

Founders NEIGHBORS

A publication for
FOUNDERS VILLAGE
Residents



March 2025

Member Notification Information

COMMUNITY LEGAL NAME:

Founders Village Master Association, Inc.

DATE DECLARATION RECORDED:

August 12, 1985

FISCAL YEAR: January - December

ASSESSMENT:

\$55 (billed quarterly)

ASSESSMENT INCLUDES:

Community Center, Pool, Social Activities, Covenant Enforcement, Trash Disposal, Newsletter

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE:

PCMS Management Company
7208 S. Tucson Way, Suite 125
Centennial, CO 80112
303-224-0004 Office
303-224-0002 Fax

DOCUMENTS:

The Master Declaration Of Covenants and Residential Improvement Guidelines can be viewed at the Founders Village website at:

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See forms located in the columns on the left.

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Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks

It is the homeowner's responsibility to remove snow and ice from all sidewalks adjacent to their property within 48 hours of the end of any snow, sleet or freezing rain. Failure to do so in the specified time frame is a violation of the Town's Municipal Code and can result in a fine to the homeowner.

Snow left on walks turns into ice and makes for hazardous walking conditions for neighbors, including school children and the elderly. Once notice of violation is given to the homeowner, any snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours. After that time, the Town may make arrangements to have it cleared at the resident's expense.

Individuals can also reduce the potential for ice by shoveling snow into their yard after a storm rather than into streets and gutters.

More information on snow and ice removal can be found in section 10.01.020 of the Parker Municipal Code.

Street Snow Removal Reminder:

As a reminder, the street snow removal in the community is provided by the Town of Castle Rock. Additional information can be found on their website at

<https://www.crgov.com/1835/Snow-Information>

2025 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

The Founders Village Master Association Board of Directors meetings are the 3rd Thursday of February, May, August and November. Please email PCMS at Corpoffice@pcms.net if you would like confirmation of the Zoom meeting login details. Be sure to include the address of the property you own when **requesting this information**.

May 15, 2025-6:00 PM | August 21, 2025-6:00 PM

November 20, 2025-6:00 PM-Annual Membership & Budget Ratification Meetings-Please refer to the annual notice, which will be mailed to all homeowners of record, for detailed information, including login details and instructions. This notice will be sent approximately 30 days prior to the meeting date.

For the most up-to-date meeting information, please visit the community website found at: www.FoundersMasterHOA.com.

Castle Rock's complete guide to snow removal

The Town of Castle Rock strives to be a pedestrian-friendly place, and clearing snow and ice from sidewalks is an essential part of making walking safe. Even the most meager snowfall, left unshoveled, can melt and refreeze; the resulting sheet of ice becomes a slipping hazard. Wet, slick, and icy sidewalks are treacherous for passers-by, and property owners are responsible for minimizing this risk. The unpredictability and constant changes in temperature mean preparation is key. Below are a few things you need to know about snow this season.

What are residents responsible for clearing? Town Code requires all property owners and/or tenants to remove snow and ice from sidewalks, curbs and gutters – within 48 hours of each snow event, with 2 inches or more of accumulation, even when the sidewalks are behind or outside the rear and/or side yard fences. If you live on a corner, snow removal is required on both sidewalks – in the front and on the side of your property. Below are a few tips to make the job of snow and ice removal go more smoothly this season:

- Shoveling early, before the snow becomes densely packed, will help prevent snow from compacting into ice.
- Ice buildup commonly occurs when snow is not cleared from curbs and gutters. Make a gully in the area between the curb and the street to encourage the free flow of melting snow/water.
- Remove slush after snow and ice have melted, to further prevent ice buildup.
- Pile snow in landscaped areas for winter watering.
- Pushing snow into the street is prohibited, can cause safety issues, and will likely be pushed back into your driveway by a snowplow.
- Once the snow is out of the way, use sand or gravel to provide better traction. Salt/ice-melt is also effective, but has a narrow operating temperature range and isn't very environmentally friendly.



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When can I expect snowplows in my neighborhood? Streets are classified as either primary or residential streets, based on function, traffic volume and importance to the community. Primary streets are then split into first and second priority, and residential streets are split into third and fourth priorities. From November 15 to March 15, the Town plows residential streets after primary roadways, when the accumulation of snow on the roads is 4 inches or more.

In an emergency, seconds count! Keeping hydrants free of ice and snow assures the fire department has quick access. If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, please clear a three-foot radius around the hydrant as well as a path to the street.

Can I leave my car parked on the street when it snows? Snowplows need space to work safely; parked vehicles and other roadway obstructions can affect plowing operations. To reduce the risk of damage, follow the tips below:

- Move vehicles off the street when snow is expected.
- The best location for your trash and recycling containers is at the end of the driveway or curb, not in the roadway; if left in the street, plows may come in contact with them.
- If you are planning a project and having the materials delivered, place them on your driveway; Town Code prohibits the placement of materials on any public right-of-way, including streets, alleys, sidewalks or easement.

Got ice? Residents can request ice-breaking in a specific area via email at Roads@CRgov.com or by phone at 720-733-2462. Public Works will evaluate and prioritize treatment based on the severity of the ice buildup and the traffic volume in the area. With the number of sunny days in Colorado, some icy areas will be left to melt on their own.

Do you need help removing snow? Senior citizens and persons with disabilities who are unable to clear snow from their sidewalks may receive assistance from Aging Resources of Douglas County. It is a free assistance and referral program for qualified seniors that need help with light maintenance and chores. To learn more, call 303-814-4300 or email ardc@douglas.co.us.

What if my neighbors don't shovel the snow on the sidewalk? Lean in to kindness and help your neighbors this season. If you are up to it, help a neighbor by shoveling their sidewalk.

Report A Problem: If it has been more than 48 hours and the sidewalks near you are still not shoveled, please call 720-733-3557 or send an email to zoning@CRgov.com to provide the address of the un-shoveled sidewalk.

Still have questions? Throughout snow season, visit CRgov.com/Snow for more information on snow operations, reach out to Public Works via email at Roads@CRgov.com, or call 720-733-2462.

Thank you for doing your part in keeping Castle Rock's sidewalks free of snow and ice, pedestrian-friendly, and safe!

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Saddle Rock North	663	\$25
Saddle Rock East/South	1,566	\$25
Murphy Creek	1,400	\$20
The Farm	1,500	\$10
Willow Creek 1, 2, and 3		
Willow Creek 1, 2, and 3	1,629	\$35
Foxridge	1,000	\$25
Hunters Hill	275	\$10
Sapphire Pointe		
Sapphire Pointe	800	\$15
Founders Village	2,200	\$15
Colliers Hill (Erie)		
Colliers Hill (Erie)	1,686	\$25

How do I place a classified ad?

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 **DEADLINE 20th**

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Trash & Recycling 2025 Calendar

 Recycle logo indicates recycle week

Trash carts must be out at 7am until 7pm | Trash Pick-up on Thursdays*highlighted | Recycling every other week

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HOLIDAYS: Trash pick up will be moved to the following day if pick up day falls on or after a holiday during the week.

New Year's Day - Jan 1st - Falls on a Wednesday (service starts Thursday)

Memorial Day - May 26th - Falls on a Monday (service starts Tuesday)

Independence Day - July 4th - Falls on a Friday (Friday is moved to Saturday)

Labor Day - Sept 1st - Falls on a Monday service starts Tuesday

Thanksgiving - Nov 27th - Falls on a Thursday (Thursday is moved to Friday)

Christmas - Dec 25th - Falls on a Thursday service starts Friday

Please

Empty and rinse all containers

Place recyclables loose and unbagged in your curbside recycling container

Flatten all cardboard and paperboard boxes

Place your recycling container 4 feet from parked cars and other obstacles

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

For the health and safety of our workers, please make sure all recyclable materials in your curbside bins are washed out and clean and follow the below guidelines.

ACCEPTABLE RECYCLING ITEMS

What items CAN be recycled?

Paper

Mixed paper | Newspapers, magazines, and catalogs | Cardboard
Cartons | Paperboard | Phonebooks and paperback books

Plastics

Rigid plastic | Bottles and containers | Plastics #1-7

NO FOOD RESIDUE, NO PLASTIC BAGS, NO STYROFOAM, NO HARD PLASTIC ITEMS- TOYS, PVC PIPE, FLOWER POTS, ETC.

Metals

Aluminum cans, foil, and pie plates | Steel cans
Loose metal jar lids and bottle caps

Glass NO FOOD RESIDUE

We are now accepting clean and washed out glass in your curbside recycling bin.

NOT ACCEPTABLE RECYCLING ITEMS

What items CAN NOT be recycled?

Please **DO NOT** place the following products in your curbside recycling container.
NO GARBAGE | NO PLASTIC BAGS | NO PLASTIC FILM | NO STYROFOAM®

NO PLASTIC BAGS OR FILM: We cannot accept plastic bags in your curbside recycling bin. Plastic bags can be recycled at most local grocery stores.

NO NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTICS: We accept plastics #1-7 but there are some plastics that are not recyclable. These products include Styrofoam, hard plastic items including toys, plastic chairs, flower pots, PVC pipes and any other plastic products that are not listed in these guidelines.

NO LIQUIDS OR FOOD RESIDUE: Please completely empty and rinse out all containers before recycling.

NO CERAMICS OR OTHER GLASS PRODUCTS: Do not place glass, ceramics, china, dishes, mirrors, light bulbs, Pyrex, porcelain, or window glass in your curbside recycling container.

NO SCRAP METAL: Do not place scrap metal items of any size in your curbside recycling container.

NO ELECTRONICS: Do not place electronic devices in your curbside recycling container.
NO HAZARDOUS WASTE: We do not accept hazardous waste such as oil-based paint, automotive fluids, car batteries, fertilizers or pesticides. Latex paint recycling locations can be found on PaintCare.org.

The Ridgehouse at Founders Village Calendar

Phone: (720) 733-2778 | Email: fvridgehouse@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Complaint Procedure

Who May Submit Complaints? Complaints regarding alleged violations of the Covenants, Design Guidelines or Rules and Regulations may be reported by members of the Board of Directors, members of the Community or the Association's Manager.

How Complaints Should Be Submitted. Complaints by a member of the community shall be in writing and must include a contact name and email address or phone number in case there is an inquiry from the Board or management office regarding the complaint submitted. Anonymous complaints will not be accepted. Your name and contact information will not be provided to the person you have made a complaint about; it is only needed for the management team. The member must have observed the alleged violation and shall contain the nature of the alleged violation, the location of the alleged violation and the date it was observed, photos are very helpful. A complaint may also be submitted by any member of the Board of Directors or by the Association Manager after a walk through or inspection of the Community.

You may send your concerns to PCMS via email at support@pcms.net or via fax at 303-224-0002.

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DEADLINE

March 20th

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Founders Teen Services

Teen Services Update: If you have previously registered your teenager for the Teen Services listing in the newsletter publication and your teen is no longer interested in having their name listed or has moved out of the community, please send an email to corpoffice@pcms.net and request that your teens name be removed from the list. The Association has received a few calls indicating that they have tried calling several of the teens listed and were told they are now at college or moved, etc.
List updated October 2024.

To add your name to Teen Services please contact corpoffice@pcms.net.
Give your name, street, telephone and the services you provide.

Name	Phone #	Baby Sitting	Red Cross Certified	Pet Sitting	House Sitting	Lawn & Chores	Snow Removal
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Ethan Bernacki	303-386-0046			✓	✓	✓	✓
Katie Bernacki	303-386-0047	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Jenny Berson	303-814-1535			✓			
Abby Brown	208-283-6360					✓	✓
Gabriel Clifton	720-427-2191			✓	✓	✓	✓
Petra Dobat	719-648-8635	✓		✓			
Amber Dorr	720-733-8324	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Raya Ellis	970-531-8111	✓	✓				
Sean Galfi, 15	720-822-8040			✓			
Eva Gama Gallagher	720-416-9629	✓	✓				
Maddy Glass	720-290-1792	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Liam Hanks	720-937-1067			✓	✓		✓
Lindsay Harrison	303-656-6335	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Kyle Hawkins	303-618-5308					✓	
Alex Heintzelman	303-814-2002			✓		✓	
Casey Helget	303-483-5299			✓		✓	
Luke Helget	303-483-5299			✓		✓	
Eamon Jensen	303-591-9286				✓	✓	✓
Kat Julseth	303-660-1281	✓		✓	✓		
Alyssa Lang	720-733-8691	✓	✓				
Kaylee LeKander	303-886-7793	✓					
Lucas Lockwood	720-364-9272			✓		✓	✓
Sierra Martin	720-550-0408	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Caity Matz	720-346-8126	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Abbie Matz	720-346-8126	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Camilla McFarlin	720-672-0690	✓	✓				
Kayla McNeil	303-660-8204	✓		✓	✓		
Sage NeRoy	740-527-3870	✓	✓	✓			
Phoenix Nielsen-	720-232-5706	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Daniel Rudolph	303-882-8473			✓	✓	✓	
Dayja Shaw	970-624-7831	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tyler Slatten	303-859-7268			✓	✓	✓	
Shelby Tague	720-789-0954	✓					
Camden Truhler	720-525-2859	✓	✓				
Jonathan Wade	303-660-5423	✓	✓	✓			
Christianna Wahl	303-306-8117	✓		✓			
Kloey Wells	918-841-8206	✓		✓	✓		
Kiera Willford	303-518-6720	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Celeste Zarpate	303-910-1624	✓		✓	✓		
Weston Zelem	303-880-8140			✓			



Shamrock or Clover – What is the Difference?

The month of March often brings to mind all things green - the first shoots of spring bulbs and leaves starting to emerge, leprechauns, green beer, and shamrocks. You may already be familiar with the shamrock because of its connections to St. Patrick’s Day, and mistake it for a lucky four-leaf clover.

The shamrock of Irish lore hails from its connection to the patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick. Legend has it that during his attempts to convert the Irish to Christianity, he used the three leaves of the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity of Christianity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It has become the most commonly recognized symbol of Ireland.

Shamrocks and clover are often confused as being the same thing due to their similar appearance and leaf formations. Although the name Shamrock comes from the Irish word “seamrog” and literally means “young clover,” the plants you’ll see in stores this time of years labeled as shamrocks are actually not clovers at all! They are a member of the Oxalis genus and come from the wood-sorrel family of plants. They are not even close relatives of clover. Oxalis grow from small bulbs or tubers and have a shallow root system. Over 500 different varieties are available, but most spring Oxalis has delicate white blooms and distinctive 3-part triangular or heart-shaped leaves, sporting rich shades of color – from intense greens to saturated maroons to some variegated varieties. You will also rarely find types with an extra leaf just like the lucky four-leaf clover.

True clovers can have leaves divided in two, three or sometimes four leaflets. Clover leaves are somewhat oval-shaped and have small “teeth” along the edges. And while finding a four-leaf clover usually means good luck, finding a plethora of clover in your lawn can mean quite another thing – or not.

Many homeowners dread the sight of clover in their otherwise weed-free lawn, and consider it a nuisance. However, countless others love clover and plant it on purpose, with the intent of saving on fertilizer costs, helping pollinators, or both. One thing clover won’t do is save water—it has the same water requirements as typical lawn grasses like Kentucky Bluegrass.

Clovers are perennials of the genus Trifolium (Latin for three leaves!) which includes over 300 species. They are members of the legume/pea family. The most common variety we see in lawns is the white clover. It has true green leaves, sometimes with a faint pattern on top, and blooms with compact flower heads that can range from white to pink in color. This hardy, low-growing species can spread quickly. White clover mixes well with Kentucky bluegrass, fescues, and perennial ryegrass, making it a perfect companion for your lawn if you choose to combine them.

Although they are perennials in their native ranges, shamrocks are much more well known and grown here in the US as beautiful houseplants. These cheery blooming plants can easily be grown at home. As a bonus, the leaves of shamrock plants perform their own daily “dance.” The leaves fully open when the sun is present, but react to the absence of sunlight by closing at night or when it is overcast. In daylight, you will also often see the stalks stretch toward the sun or the leaves move to face as much sunlight as they can.

A deep purple variety of this plant is sometimes available as well, often referred to as “false shamrock,” or “butterfly plant” due to its leaf shape mimicking butterfly wings. Its striking appearance and color make it a popular choice as a houseplant or to include in an indoor .

Although shamrocks and clover have some definite differences, we can all appreciate their similarities and the attractive features of these two green harbingers of spring!

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Presented by Cindy Brennan

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Presented by Annette Burke Lyttle

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