just east of the swim club at 7070 E Mineral Ave. It is affiliated with Denver Urban Gardens and is managed solely by volunteers with a mutually beneficial and cooperative relationship with the FIA and the swim club.

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Instant Pot (Pressure Cooker)

Beef Stew

Author: Michelle Tam - nomnompaleo.com | Servings: 8

Craving comfort in bowl? Pressure cook this simple, hearty, and Whole30-friendly Instant Pot beef stew!

Ingredients:

- 3 pounds beef chuck roast or boneless short ribs or beef brisket cut into 1½- to 2-inch cubes
- Kosher salt or Magic Mushroom Powder
- 1 tablespoon ghee avocado oil, or fat of choice
- 2 medium onions thinly sliced
- 1 pound cremini mushrooms cleaned, stemmed, and quartered
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 6 garlic cloves peeled and smashed
- 2 tablespoons coconut aminos or gluten-free tamari if you tolerate fermented soy
- 1 teaspoon fish sauce
- 2 fresh thyme sprigs or 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 dried bay leaf
- freshly ground black pepper
- ¼ cup Italian parsley roughly chopped

OPTIONAL ADD-INS:

- 3 large carrots cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 pound Yukon Gold or Russet potatoes cut into 1-inch cubes



Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share?

*Let us know at
foxridge.board@gmail.com*

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, toss the cubed beef with 1½ teaspoons of Diamond Crystal kosher salt. (Psst! You can use Magic Mushroom Powder in place of salt and it will taste umami-riffic!)
2. Press the “Sauté” button on your Instant Pot and when the metal insert is hot, add your preferred cooking fat. Once the fat’s melted, add the onions and mushrooms and a ½ teaspoon kosher salt. Sauté until the onions are softened, about 5 minutes. (If you’re using a stovetop pressure cooker, melt the fat over medium heat and sauté the onions and mushrooms.)
3. Stir in the tomato paste and garlic, and cook for 30 seconds or until fragrant.
4. Toss in the salted beef, coconut aminos, fish sauce, thyme, and bay leaf. Give everything a good stir to combine all the ingredients. (You don’t need to add any extra liquid to the Instant Pot because the onions and beef will release sufficient liquid. However, if you’re using an older stovetop pressure cooker, you may need to add ½ cup of broth or water.)
5. Press the “Keep Warm/Cancel” button on the Instant Pot and cover and lock the lid. Next, program the Instant Pot to cook for 35 minutes under high pressure. Once the pot is programmed, walk away. (If you’re using a stovetop pressure cooker, you won’t have all those buttons to press. Just cook on high heat until high pressure is reached. Then, reduce the heat to low to maintain high pressure for about 30 minutes.)
6. When the stew is finished cooking, the Instant Pot will switch automatically to a “Keep Warm” mode. If you’re using a stovetop pressure cooker instead, remove the pot from the heat. In either case, let the pressure release naturally (about 15 minutes). If the pressure hasn’t released completely after 15 minutes and you’re impatient, you can manually release the pressure by turning the valve at the top to venting.
7. Fish out the thyme and bay leaf, and check that the meat is fork tender. If not, cook for another 10 minutes under high pressure. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
8. If you’re eating the stew right away, you can skim the fat off the top of the stew. Ladle out the stew, and adorn with some chopped Italian parsley.
9. Adding root veggies to your beef stew? Stir in the carrots and cubed potatoes into the cooked stew and pressure cook everything for 5 minutes under high pressure. Manually release the pressure, stir, and adjust for seasoning before serving.

FOXRIDGE TEEN SERVICES

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.

NAME	BIRTH MONTH & YEAR	PHONE 	BABY SITTER 	PET SITTER 	HOUSE SITTER 	DOG WALKER 	LAWN CHORES 	SNOW SHOVELER 	PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION 	RED CROSS / AMERICAN HEART CERTIFIED 	FIA EVENT VOLUNTEER
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**Please see the
FoxTales Teen Services List
in the printed newsletter.**

Foxridge Improvement Association (FIA)

December 13, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Attendees:

- Board Members Martha Riley, Alex Martinez, Gurdeep Sandhu, Bryon Bhagwandin, Sandra Williams, Cheryl Gass, Tudi Arneill
- Ron Gamet – Covenant Advisor

Visitors:

- Charles Perry and Justin Gildar – Eden Tree Care
- Karen Cerny – FIA member

Visitor Questions / Comments:

- Eden Tree Care (Charles & Justin) presented a proposal to the board for yard waste pickup within the community.
 - A sample contract for individual households to engage with Eden Tree Care was presented.
 - Eden Tree Care asked for board endorsement and support through website and newsletter promotion.
 - FIA members would receive a 30% discount on yard waste removal services.

RESOLUTION: Martha Riley proposed the board agree to endorse Eden Tree Care for yard waste pickup by providing a link on our website to Eden Tree Care, and to feature Eden Tree Care in our newsletter next month and in the spring.

- The RESOLUTION was seconded by Bryon Bhagwandin.
- The RESOLUTION passed unanimously.
- Karen Cerny expressed concern that she received a threat of a lien on her property as a result of the new fencing that went up on her property.
 - Karen spent ~\$600 in legal fees to address the lien.
 - This is a GID issue and the board asked her to submit her concerns in writing so that it could be sent to the City.

Covenant Advisors Report:

- There were five (5) issues in the Advisors report this month. All have been resolved.

President's Report:

- Composting event was a big success. Thank you to Eden Tree Care for participating.
- Holiday decorations look great and hanging holiday lights earlier at the pool was a great idea. Many thanks to Sandra Williams and her team and to Ashley Williams for the new bows!
- Excited about the membership autopay feature that will be available in January.

Vice President's Report:

- Nothing to report – December 2023.

Secretary Report:

- Nothing to report – December 2023.

Treasurer's Report:

- Monthly P&L with new chart of accounts presented to the board for review.

Welcome Committee:

- Six (6) welcome packets were delivered in the last month.

Membership Report

- There are 411 members to date.
- Last year's total membership count was 444.
- Membership autopay scheduled to be available on January 1..

Foxtales Newsletter:

- Nothing to report – December 2023.
- The e-version of the newsletter is available on the FIA website - <https://www.foxridgecommunity.com/>.

Events Report:

- Winter Holiday Carriage Ride - Sunday, December 17th
- 2024 Easter Egg Hunt
 - Will request park reservation for March 23 with March 30 as backup date.
- 2024 Foxridge Fair
 - Will request park reservation for Sunday, August 25th.
- 2023 Volunteer Appreciation Day: Saturday, January 27th from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Williams House.
- Holiday decoration removal – January 6th from 11:00 am to noon.

Community Garden:

- Nothing to report – December 2023. Garden is asleep for the winter.

Communications:

- FIA communication channels are working well. Website and e-newsletter updated regularly. Foxtales printed newsletter

Foxridge General Improvement District (GID)

- See FGID Update in this issue of Foxtales.

Centennial Council of Neighborhoods (CenCON)

- CenCON meeting featured:
 - Kitchen fire safety tips, toy drive drop-box, share with a cop event, coffee with a cop event, reminder that puffers (warming your car) is illegal, AND so much more...
- Complete CenCON meeting minutes are available at: <http://www.cencon.net/>

Old Business:

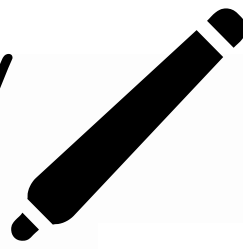
- Skipped review of old business for sake of time.

New Business

- Reviewed our accounting documents.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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Natural Neighbors:

Junco – Snowbirds

- Juncos nest in the far north and migrate south, including our area, for milder winter weather; thus the name snowbird as they foretell the coming of cold weather for us.
- They are our most common bird feeder visitor in winter, preferring hulled sunflower seeds and millet.
- Notice the flash of white of the outer tail feathers when one flies.
- One foraging technique, called “riding”, is to land on a seed cluster of a grass stalk and ride it to the ground where they pick the seeds while standing on the stalk.



Foxridge 2023 Holiday Carriage Ride

The 2023 Holiday Carriage Ride truly sprinkled enchantment throughout our neighborhood. With over 300 attendees, the evening was a picturesque journey aboard carriages drawn by majestic draft horses, all set against the backdrop of twinkling holiday lights.

Warm fires, the company of friendly neighbors, delectable refreshments, and talented entertainers left everyone in awe. And what's a holiday celebration without a visit from the one and only Santa Claus?

The enchantment continued with the beautiful singing performance by Girl Scout Troop 6387 from Dry Creek Elementary, and Luke Hotop & Kaemon Vitaour continued to dazzle with their magic. Adding a musical touch, Belmont University's own Bella Fabiani, a freshman studying songwriting, showcased her talent, playing and singing delightful holiday tunes on her guitar.

A heartfelt thank you to Sandra Williams for leading this event with admirable grace! Special gratitude to Santa for taking time from his busy schedule, to Julie Holt of Colorado Home Realty for sponsoring our hot chocolate and cider bar, and to Ting for being our corporate sponsor this year!

A special shout-out to our dedicated volunteers! Ed Bain, Martha Riley, Steve Riley, Tudi Arneill, Olivia, Stella, Kevin Williams, Cheryl, James, Makayla, Hudson, and Melanie Gass, Alex Martinez, Tracie, Celia Grant, Gurdeep Sandhu, Cathy and Ryan Wooderson, Noland Wedlaw, Piper, Anushka, Maryanne Moseneder —your efforts made this magical event possible!





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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:

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Check here if you do not want to be on our email list. It is used to inform about upcoming events and is not shared.

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Are you interested in being actively involved? We welcome volunteers!
Opportunities are available for the following:

Welcome Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foxridge Fair	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entry Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dumpster Day	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Small Business Spotlight: Eden Tree Care

The FIA is excited to share information about locally owned businesses, especially ones that might interest our community. Please let us know if you have a business in mind that we could highlight. This month we're featuring Eden Tree Care.

Note: Eden Tree Care facilitated the FIA's yard waste compost event in November; saving hundreds of bags of leaves and other yard waste from the landfill. Everything they cut goes to A1 Organics rather than the landfill!

Owner/Operator:
Charles Perry-Owner, Justin Gildar-Operations Manager
Company Name:
Eden Tree Care
Company Location:
6830 S Yosemite Ct Suite 203, Centennial, CO 80112
Contact Information:
(720) 775-5365
charles@edentreecarecolorado.com justin@edentreecarecolorado.com

From Charles Perry, owner:

I started the business in 2020 following a passion to work in the active and rewarding field of arboriculture. The business has since grown significantly and we are constantly improving efficiency, productivity, customer service, as well as services offered. At Eden Tree Care, we strive to maintain a small, family-owned business approach focusing on customer satisfaction and treating every tree as if it were our own.

Here's some information that might interest you:

- **Winter pruning:** All trees can be pruned in the winter months, even though the leaves have fallen off. In fact there are some species of trees that should ONLY be pruned in the winter months while the tree is dormant. These species include: American elms, crabapple, apple, pear, and hawthorn to name a few. The reasons for this are to prevent the spread of elm scale on American elms and to eradicate fire blight on fruit trees.
- **Dead or dying trees:** While trees are aesthetically pleasing, add value to the environment and community, and help save on energy costs, they can also pose a serious threat to your property and your safety. Some trees can become susceptible to structural failure, pests, and disease for various reasons (this could easily become an entire book!). It is important to have your trees assessed by a professional to determine a plan of action to better care for your trees. When a tree is in decline, we can decide whether to fertilize and/or trim, cable/brace, treat, or remove based on a number of factors.

Helpful tips on when to call an arborist or consider removing a tree:

1. If a tree loses its leaves when it should have leaves and has no signs of growth, it will NOT come back. It may produce epicormic sprouts (suckers) at the base; this is a sign of stress.
2. It is safer and more cost-effective to remove a tree that is 40%-60% dead rather than wait until it is completely dead.
3. You notice a significant crack or break in a large branch or main stem of the tree.
4. The roots are cracking pavement or damaging your property.
5. There is a significant lean to the tree.
6. There are mushrooms growing on the stem or at or near the base of the tree.

Example of work:

Recently, we had a client who had invasive roots that caused tens of thousands of dollars in damage to their property. Due to the number of different trees in their backyard, we had to identify the culprit based on the roots. Once the hazard tree had been discovered, we then decided to remove the hazardous tree properly and safely to mitigate any further damage. We then gave recommendations for replanting a species that would not grow to be as invasive and would be more manageable in the future.



Eden Tree Care offers these services:

- Free estimates
- Tree trimming
- Tree removal
- Stump grinding
- Brush/green waste removal
- Cabling and bracing
- Girdling root remediation
- Soil testing
- Deep root fertilization

Finally, keep in mind these benefits of trees:

- Mental health - Having trees in urban areas can create a restorative and peaceful environment that helps people recover from stress and fatigue.
- Trees reduce noise pollution
- Energy savings - Potential energy savings range up to 40%, depending on the site placement, the tree's shape and density, and the species of the tree planted.
- Roadside trees reduce nearby indoor air pollution by more than 50%.

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