



## CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE COLORADO

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### 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Friday, December 4, 2020 at 9:00am

**This meeting is being held electronically with no in-person attendance at City Hall.**

To provide oral comments during Audience Participation: Please email Parks & Recreation Coordinator Emily Black **by 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** at [ebblack@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:ebblack@cherryhillsvillage.com) with your full name and home address. You will receive an email with the electronic meeting information.

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- 1) City website – [City Council Videos, Agendas, Packets, Minutes](#)
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9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Members
3. Audience Participation Period (limit 5 minutes per speaker)
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of November 13, 2020 Minutes
5. Items Removed From Consent Agenda
6. Unfinished Business
  - a. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Articles
  - b. Date for the next meeting
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

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Minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado  
Monday, November 13, 2020  
The meeting was held electronically

9:05 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Co-Chairs Dino Maniatis and Thomas Barry, Committee Members: Doug Tisdale, Nancy Wyman, and Michael Robb were present. Also present were Director of Finance Jessica Sager, Administrative Assistant Pamela Broyles, and Parks and Recreation Coordinator Emily Black.

Absent: Laura Christman

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

There was no audience participation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Doug Tisdale moved to approve the October 19, 2020 minutes, seconded by Committee Member Nancy Wyman. The motion passed unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Articles

Coordinator Black shared an image of the proposed historic photographic display that Co-Chair Barry designed for City Hall. The display included 12 historic photos surrounding a large 1963 aerial photo of the City.

Co-Chair Barry explained the legend underneath the large aerial map with colored dots will be used to mark ten points of interest. He said the surrounding historic photos will be mounted on aluminum backing so the integrity of the photos can be preserved. He described placards that will be under each photograph with the year and a few words referencing what the photo is.

Co-Chair Barry stated that there will be another display on the opposite wall in City Hall that will include a visual timeline matching the article in The Villager newspaper.

Committee Member Wyman noted there is a photo of St. Mary's Academy under construction in Cherry Hills Village that she believes would be more appropriate than the photo of St. Mary's Academy in Denver. She also suggested pointing out the major thoroughfares on the map such as Quincy, Colorado, Holly, University and Clarkson to help orient people with where the landmarks are.

Co-Chair Maniatis stated that he has a photo of St. Mary's Academy that he will swap out. He said he will also delineate the major streets on the map.

Committee Member Tisdale agreed that delineating the major streets will help people navigate the aerial photo. He suggested indicating Hampden, University, Belleview, Quincy, Colorado, Clarkson and Happy Canyon on the map itself.

Co-Chair Barry asked for clarification on how the lines would be placed on the map to show the streets.

Co-Chair Maniatis said he would call the photo lab to verify what material could be safely used on the photo and removed without damaging the image.

The Committee agreed not to mark the entire length of the street, but to place a small label with the street name on the map.

Co-Chair Maniatis shared an image of a map legend with a list of 26 landmarks for the Committee to view and determine if they should be included on the map in addition to the ten points of interest.

Committee Member Wyman suggested that addresses should be included on the placard below the photos.

Committee Member Tisdale suggested the locations of photos on the wall should also be noted on the map. He pointed out that there are three photos of the Village Club and suggested swapping a few of the photos for diversity.

Co-Chair Barry suggested putting the colored dot on the placard that then corresponds with the map. He also recommended switching to a numerical system instead of the colored dots as it will be difficult to find that many colors.

Co-Chair Barry will work on the edits including swapping out photographs and incorporating the list of 26 points of interest that Co-Chair Maniatis shared.

Committee Member Tisdale noted the Committee could get some historical still shots of Quincy Farm from a past video that the City has the rights to. He also suggested that the display should include a photo of the High Line Canal. He referred to a student

photo competition of the High Line Canal and said there were some great photos used in the video that could be incorporated.

Director Sager volunteered to reach out to the High Line Canal Conservancy to see if they have any photos that can be used in the display.

Coordinator Black said she would also share some historical photos of Quincy Farm.

The Committee agreed that the following three photos will be added to the display:

- Quincy Farm
- The High Line Canal
- The original Village Center

The Committee agreed that a draft of the photo display with the discussed changes will be emailed to Committee members for feedback. The final proof will be presented at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Director Sager reported that City Hall is closed to public access except for appointments. She said this will impact people being able to view the historical photo display. She reported the Art Commission hung their photography exhibit a few weeks ago and noted that there are only a few hanging rods available for the historical exhibit. She said the Committee may have to buy more rods or use additional hooks on the current rods.

Co-Chair Maniatis presented a mockup of The Villager article for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration that is scheduled to go to print on November 25<sup>th</sup>. He explained the format being used is a timeline with pictures displayed on paper with a scroll border to provide visual interest.

The Committee discussed the purple and gold color scheme and agreed to add red to the design to represent Cherry Hills Village.

Co-Chair Maniatis described the article as being 4-5 pages allocated for the timeline that will include the history of Cherry Hills Village and 1-2 pages with a collection of personal stories, narratives and the mayors of Cherry Hills Village including pictures.

The Committee agreed that the wording on the timeline should read The Village Center with reference to City Hall and the Joint Public Safety Facility, so the entire campus is reflected.

Coordinator Black read comments from Committee Member Laura Christman who was not able to attend the meeting.

### Budget

Director Sager reported that the line item in the budget for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has not changed, and it will go before City Council for first reading on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The second reading will be December 9<sup>th</sup>.

b. Date for Next Meeting

The Committee agreed their next meeting will be Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

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Committee Co-Chair  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jessica Sager, Director of Finance

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Pamela Broyles, Administrative Assistant



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ITEM: 6a

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

**FROM:** EMILY BLACK, PARKS AND RECREATION COORDINATOR  
JESSICA SAGER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

**SUBJECT:** 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND ARTICLES

**DATE:** DECEMBER 4, 2020

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**ISSUE**

Updates on planning for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, articles for the Villager newspaper, and a photo exhibit in City Hall.

**DISCUSSION**

*The Villager Newspaper*

The Committee is working with The Villager Newspaper on a historic article that ran one time on November 27<sup>th</sup>. The article included front page coverage and 9 additional inside pages. It was mailed to all Cherry Hills Village residents. Committee members should provide any updates or feedback related to the issue.

*Photo Exhibit*

The Committee has planned to create a photo exhibit in the front hallway of City Hall to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Co-Chair Maniatis and Committee Member Wyman collected various historic photos from the city records for use for this exhibit and some have been hung in the hallway already. The Committee should discuss next steps for finalizing the photo exhibit.

*Budget*

City Council held first reading of the 2021 proposed budget on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. There were no changes to the budget at this time, but it may become necessary to reduce or remove items from the proposed budget depending on proposed expenditures for the 2021 budget. Staff will continue to update the Committee as the budgeting process moves forward.

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**COLORADO**

Below are the Committee's expenditures to date and anticipated expenditures for 2020:

<b><i>2020 Expenses to date:</i></b>	
Historic Aerial image purchase	\$360.00
Historic Aerial image mount	\$526.14
<b><i>2020 Anticipated expenses:</i></b>	
The Villager Newspaper historic article	\$5,000.00
<b>Total budget:</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>Total expenses (including anticipated):</b>	<b>\$5,886.14</b>
<b>Remaining funds:</b>	<b>\$4,113.86</b>

*Gala*

Committee members should continue 2021 gala location and event planning discussion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Exhibit A: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee proposed 2020-2021 budget

Exhibit B: The Villager Newspaper historic article



# 2020-2021 Budget Scenarios

## 2020 Historic Article

- Historic article to run 1 time in The Villager Newspaper to include the front page and 4 additional pages and to be mailed to all residents of Cherry Hills Village.

Budget \$7,000

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## 2020 Historic Photos and Frames

- Print and frame photos and aerial maps to be displayed at City Hall.

Budget \$3,000

2020 budget is \$10,000

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## 75th Anniversary Event Presence

- 10x10 canopy, table, historical photo displays and supporting materials to be used for the Committee's presence at multiple events (such as John Meade Park event, Movie Night, Car Show, Barn Party, CHLP Trail Walk, etc.) held in the City throughout 2021.
- The Committee would educate residents and showcase the history of the City over the past 75 years.

Budget \$2,000

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## Time Capsule

- Dedicate and seal the time capsule to be mounted at City Hall (if approved by City Council)
- Ceremony can be coordinated with John Meade Park event or Alan Hutto Memorial Commons dedication (if PTRC decides to hold one).

Budget \$1,200 (time capsule and materials)

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## The Villager Newspaper Marketing

- The Villager Newspaper will provide "announcements" of the Gala in issues leading up to the event and will also provide coverage of the Gala after the event.

Budget \$5,000

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## 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner

- The potential cost overview below is based on 200 guests

Food/Beverage	\$65/person	\$13,000
Venue		\$6,000
Gratuity		\$3,500
Floral/Lighting		\$3,500
Gift bags 200 @ \$20		\$4,000
Misc, expenses		\$2,500
Live music		\$1,000
Photography/Videography		\$800
FOH/Backline		\$1,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$35,300</b>

- Ticket price will be \$150 x 200 guests \$30,000 in revenue

2021 gross budget is \$43,500





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## CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE CELEBRATES 75 YEARS 1945 - 2020

### CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE 75TH ANNIVERSARY TOAST

BY DINO G. MANIATIS  
75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

*T* IS THE SEASON THAT WE PONDER 'BOUT WHAT'S COME AFORE;  
AND A TIME TO LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT COMES HITHER MORE.

ALMOST A CENTURY AGO, IN NINETEEN TWENTY-TWO;  
A NEW GOLF CLUB WAS FOUNDED WITH A HUMBLE DEBUT.

THE FOUNDERS CHOSE WISELY, AND DECIDED ON FLYNN;  
MANY THE WORLD OVER, HAVE PLAYED HERE TO WIN.

A NEIGHBORHOOD GREW AROUND IT, AN ENCHANTED ENCLAVE;  
COUNTRY HOMES AND MANSIONS, DWELLINGS ANYONE WOULD CRAVE.

SOON THEREAFTER, IN NINETEEN FORTY-FIVE;  
CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE WAS FOUNDED, IT'S NOW SEVENTY-FIVE.

A ROCKY, ARDUOUS JOURNEY, AND NOT WITHOUT GREAT COST;  
TOOK THE TRAIL LESS TRAVELED, LIKE THE ONE DESCRIBED BY FROST.

THE CITY WARRED AGAINST DENSITY; THWARTED PYRRHIC VICTORIES;  
WHILST KEEPING IT ALL PRISTINE, AND ENSURING ITS LEGACY

REFLECTING THROUGH THE DECADES, WHAT AN EXTRAORDINARY PLACE;  
THE RESIDENTS, THE LIFESTYLE, THE ABUNDANT OPEN SPACE.

HERE LIVE MERE HUMBLE KINFOLK AND THE GIANTS OF TIME;  
THEY ARE ALL WHO'VE MADE THIS CITY, PERFECTLY SUBLIME.

DURING OUR LIFETIMES, WE OFT TRAVEL AND ROAM;  
BUT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY NOT FIND A BETTER PLACE TO CALL HOME.

THERE IS ANOTHER MILESTONE COMING, IN CASE YOU HAVE WONDERED;  
IT WILL BE AT THE COUNTRY CLUB, WHICH IS SOON TO BE  
ONE HUNDRED.

DESPITE THIS TIME OF CHAOS, CONFUSION AND MALAISE;  
THE DARKNESS SHALL FADE, AND YIELD TO BRIGHTER DAYS.

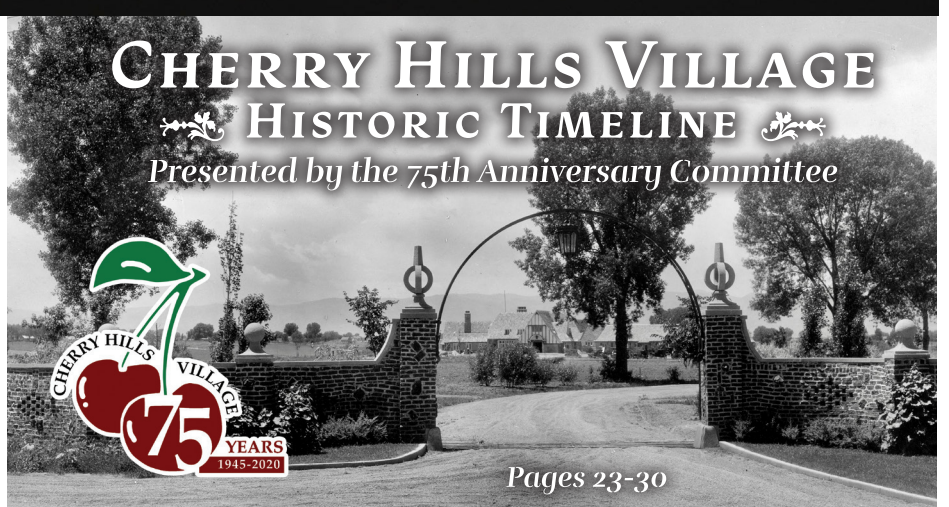
SO BE MINDFUL OF THIS, LEST YOU NOT LAMENT;  
SHARE HAPPINESS ALWAYS, ALWAYS BECKON CONTENT.

LET'S APPRECIATE BEFORE US, THIS BOUNTY OF PLENTY;  
AND HAIL A TOAST TO CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE!  
IN THE YEAR TWENTY-TWENTY.

*Cheers!*

## CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE HISTORIC TIMELINE

Presented by the 75th Anniversary Committee



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**THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE  
PRESENTS**

**CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE  
SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS  
OF HISTORY  
1945-2020**

**HISTORIC TIMELINE**





# CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE HISTORIC TIMELINE

Written by Dino G. Maniatis, Co-Chair, 75th Anniversary Committee  
 Nancy D. Wyman, contributor, member, 75th Anniversary Committee

**1864** On August 1, St. Mary's Academy held its first day of class for 20 resident students and several day students. Founded by the Sisters of Loretto at 14th & California in Denver, the school was where "... daughters could be educated to become the cultural leaders of the community."

**1867** A three-story brick grain silo was constructed at one of the original farms near Quincy and Franklin and is still standing today.



St. Mary's Academy at 14th and California

**1864**

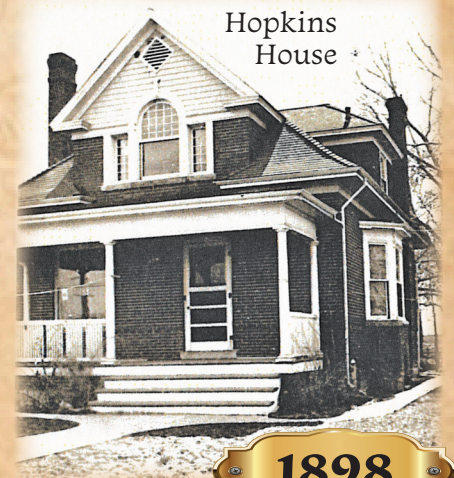


**1875**

**1874** Sisters Joanna Walsh, Agatha Wall, Mary DeSales Hynes, and Pacratia Bonfils file Articles of Incorporation for St. Mary's Academy

**1875** St. Mary's Academy confers first diploma in Colorado Territory to Jessie Forshee (left). She joins the Sisters of Loretto and takes the name Sister Vitalis where she taught numerous subjects; known by her fellow Sisters as the "walking encyclopedia."

**1887** One room schoolhouse founded at University and then Breene Avenue, now Quincy Avenue



Hopkins House

**1898**

**1898** Hopkins House, a High-Style Classic Cottage, is constructed for James C. and Grace Hopkins on Quincy Avenue near Colorado Boulevard

**1900** The one-room Breene Avenue School reconstructed in the present day location of Cherry Hills Village Elementary. School damaged by fire in December of 1930.



**1919**

The Gano mansion in 1931

**1907** The James Rable home, a gable-front folk house, was constructed at the southwest corner of Quincy Avenue and High Street. It was the temporary location of elementary school grades 1-6 following the Breene School fire of 1930.

**1911** St. Mary's Academy moves to 14th & Pennsylvania. Margaret "Molly" Brown, an Irish Catholic, donates money for its relocation next door to her mansion in Capitol Hill.

**1919** George Gano commissioned architectural firm Fisher and Fisher to design a Tudor-revival home on 160 acres; completed one year later.

**1920** Buell Mansion, a Georgian Revival home, was designed by Fisher and Fisher and landscaped by Denver parkway architect and city planner Saco Rienk DeBoer



Cherry Hills Club

**1922**



"The Three Marys" from left: Mary Kent Wallace, Mary Louise Rathvon and Mary Austin Bogue founded Kent School for Girls

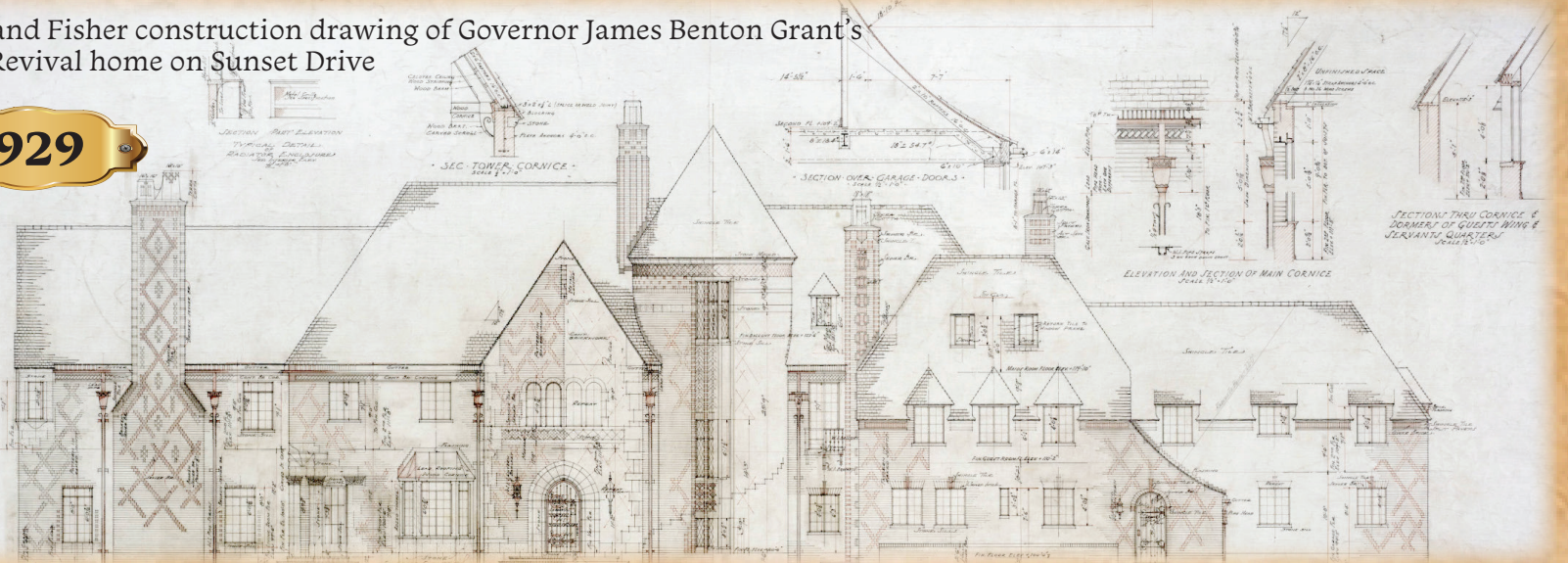


Cherry Hills Club Great Hall, 1927

# CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE HISTORIC TIMELINE

Fisher and Fisher construction drawing of Governor James Benton Grant's Tudor Revival home on Sunset Drive

**1929**



**1920s** Numerous residences constructed in Country Homes neighborhood

**1922** Cherry Hills Club founded. Later renamed Cherry Hills Country Club

**1922** Kent School for Girls founded at 933 Sherman Street in Denver by Mary Kent Wallace, Mary Louise Rathvon and Mary Austin Bogue

**1929** Kistler Stables, designed by Temple Buell for close friend Florence Kistler, was constructed using Silver Plume rock rubble

**1934** Myron K. Blackmer house, a two-story Colonial Revival, was constructed at Quincy Farm property. It featured an extensive phone system that connected all of the farm buildings

**1939** Arapahoe County commissioners establish the Cherry Hills District whose purpose was to prevent "the erection of cheap and unsightly structures, principally undesirable business establishments."

Kistler Stables in the 1930s



**1929**



**1934**

Myron K. Blackmer home, now Quincy Farm

**1941** Cherry Hills Country Club suspends dues for any members enlisting or serving in the military for the duration of their service

**1942** Cherry Hills Country Club hosts golf tournament - Bing Crosby and Bob Hope are featured celebrities

**1945** City of Cherry Hills Village incorporated

**1948** *Village Crier* founded; first issue. Persis Owen, editor

**1950** Street signs installed. The color was chosen spontaneously, based on the red pumps CHV city clerk Louesa Bromfield wore to official meetings

**1951** Kent School for Girls moves to 3401 South University in Cherry Hills Village

**1951** St. Mary's Academy moves to Hickerson Mansion in Cherry Hills Village and completes construction on new campus building two years later

**1951** Myron Blackmer sells 275 acres adjoining what would become Quincy Farm to an investment group that includes Charles Boettcher II, J. Churchill Owen, Ed H. Honnen, Arthur G. Rydstrom, Nicholas Petry, Arthur E. Johnson, Will Nicholson, Mrs. Henry Blackmer, Akel Nielson and Dwight D. Eisenhower



Kent Schools for Girls moves to Cherry Hills Village

**1951**



# CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE HISTORIC TIMELINE

Koelbel and Company's first office

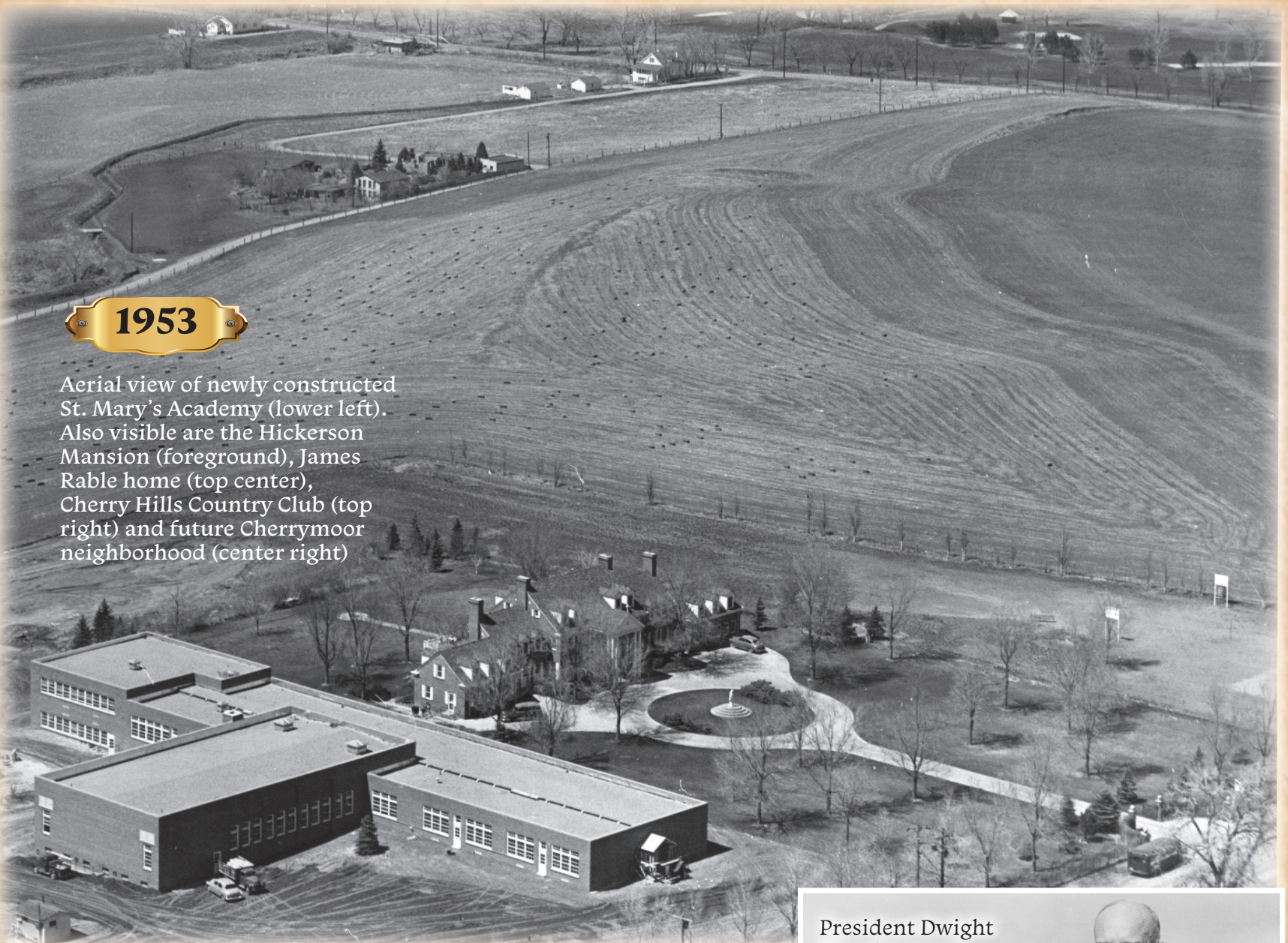


1952

**1952** 26-year-old Walter A. Koelbel founds Koelbel and Company, a residential brokerage and development firm that, since 1954, has developed six communities in Cherry Hills Village

**1953** Denver Country Day School founded at the Brown Homestead at University & Dartmouth by Andrews D. Black and Tom Chaffee

**1955** President Dwight D. Eisenhower begins feeling ill after golfing at Cherry Hills Country Club. Suffers heart attack next morning



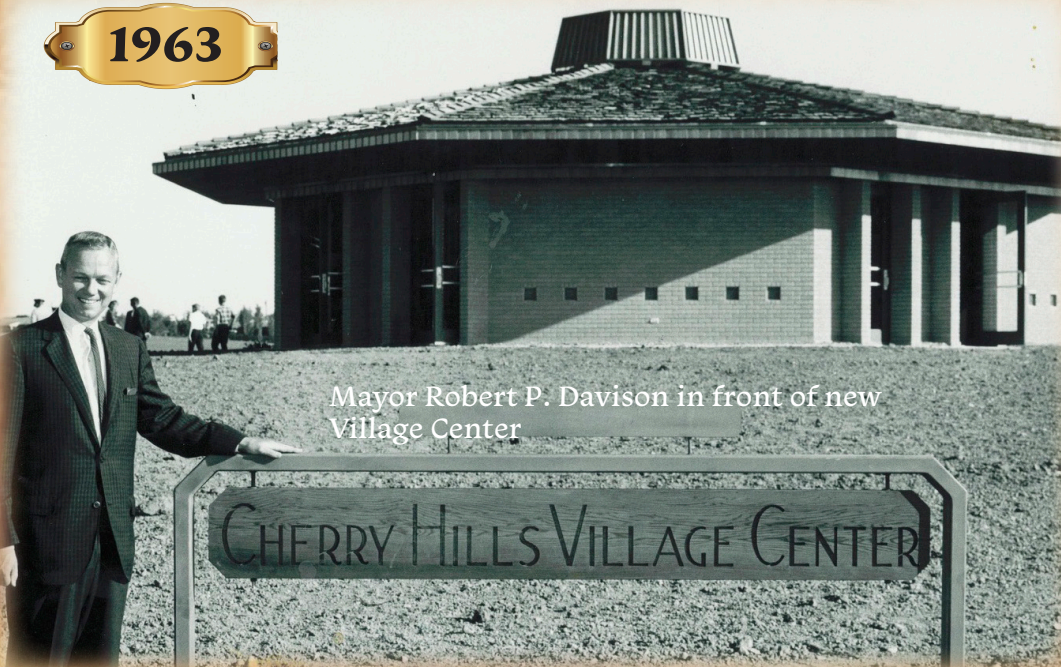
1953

Aerial view of newly constructed St. Mary's Academy (lower left). Also visible are the Hickerson Mansion (foreground), James Rable home (top center), Cherry Hills Country Club (top right) and future Cherrymoor neighborhood (center right)

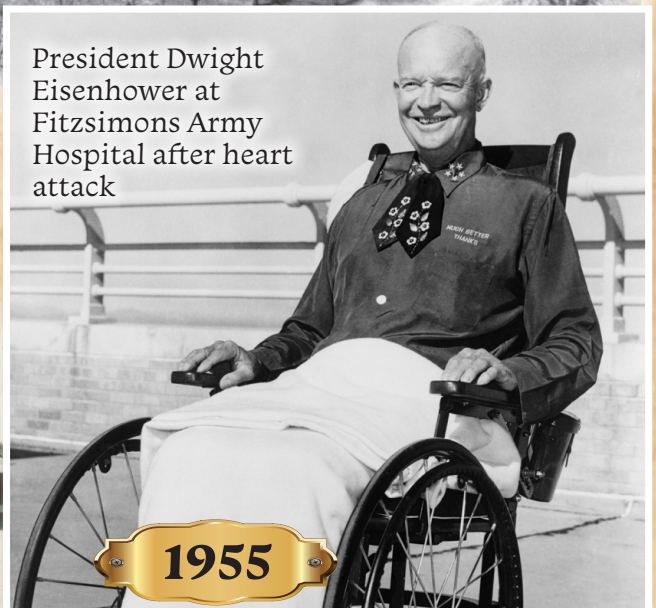
**1958** First Plymouth church completed at Colorado and Hampden

**1960** Arnold Palmer overcomes a seven stroke deficit and wins the U.S. Open at Cherry Hills Country Club; largest comeback in U.S. Open history

1963



Mayor Robert P. Davison in front of new Village Center



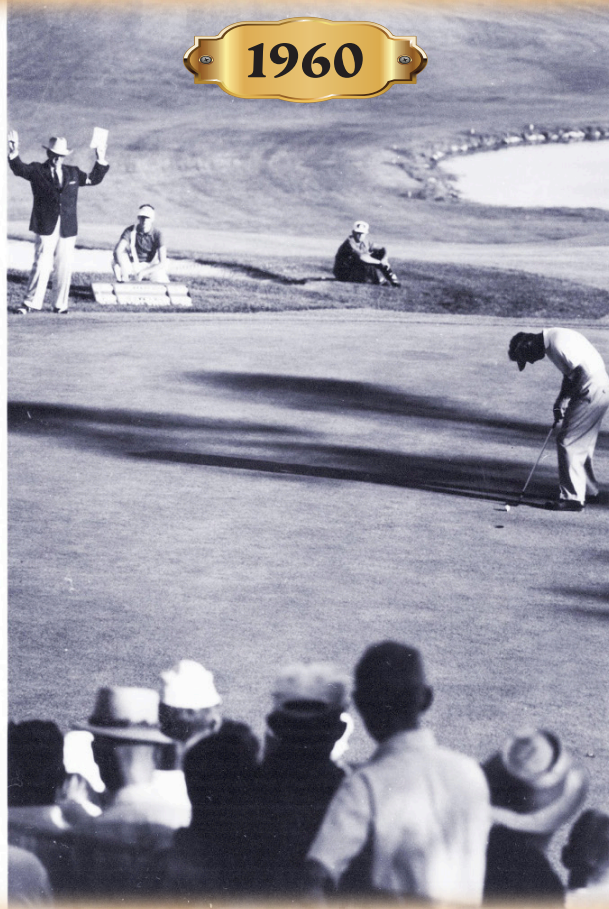
President Dwight Eisenhower at Fitzsimons Army Hospital after heart attack

1955

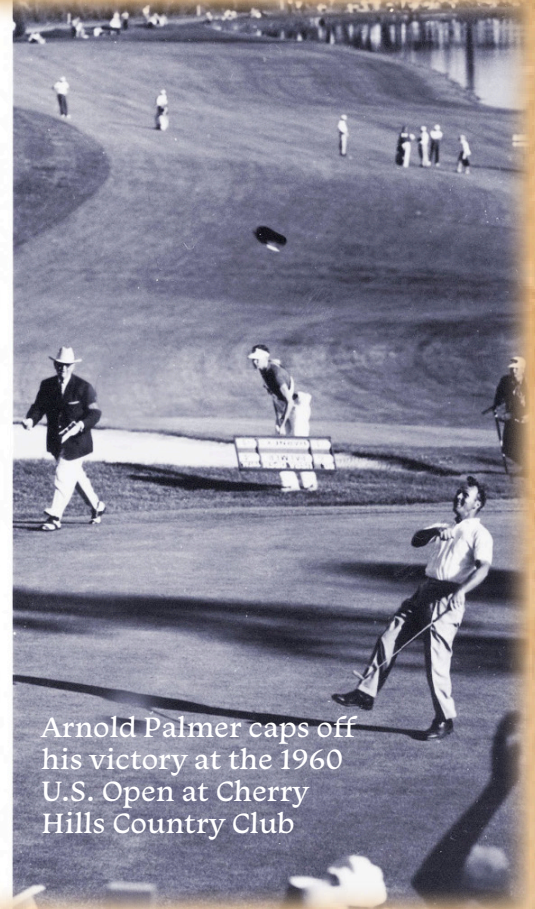
**1960** Cherry Hills Village lawsuit over proposed Cinderella City mall development at KLZ radio tower site

**1962** Land for Saint Gabriel the Arch Angel Episcopal Church purchased from Bansbach family. Construction completed and building dedicated in 1963. Granted parish status and became a nonprofit in 1965

# CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE HISTORIC TIMELINE



1960



Arnold Palmer caps off his victory at the 1960 U.S. Open at Cherry Hills Country Club



1973

Flooding near Colorado Boulevard west of Three Pond Park

**1963** University Boulevard widened to four lanes, Village Center dedicated and Denver Country Day and Kent School for Girls purchase Blackmer Farm that would become the Kent Country Day School campus property

**1964** Cherry Hills Fire house built on south University  
Arapahoe Tennis Club founded

Saint Mary's 100th Anniversary. Helen Bonfils donates \$500,000, half of the total cost, for a new high school building

**1966** Charter for City of Cherry Hills Village approved and CHV becomes home rule city

**1967** Proposed merger between Cherry Hills Village and Greenwood Village fails; Cherry Hills

residents vote to approve and Greenwood Village residents vote to deny proposal

**1971** Cherry Hills Village successfully blocks I-25 interchange construction at Quincy and I-25

**1973** Several days of rain cause flood; water level rises to 4 feet at Quincy and University. Fifty breaches in the High Line Canal alone. Devonshire neighborhood evacuated due to possibility of Wellshire Dam failure

**1974** Kent School for Girls and Denver Country Day School merge to form Kent Denver School

**1974** Pheasant Ridge (formerly Kistler Stables) property purchased and name changed to The Village, Tennis, Riding and Swim Club

**1974** The Denver First Church of the Nazarene holds first service on Easter Sunday

**1974** Cherry Hills Village Sanitation District founded

**1977** Cherry Hills Village City Council amends city charter to create Council/City manager form of government

**1982** Co-publishers Bob and Gerri Sweeney, found The Villager Newspaper; weekly circulation includes Cherry Hills Village, Greenwood Village and South Denver



Denver First Church of the Nazarene 1974

1974



# CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE HISTORIC TIMELINE



Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer at the U.S. Senior Open hosted by Cherry Hills Country Club

1993

**1984** New Cherry Hills Village Elementary School opens  
Glenmoor Country Club is founded  
Quincy is realigned and Belleview is widened

**1985** Three Pond Park is dedicated  
CHV has 38 water and sanitation districts

**1989** Woodie Hollow Park named after city clerk Elizabeth "Woodie" N. Noel

**1990** U.S. Post Office authorizes city to use "Cherry Hills Village" as mailing city of record

**1993** City prevails in ten-year litigation battle over proposed hotel and condominium development at Buell property

**1993** Jack Nicklaus wins the U.S. Senior Open at Cherry Hills Country Club



The Village Club

1998

**1995** Zoning designation R3A created for Buell Mansion development

**1997** Zoning designation R3A amended for Covington development

**1998** Village Club barn fire - total loss and 13 horses killed

**1999** Koelbel and Company completes Cherry Hills Park, an exclusive 36-lot, gated community across from Cherry Hills Country Club

**2002** Cherry Hills Village residents vote to exclude the city from South Suburban Parks and Recreation District

**2005** Birdie Kim wins \$560,000 and the U.S. Women's Open at the Cherry Hills Country Club



Cherry Hills Park

1999

**2005** The Cherry Hills Land Preserve is founded as a local nonprofit that preserves natural landscapes, connects people to nature, and creates strategic partnerships to help nature thrive in our community



CHERRY HILLS LAND PRESERVE

**2007** Jeri Norgren Neff and Barbara Norgren secured placement of Hopkins Farm (Quincy Farm) on the National Register of Historic Places

Conservation easement established at Quincy Farm  
Quincy Farm property deeded to city subject to life estate

**2007** Klasina VanderWerf publishes High On Country: A Narrative History of Cherry Hills Village

**2010** Cherry Hills Village population is 5,987 according to the United States Census

**2013** Joint Public Safety Facility (Police and Fire departments) completed and Alan Hutto Memorial Commons donated to city

**2014** Billy Horschel wins \$1,440,000 and the BMW Championship (PGA Tour) hosted at the Cherry Hills Country Club

**2014** St. Mary's Academy celebrates 150th Anniversary

**2019** New Cherry Hills Village City Hall building completed

**2020** Redevelopment of John Meade Park and construction of Alan Hutto Memorial Commons completed

**2020** 75th Anniversary of Cherry Hills Village. All celebratory events cancelled due to COVID-19. Cherry Hills Village recognized as fourth wealthiest city in America

**2021** Future 75th + 1 celebrations



Billy Horschel wins the BMW Championship

2014



# CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE MAYORS TIMELINE

Joseph F. Little	(1945-1955)
George J. Stemmler	(1955-1960)
Robert P. Davison	(1960-1966)
Thomas D. Smart	(1966-1970)
Guy H. Williams Jr.	(1970-1971)
Robert I. St. Clair	(1971-1972)
Richard L. Schrepferman	(1972-1976)
Beth H. Jenkins	(1976-1982)
Robert I. St. Clair	(1982-1984)
Joan R. Duncan	(1984-1998)
John F. Welborn	(1998-2002)
Douglas C. Scott	(2002-2006)
Michael J. Wozniak	(2006-2012)
Douglas M. Tisdale	(2012-2015)
Laura Chrisman	(2015-2019)
Russell O. Stewart	(2019 - current)

## Mayor Russell O. Stewart

As kids in the 1960s growing up near the High Line Canal we celebrated three seasons, wild asparagus (spring), rope swings and tubing (summer) and wild plum (fall). The 1960s were very different times, with few people, dirt roads, cattle, sheep, and horses. With this year marking the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Village, those seasons if one looks hard, can still be possible.

On this auspicious year I have the luck and privilege of serving as Mayor of the community recognized as the best place to live in America. Two that profoundly shaped the Village we know today are worth remembering.

In the 1960s leading citizens of Greenwood Village and Cherry Hills Village proposed a combination. The benefits were clear – economies of scale would be realized by joining police and public works of two communities that at the time were very similar in size and character. Indeed, the only concern was that the merger would change the character of the communities. The voters of Cherry Hills Village

vote yes to the merger, but Greenwood Village residents voted no, concerned that their rural way of life would be lost.

A few years later came the Keyes desegregation case in Denver and school busing, which prompted the Poundstone Amendment to the Colorado Constitution that stopped the City and County of Denver from annexing additional land. Freda Poundstone was then elected Mayor of Greenwood Village and undertook an aggressive plan to annex commercial property along I-25 adjacent to the Denver Tech Center. Today Greenwood Village has a vast amount of commercial properties and a budget many times the size of Cherry Hills Village, something voters in Greenwood Village who were so concerned about preserving their rural character in the 1960s, could never have imagined.

Cherry Hills Village is now the last remaining (almost) entirely residential home rule city in the metropolitan area. And we like it that way.

Best wishes and Happy Anniversary to all.

## Mayor Joan R. Duncan

My family moved to Cherry Hills Village in 1967...my husband, me, and our four sons. Mike, our oldest started Cherry Hills Elementary...the younger three were still at home.

In those days, Mike could walk to fifth grade... out the back door and across Quincy without fear of heavy traffic.

The only stop between Clarkson and Happy Canyon was at University.

My main interest was mainly in Cherry Hills Elementary School and later in Kent Denver as each son graduated from both schools.

In the late 1970's, I offered to edit the Village Crier and put out monthly newsletters which I did for four years. That led to an interest in the government of Cherry Hills so I ran for office against the incumbent. Bob St. Clair.

I was elected Mayor in 1984 and served in that position until 1998. It would be impossible to relate all that occurred so I will concentrate on the developments in large parcels of land while I was Mayor.

The City Council and I were responsible for the development of the property across from Cherry Hills Country Club, the Buck property at Hampden and Colorado Blvd. and the Buell acreage at Hampden and University. Approval had been granted by a previous City Council for a small hotel and condominiums which would change our limited zoning to permit commercial properties. That would threaten the remaining undeveloped land in the Village.

I received a call one morning from Dan Ritchie, the Chancellor of Denver University and trustee of the Buell Property to come to his office

to discuss what was possible to begin development on the property as soon as possible. We were both anxious to end years of litigation so we created a new category of R-3A, Variable Lot Residential District. The new zoning allowed the increase in housing density sought by the developer. The small residential lots were buffered on the east side by R-1 lots of 2.5 acres which would interface with the R-2 (1 1/4) lots of Devonshire Heights to the east.

In the meantime, Jim Buck wanted to sell his property at Colorado Boulevard and Hampden. He expected the City to provide development plans. I explained the property was platted to include standard city lots. The Buck family wanted to increase the density from the 2 1/2 acre zoning. We agreed to modify the designation to the R-3A for the 25 acre properties and it allowed Covington to be developed.

The Koebel property across from Cherry Hills Country Club was developed as originally zoned into 2 1/2 acres.

More mayoral memories were; meeting with HOA's, other municipalities, and holding fast to our mission statement.

I would like to quote it now:

"It is the mission of the city to preserve the pastoral environment, the low density residential dwellings and the quality of life covering: land use, public safety, streets, parks, communication. administration, finance and utilities."

## Mayor Doug Tisdale

The greatest memory and the greatest joy, that I had as Mayor was working and being with children. I remember the first Metro Mayors Caucus meeting I attended was interrupted by an emergency call that we had a gas leak at the Joint Public Safety Facility, which was under construction. We were going to have to evacuate Cherry Hills Village Elementary. I left the meeting and raced to the elementary school, where I proceeded to serve as cheerleader and facilitator for loading the school children onto the buses. The superintendent and the principal were shocked and concerned at first, but ultimately appreciated the fact that great comfort was provided to the children by having their Mayor there. I gave out about 200 cards and 100 hugs. It was a memorable day.

A second vignette relates to our dedication of Duke Beardsley's artwork in the Joint Public Safety Facility. We had the entire grade school class of Duke's daughters from CHV Elementary join us for this wonderful event. It was a magical moment that demonstrated all that is special about Cherry Hills and I was honored to be a part of it.

And finally, I was privileged to be the Mayor when The Wall Street Journal reported that Cherry Hills Village had been selected as the Number One Best Suburb of America to Live In. This happened just six months after I had been elected Mayor. I'm not saying I caused that, I just note that it had never happened before I was elected Mayor.

## Mayor Laura Christman

I think the natural playground in Meade Park where families could gather and enjoy the beauty of Cherry Hills Village is one of my best memories. As a new mayor, I thought building this playground seemed a simple goal; however, the Parks and Trails Commission had bigger plans for the redevelopment of Meade Park which hinged on the removal of the Public Works Facility. Public hearings in an overcrowded City Hall brought complaints that City Hall was outdated. Further review disclosed that both structures had serious deferred maintenance and were in violation of both State and Federal law.

The Village needed to buy land and build a Public Works Facility, build a

new City Hall and redevelop Meade Park.

Creative design promoted by two sophisticated City Councils coupled with long term planning and fiscal conservatism resulted in a City Hall that can function as Council chambers, court room and community center; a parking lot that doubles as outdoor space for Village events; a Public Works facility that sits on land which is more valuable than its acquisition price, becoming a long term asset rather than a liability; a beautifully restored park with a performance area, restrooms, patio space, fishing piers and yes, a natural playground. Perhaps I should have reread "When You Give a Mouse a Cookie" before I became Mayor.

**Thank you Mayor Stewart & past Mayors of Cherry Hills Village for your service and dedication**





# **THANK YOU FROM THE CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE**

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**To**

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MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

**FROM:** JESSICA SAGER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

**SUBJECT:** NEXT MEETING DATE

**DATE:** DECEMBER 4, 2020

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**ISSUE**

The Committee should determine the next meeting date.

**DISCUSSION**

With the COVID-19 numbers increasing, the City is trying to do what we can to reduce in-person groups. Staff is currently working from home as much as possible. Council/boards/commissions will be **virtual** meetings until further notice.

Please do not share the virtual meeting link. Sharing the Zoom link lends a better chance to “Zoom bombers” gaining the information and interrupting the meeting. The meeting will be streamed on the City website and YouTube channel. If you know of anyone who would like to participate in the meeting please let staff know prior to the meeting and we will get them signed up.

The following dates are **not available** due to holiday or staff conflicts:

- Wednesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> (court)
- Wednesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> (court)
- Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (City Hall is closed)
- Friday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> (City Hall is closed)