



A publication for
FOUNDERS VILLAGE
 Residents



April 2025

Member Notification Information

COMMUNITY LEGAL NAME:
 Founders Village Master Association, Inc.

DATE DECLARATION RECORDED:
 August 12, 1985

FISCAL YEAR: January - December

ASSESSMENT:
 \$110 semi-annually
 Due January and July 1st

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:
www.foundersmasterhoa.com
 See forms located in the columns on the left.



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Founders Neighbors

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April 20th

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Ridge House Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 4pm-8pm
 Thursday 10am-2pm
 Friday 2pm-6pm
 Saturday 12pm-6pm
 Sunday 10am-4:00pm

**The Ridge House will be closed on Sunday, April 20th - Easter*

Fitness Classes

Tuesday & Wednesday at 5pm
ZUMBA

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm
MARTIAL ARTS – RESIDENTS ONLY

Thursday at 11am
BUTTS & GUTS

Community Easter Egg Hunt:

Join neighbors and friends for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring your own basket and visit with the Easter Bunny. Enjoy the egg hunt and bounce houses. Perk up Truck will be there offering coffee, muffins, smoothies, and more.

Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.



Egg hunt times:

- 10:00 am – Ages 3 and under
- 10:15 am – Ages 4-6
- 10:30 am – Ages 7-9
- 10:45 am – Ages 10 and up

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Founder's Village Summer/Pool Access

Summer will be here before we know it! All residents must complete an address verification prior to receiving the registration link for the access system. Stop in at the Ridge House with proof of residency (driver's license, utility bill, lease, mortgage statement, etc.) and we will provide you with the registration link. (If you have previously done this you do not need to do it again.) Current business hours at the Ridge House are:

Mon-Wed 4-8 pm | Thurs 10 am - 2 pm | Fri 2-6 pm | Sat 12-6 pm | Sun 10 am - 4 pm

Email the Ridge House at fvrighthouse@gmail.com or call us at 720-733-2778 with any questions.

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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.

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

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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
April 2025		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 No Zumba class today Martial Arts 6pm	9 Zumba 5 pm Martial Arts 6pm	10 Buts&Guts 11 am	11	12 <i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>
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ADVERTISING DEADLINE

April 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.

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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			✓			



Native, drought tolerant, invasive, and more: Making sense of ambiguous plant terms

Like colors or garden styles, plant terminology tends to flow with the times. While some terms originated with particular scientific meanings, others are marketing terms, and many of the same terms are used across a range of fields with slightly (or very) different meanings. Confusion is a likely outcome. If you find yourself flummoxed by plant terms, here's a helpful primer.

What are native plants? Saying that a plant is native to an area typically means that it grows there without any direct modern or historic human intervention. In North America, this

usually means without European intervention specifically.

“Native plants” are usually thought of as belonging to a region, whether it be natural (like an EPA eco-region) or geopolitical (like a state or county). Plants that have grown in one place for a long time are likely to be well integrated into the local ecology, though it's important to define time scales as well.

For example, many species of trees that would now be considered “exotic” in Colorado are well represented in the fossil record here. Are these species “native plants?” It depends on your perspective.

What are adapted plants? An “adapted plant” is one that grows well in the local soil and climatic conditions with minimal (if any) assistance from a gardener.

Adapted plants can be from anywhere and include both “native” and “non-native” species. Adaptation typically refers to whether or not a plant will thrive in a specific site. For example, aspens may be regarded as native on the Front Range, but they are not adapted to most residential landscapes. Blue grama grass, on the other hand, is both native and (usually) adapted.

What are drought-tolerant plants and what does drought-tolerant mean? Drought-tolerant is a quality that refers to a plant's ability to survive and

grow with limited natural water availability. Drought-tolerant plants are varieties that grow well in the absence of rain (i.e., a drought). However, this definition ought to include supplemental water from gardeners, too because anything can tolerate an absence of rain if you water it!

Because rainfall patterns vary across the world, so do the plants that could be considered drought-tolerant.

A plant that could grow well in the eastern United States with only natural precipitation could struggle in the dry, western states without regular doses of irrigation. Some plants tolerate drought by going dormant (read: “becoming ugly”). Don't take “drought-tolerant” at face value, instead ask specific questions about how much water a plant really needs to stay healthy.

What are xeriscape plants or xeric plants?

“Xeric” comes from the Greek word for dry. When used to describe plants, it usually means they originated in relatively dry parts of the world. Xeric plants could be native or non-native, and may or may not require at least some supplemental irrigation. The goal of using xeric plants is to use less water. However, defining what “less” means is important here if saving water is one of your landscape goals.!

What are water-wise plants? Many people equate water-wise with “xeric” but the term has yet to officially make it into the dictionary, making it the slipperiest of all.

The term is perhaps most appropriately applied to whole gardens rather than individual plants. A water-wise garden is one that uses no more water than absolutely necessary for plant health. Regardless of how much that actually is, it's not “too much.” Note again the need to define a scale and the subjective nature of the term. (Seeing a pattern yet?)

What are invasive weeds? A weed is any plant that grows where you don't want it, especially if it spreads and becomes hard to control.

The term “invasive weeds” usually refers to weeds that are from far outside your local area and that spread rapidly. Note that both of these terms (invasive and weed) are subjective in this context, and require someone's judgement. There are not strict rules about these labels, and different people use them in different ways.

However, as it relates to weeds, the term “noxious” is regulated by both state and federal agencies. In 1996 the Colorado Noxious Weed Act (Title 35, Article 5.5) defined a “noxious weed” as:

An alien plant or parts of an alien plant that have been designated by rule as being noxious or has been declared a noxious weed by a local advisory board, and meets one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) Aggressively invades or is detrimental to economic crops or native plant communities;
- (b) Is poisonous to livestock;
- (c) Is a carrier of detrimental insects, diseases, or parasites;
- (d) The direct or indirect effect of the presence of this plant is detrimental to the environmentally sound management of natural or agricultural ecosystems.

It's illegal to sell noxious weeds, but they may end up in natural areas and gardens by accident and through natural spread. More information about Colorado Noxious Weeds can be found here.

Key takeaways: As you can see, whether a plant is labeled native, adapted, xeric, drought-tolerant, invasive, or even a weed often depends on context, perspective, and interpretation. These terms evolve over time and vary depending on who's using them—scientists, gardeners, marketers, or policymakers. Rather than getting caught up in rigid definitions, it's helpful to think critically about what each term means in your specific gardening situation. What matters most is understanding how a plant will behave in your landscape, how much care it will require, and whether it aligns with your gardening goals. With that knowledge, you can make informed decisions that benefit both your garden and the surrounding environment.



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Thursday, April 3, 2025 - 10 AM to 12 PM
Land Records: Rich Resources for Relationships
Presented by Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL

Land and deed records were created by ancestors during the colonial era, from state-land-states, in federal lands, and as military bounties. They are full of relationships, residences, and some surprises too! Rebecca Whitman Koford holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and as a Certified Genealogical LecturerSM. She focuses on research in Maryland, Upstate New York, Virginia, the District of Columbia, colonial records, military records from the Revolution through the Civil War, federal records at the National Archives (D.C.), and land records of all types. She has published articles in the NGS Magazine, APG Magazine, SAR Magazine, and the Maryland Genealogical Society Journal and is co-author of the NGS Research in the States series book on Maryland. Login, then Class Registration at <https://www.crcgs.org>



Saturday, April 12, 2025 - 10 AM to 12 PM
Tools to Research Your French Canadian Ancestors
Presented by Johanne Gervais

With the right tools, searching for your French Canadian ancestors in Quebec has never been easier. This session will provide an overview of the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ) online website, the BMS2000, the Programme de recherche en démographie historique (PRDH), Genealogy Quebec, and the Fichier Origine databases. The most common and useful features of each database will be explained. Johanne Gervais worked for over 25 years at various large companies in Montreal, Québec implementing computer business systems. She has her own company Quebec Family Search (www.quebecfamilysearch.com) providing research assistance in heir searches and tracing families in Quebec back to their country of origin. She recently provided research for Season 9 of Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates Jr. Register for Programs/Events at <https://www.crcgs.org>

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TUESDAY EVENING - SHARE: ZOOM - Everyone Welcome. Join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month (except Holidays) from 7 PM to 9 PM. A collaborative discussion of your successes and challenges. Join us for more fun in the evening of Support, Help, And Research Experience