

Hello All,

Summer has won, and decisively. It's also the 12th week of Covid-19 quarantine. The situation with Covid-19 guidelines is slowly changing. These sites (<https://covid19.colorado.gov/> , <https://www.bouldercounty.org/families/disease/covid-19/>, <https://bouldercolorado.gov/coronavirus>) have updates.

We hope that all are well, and coping. These words from April are still relevant: *If you are in need of assistance with coping with the restrictions, or if you know of someone in the neighborhood who is in need, please let me know. This page at the Boulder Daily Camera is focused on older people, but has resources that apply to all ages and is updated often.*

For people like me, who have some resources to share, there are a number of ways to assist people who are struggling with these restrictions. Again, the Boulder Daily Camera has a list.

One Organization is feedthefrontlines, helping feed health care workers and supporting local restaurants. Our Local Caffe Sole is supporting Sister Carmen Foodbank as is one of our homeowners (100 food items were collected in the HOA in the last couple of weeks -- Many Thanks to to you all) . Community Foundation Boulder County is working with many aspects of the impact on the less fortunate. There are likely more, and I would like to hear about them.

The HOA is financially sound, and work on the summer projects will be starting. Because of Covid-19-related delays, and damage done by the Easter freeze, we are reassessing our scope of work. There are several large, dying cottonwoods slated for removal, and we now have some Green Ash in our common areas showing extensive damage and disease. We will address as many of these as possible. We will likely do the work later in the season when the ground is drier and there will be less harm from heavy equipment in our grassy spaces.

Last year, we limbed up evergreens in our common areas that were hanging into flammable grasses, and this year we are ready to begin phase 2 of our work toward better neighborhood wildfire resiliency by either removing or cutting back overgrown and highly flammable junipers in parking islands that are in immediate proximity to tall pines. We won't be able to take care of everything this year, but we will start on the most urgent items.

In line with our policy of not using toxics anywhere in the neighborhood, we're again relying on a vinegar and salt solution to tackle weeds growing in our rocky parking islands and along street edges. Merilee Eggleston will be doing the application, so if you see her out with a pump sprayer, rest easy that she is not using Roundup.

Fence repair is starting -- is there a fence between your property and the common area that has a loose post or broken rail? If it's not tagged with an orange ribbon, please let us know so that repair can go into the queue.

Our HOA is operated by volunteers: The Board of Directors, the Architectural Review Committee, the Landscape Committee, and people who just volunteer to do things such as organizing repairs, maintaining the website (Thank You Marcy Cameron), arranging common space cleanups and hosting community parties. The Board of Directors has officers for Treasurer (Don Middleton), and President (Bob Evans, me) plus at large member, Helen Petach. The Secretary position is open and especially important. The wording of the By-laws suggests that the Board of Directors can operate with as few as three people -- if no one else volunteers, we will have to cover the duties of the Secretary as we can. A few more people on the board would be very helpful.

Typically, the annual meeting with voting for officers has been held in-person in March or April. The situation in which we are operating now makes it difficult to hold an in-person annual meeting and conduct a formal, secret ballot. We have options. Many of you now are likely familiar with Zoom and other web-based meeting services. Shortly, we hope to have learned enough to schedule an online meeting with voting.

Take care, and stay well,
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