



Otter Pond September 2025

I have found myself so thankful for all of you, lately. The many of you that share your passion and skills to make our neighborhood so special. Thank you to all of you that give your best for those around you! The change in the aspens and the air is coming! Mindy and I have really enjoyed smelling the air after it rains: the pleasantly stringent spice that it holds. As the season changes, you will see that there are lots of things happening.

Shout Out!

- To the Musser kids (Mabel and Hogan) as well as Eleanor Galusha for generously over-serving all of us ice cream at the boat house gathering. What fun it was to hang out and catch up with you all!
- Carrie Galusha gave an extra shout out to Tina Davis for organizing the much beloved ice cream social.
- Carrie Galusha wished to say thank you to Danielle Musser and Valerie Harper in getting every thing set up.
- Thanks to Dave Beard for volunteering many sweaty hours in Otter Pond Park fixing the irrigation, for climbing trees (!) to remove dead branches, pulling weeds and moving border rocks at the spillway, fixing the irrigation pump at the tennis courts including electrical work. Dave's busy efforts led him to accidentally discover last month's free coffee card taped to the garage door of the boathouse. What a fantastic hiding spot that was!
- Kevin Dawson painted the shutters on the boathouse. Thank you Kevin!



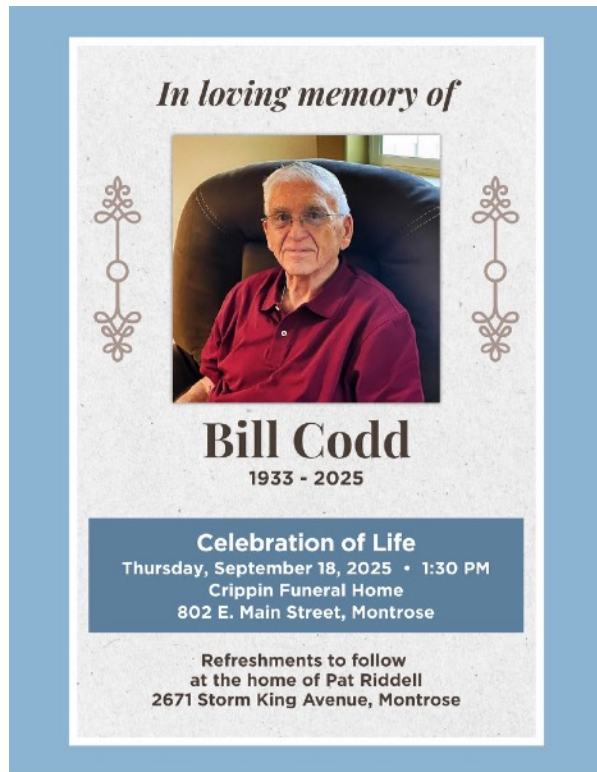
- Have someone in mind that deserves a shoutout? Share it with me and we will make sure to do so.

Also from the President

- You may have seen the banner at the rec center: the Montrose Recreation Foundation's Black Canyon Triathlon will be going through the neighborhood 09/27/25. Anticipate some brief interruption to your routine with traffic, cones, bikes, and runners.

Neighborhood happenings:

- Get yourselves and your unwanted things gathered for the NEXT neighborhood garage sale on September 13 from 8:00 till 4:00 (or so).
- We will put the sign out early that morning to direct people in to check out the wares
- On a sad note, Bill Codd, long time and previous resident at 2014 Otter Pond



Circle passed away on August 25. Bill was one of the original owners in the neighborhood. He bought the plot, found a handsome and unique brick design, had it built, and lived there until his health needs led to his selling it and moving to a nearby care facility.

- Please refer to the image for details on Bill's celebration of life.

Dam Update:

- No updates.

Committee Reports

Architectural Review Board (ARB) chaired by Janene Beard:

- Stacy LaMourey, newly moved to 2007 Otter Pond Circle, has joined the committee. Thank you Stacy!

Social Committee chaired by Carrie Galusha and Tina Davis:

- Check the social committee's facebook page for photos. <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/169naJhhHp/>
- We have asked that the Sept 13 garage sale be announced on the facebook page.

Pond Committee chaired by Valerie Harper:

- Valerie Harper and Dave Beard replaced the fans and got the aeration compressor up and running for the pond. Thank you!
- The pond's water was re-tested after the positive escherichia coli test. It was back at levels considered safe.

Boathouse Committee chaired by Ryan and Amber Potter:

- No updates.

Open Space chaired by Janene Beard:

- If something looks like it isn't getting water, if there is a broken sprinkler, please let Janene know ASAP at 858-354-7343.
- Dave Beard managed to call the city and get the brush mowed along the far south end of the neighborhood. Dave then cleaned up the residual mess on the sidewalk. Thank you Dave!
- Christina Files (Otter Pond President) also asked that you check your trees for bag worms. Getting them removed early discourages their spread to adjacent trees. According to my reading about bagworms in Colorado, they really like pine and juniper trees.
- A link about how to spot and contend with bagworms is [here](#).
- Photo of their 'bags' is below.



Please see the OtterPondHOA.com for all updates on all agendas and board meeting minutes.

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Regards,

Your friendly volunteer HOA board members:

Christina Files - president

Kevin Dawson- vice president

Mindy Clagett - secretary

Vanessa Stratton- treasurer

Reserve Committee chaired by Dave Beard:

- No updates

Financial Committee chaired by Kevin Sanderford:

- No updates

Bookkeeping chaired by Vanessa Stratton:

- No updates

Neighborhood Watch chaired by Alma Buis and Frances Pink:

- No updates

Ditches and Irrigation chaired by Tadd King:

- No updates

Otter Pond Chairpersons:

Tadd King - ditches

Tina Davis and Carrie Galusha - social

Vanessa Stratton- bookkeeper

Tom Clagett - newsletter

Kevin Sanderford - finance committee

Valerie Harper - pond and silt pond

Amber and Ryan Potter - boathouse

Janene Beard - architectural review board

Alma Buis and Frances Pink - neighborhood watch

