



Otter Pond January 2025

Sorry it's a little late to start the year. The holidays keep us all busy. Happy new year to all of you! My hope is that 2025 gives each of you a chance to further build community and friendships in Montrose as well as in our tiny neighborhood

Shout Out!

- We have some new volunteers! Vanessa Stratton at 1815 Otter Pond Circle. Thank you for your enthusiasm and willingness to serve!

Request:

- We still need another volunteer member on the board! Your neighbors need your wisdom and insight and you need to serve your community! Ask me why or read 'Bowling Alone' by Robert Putnam to understand how vital connection with your neighbors is. You can't decide you are too busy or too old or too retired to serve your neighborhood. If you need proof, look at the volunteers we currently have.
- We need more handymen to share their wisdom and tools to fix stuff around here.
- In a whimsical attempt to increase readership, a free coffee at the Looney Bean is available to the person that finds the clue in this letter and then finds the gift card hidden in the neighborhood.

Neighborhood updates to remember:

- The annual meeting is January 14th at 6:00pm
- The meeting address is

- CMU Campus, Cascade Hall 245 South Cascade Ave, Montrose, CO 81401
- To be redundant and also to be excessively facilitatory, you may have noticed that the following digital items are included in this email as well.
 - Meeting announcement
 - Proxy form
 - Meeting agenda

Also from the President

- There will be time to chat with neighbors at the beginning.
- If you are new, the meeting location isn't hard to find but ask one of us if you want help finding it.

Neighborhood happenings:

- Please join me in welcoming Matt and Janine Iredell, new neighbors at 2032 Otter Pond Circle. They are active in their 60s and they own and operate 5 RV parks in Colorado. Closest is the Meadows of San Juan Resort. It is 7 miles south of town. They enjoy kayaking and travel. They may still be in Puerto Rico as I send this out but please stop by and say hello.

Dam Update:

- No updates, probably will remove the 'dam updates' section of this letter

Committee Reports

Architectural Review Board (ARB) chaired by Janene Beard:

- Please do not feed the ducks and geese. You know who you are.
- If you need to feed someone, why not share a hot beverage with one of your neighbors at the gazebo?

Social Committee chaired by Carrie Galusha and Tina Davis :

- A big thank you to the Sylvester family for hosting the beloved Christmas party
- Thank you to Ginger Bollinger for hosting the cookie exchange
- Thank you to Tina Davis for organizing these things as well as the horse drawn carriage ride!
- We are so lucky to have both of you organizing these fun events for all of us!

Pond Committee chaired by Valerie Harper:

- The study is back and the October testing results show that e coli levels are highest in the silt retention pond but not at dangerous levels. The further from the silt retention pond, the lower the coli level, suspended solids, and turbidity

Boathouse Committee chaired by Ryan and Amber Potter:

- No updates

Open Space chaired by Lois Sailors:

- No updates

Reserve Committee chaired by Dave Beard:

- No updates

Financial Committee currently un-chaired:

- No updates

Bookkeeping chaired by Tammi Padilla:

- Invoices for annual dues will be emailed, be on the look-out

Neighborhood Watch chaired by Alma Buis and Frances Pink:

- Nothing to report

Ditches and Irrigation chaired by Tadd King:

- No updates



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
 VACANT- vice president
 Mindy Clagett - secretary
 Valerie Harper - treasurer
 Tammi Padilla - member at large

Otter Pond Chairpersons:

Tadd King - ditches
 Tina Davis and Carrie Galusha - social
 Tammi Padilla - bookkeeper
 Tom Clagett - newsletter
 Valerie Harper - pond and silt pond
 Amber and Ryan Potter - boathouse
 Janene Beard - architectural review board
 Alma Buis and Frances Pink - neighborhood watch