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COUNCIL CONSIDERS AMENDMENTS TO FENCE CODE

At the November 21st Council meeting, the City Council approved on first reading the proposed Council Bill 7, Series 2006 and scheduled final reading and public hearing for the Tuesday, January 16th, 2007 Council meeting. CB 07-06 is a bill for an ordinance relating to amendments to the City's Code concerning fences. The proposed bill includes the following changes:

1. Definitions have been added for columns, fences and gates.
2. The term "walls" has been removed from Section 16-16-40 because walls are included in the definition of a fence.
3. Allowances have been included, in limited situations, for gates to exceed the maximum height of fences, provided that such gate does not exceed 10 feet in height and is no more than 25% solid.
4. Allowances have been included for columns and lighting to exceed the maximum height of a fence by no more than 2 feet.

The City Council welcomes any and all comments concerning the proposed bill. The proposed bill is posted on the City's website at www.cherryhillsvillage.com and copies are available at the Village Center.

FINAL BUDGET READING FOR 2007

Cherry Hills City Council will have the final reading of the 2007 budget at its December 12th Council Meeting. To see the budget for 2007, contact the Village at **303-789-2541**, or go to the website at www.cherryhillsvillage.com

NEW RTD ROUTE SURPRISES HAPPY CANYON AREA RESIDENTS

When the light rail opened down the I-25 corridor, residents of the Happy Canyon area were surprised to learn that RTD had decided to add a bus route on Happy Canyon Road. This situation is posing a problem for affected residents of both Cherry Hills Village and Denver who feel they were not consulted about or even notified of the new route. As Mayor Wozniak notes in his Musings, CHV residents from the area are concerned about "frequency of service, use of bike lanes, and other safety considerations apparently overlooked by RTD." The City Council has requested that RTD provide affected residents the chance to air their concerns and re-evaluate the routing, frequency and locations of stops on Bus Route 46. At the November 21st Council meeting, Council approved a Resolution requesting that RTD provide "direct, adequate and reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard to Cherry Hills Village and affected property owners, [and] re-evaluate the routing, frequency, and location of stops for Bus Route 46." (Resolution 21, Series 2006).

CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE EMERGENCY INFORMATION

- Police Non-Emergency number during office hours (7:30am-4pm) **303-761-8711**
- Police Non-Emergency number before/after hours (Arapahoe County Dispatch) **303-795-4711**
- Police/South Metro **EMERGENCY** all times: **911**
- *If you are at the City building after hours needing assistance, there is a phone outside the Police Department that will automatically connect to Arapahoe County Dispatch.*

MAYORAL MUSINGS by Mayor Mike Wozniak



As I sit here on Thanksgiving morning writing this update, it strikes me how much we have to be thankful for and how lucky we are to live in our great city - and to have survived another cycle of election advertisements!

Your City Council has been busy. A few of the highlights are as follows:

1. **Metro Mayors' Caucus — Memorandum of Understanding.** On behalf of the City, I executed a Memorandum of Understanding in November which resolved to increase energy efficiency of our municipal operations, to educate our citizens with respect to individual and business efforts to increase energy efficiency and to collaborate with Denver Regional Council of Governments, the RTD and other regional governmental entities to promote commuter trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and other public transportation. This Memorandum of Understanding was signed by all of the members of the Metro Mayors Caucus, and the City was personally thanked by Mayor Hickenlooper as well as other mayors for our participation.

2. **RTD Bus Route 46.** In conjunction with the opening of the Bellevue and Southeast corridor light rail stations, RTD has initiated bus service on Happy Canyon Road through Route 46. Council was very concerned because this Route was commenced with what we felt was inadequate notice to the City, our residents and the affected neighborhoods. My personal thanks goes to **Glenn Decker** and **Debbie Hruza** for spearheading the efforts of the neighborhoods and community associations along Happy Canyon Road. They expressed concerns with the frequency of service, use of bike lanes, and other safety considerations which appear to have been overlooked by RTD. While two years of public hearings apparently occurred, the City was not invited to participate and had little input in the issues concerning this bus route. The City Council has passed a resolution requesting that RTD promptly provide adequate and reasonable notice and the opportunity to be heard to the City of Cherry Hills Village and its affected property owners to re-evaluate the routing, frequency and location of stops on Bus Route 46.

3. **Construction Issues.** We have acted very promptly in dealing with numerous construction related matters. As I mentioned in my last column, we have promulgated a series of amendments to our ordinances concerning hours of construction operation, staging plans which are required for all major construction projects, and numerous other conditions placed upon contractors. We continue to study related issues including our City's Noise Code. You should expect further amendments to the Code which will be addressed in upcoming meetings. We hope that with these further amendments, and proper enforcement, we will eliminate many of the concerns that we have heard with respect to construction practices.

4. **Amendments to the Code Respecting "Fences and Walls".** Council has passed on first reading amendments to Sections of the Municipal Code concerning fences and walls which, for the first-time, defines gates, fences and columns. Council is aware that in light of the many variance and non-conforming issues created by gates that are higher than the fences, amendments were necessary to address tasteful, yet reasonable gates which have proliferated throughout the Village. While I personally hope that we continue to foster the open and pastoral nature of many of our City's oldest neighborhoods, if residents choose to fence and gate, hopefully the proposed ordinance amendments will allow this to be done in the least intrusive fashion possible.

5. **Emergency Operations Plan.** Council has recently adopted an Emergency Operations Plan to govern procedures to be followed in the event of any emergency whether small or catastrophic. I want to personally thank **Rose Lynch** who drafted and authored this comprehensive plan and also **Chief John Patterson** for his input in the development and implementation of our Emergency Operations Plan. Rose spent countless hours in drafting and redrafting our Plan to the benefit of the entire City.

6. **Budget.** Council will be adopting a fiscal year 2007 budget at the December 12, 2006 meeting.

7. **Website.** We are continuously updating the City website to make it more user friendly and a repository for more information you can use to answer your day-to-day questions about City government and related matters. Please give it a try. If you haven't signed up yet, you may register on the website www.cherryhillsvillage.com to receive periodic emails from myself or the City Manager with respect to agendas and other updates.

As we approach the holiday season, I want to express my sincere gratitude for all of the hard work and the many hours spent by the City Staff and the Police Department as well as the Council Members, and interim City Manager **Eric Ensey**. Councilmember **Stewart** has rolled up his sleeves and become a trusted aid in the analysis of all of the City's legal issues. Councilmember **VanderWerf** has given countless hours working on the Master Plan, the flowchart, and open space acquisitions. Councilmember **LaMair** has become a wonderful liaison with the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission and has worked to bring the equestrian community into the City. Councilmember **Blum** has continued to work on the Master Plan and provided invaluable assistance and continuity in Council's two retreats this Fall. Councilmember **Roswell** has been instrumental in the construction ordinance issues and in the interviews of the candidates for the City Manager position. Mayor Pro Tem **Tisdale**'s work on DRCOG has been without precedent in the history of our City.

In addition to your Council Members, I want to personally thank the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission who are about to embark on the Master Plan process. Moreover, the members of the CCCC are evaluating the entire City Center Project, diving into the

history and are about to commence their public hearing process. Similarly, the Board of Adjustment has kept a steady hand on evaluation of variance requests and the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission is obtaining input into the Master Plan and recreational opportunities.

Have the most wonderful and safe holiday season. Please know that your elected and appointed citizens' passion for making our City even a better place to live in 2007 will continue without interruption. We appreciate your support, guidance and frequent good wishes.

Mike

POLICE OFFER ANTI CAR THEFT ADVICE

CAR-RELATED THEFTS are among the most common offenses calling for a police response. Thefts of cars are much more often reported to the police due to insurance requirements, the potentially great loss and the fact that police might help find stolen cars that are later abandoned. However, theft *from* cars is the largest category, constituting of about 85% of all car-related thefts.

Most thefts occur when cars are parked on the street or on the owner's property because this is where cars usually are, but the risk of theft, per hour parked, is greater when cars are in parking facilities.

Here are some tips to help you avoid becoming the victim of a car-related theft:

1. Always lock your car and pocket the keys *even* when leaving your car for short periods of time.
2. Remember to lock the tail gate or hatchback of a station wagon or SUV.
3. Never leave or "hide" keys anywhere on the car.
4. If you use a self-service gasoline station or convenience store, do not leave your keys in the vehicle if you go inside the store.
5. On cold winter mornings, never leave your car running and unattended while you warm it up.
6. Whenever possible, park your car in the garage and close and lock the garage door.
7. Do not invite car break-ins by leaving packages or valuables (cell phones, CDs, computers, backpacks, purses, etc.) in plain sight. Take valuables with you or place them out of sight in trunk or under seat.
8. Consider installing a quality car anti-theft device and alarm in your car.

RECREATION REIMBURSEMENT

All requests for recreation reimbursement for 2006 expenses must be turned in no later than January 31st, 2007 at 4pm. They may be mailed in or hand delivered to the Village Center, 2450 East Quincy Avenue, CHV, 80113. Expenses incurred in 2006 are included in the total reimbursement for 2006, even if the activity will occur in 2007. For example, an annual pass purchased in 2006 is eligible for reimbursement only in 2006 even if the pass does not expire until sometime in 2007. For more information and to obtain reimbursement forms call **303-789-2541** or log on to the Village website at www.cherryhillsvillage.com. The annual per household reimbursement limit is \$500.

NEW FACES AT THE CITY CENTER



Matthew Eckenwiler ("Matt") is the new Community Development clerk. He was born and raised in Colorado and is newly married to Amy who is a teacher at Wheat Ridge High School. Prior to working for the City, he worked 3 years for the Marriott Hotels. He attended CSU where he majored in speech communications and minored in philosophical religious studies.



Paul Burkholder, Parks, Open Space and Recreation Administrator, was born and raised in Missouri. He is married to Jean and has 3 children (Zeb 5, Chloe 4, and Calvin 1). Prior to working for CHV, he worked for the City of Fort Collins from 2001 -2006 where he developed and opened Gateway Mountain Park. He also worked as a Law Enforcement and Interpretive Ranger in Kansas, and was in the Army from 1994 -1997. Paul is a graduate of Rockhurst University (Kansas City Missouri), where he graduated with a B.S. in biology

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

On December 13th, 2005, the City Council approved a consulting agreement with Technetronic Solutions to assist the City with its IT needs. There are several IT issues/projects facing the Village Center; some of these include an outdated infrastructure, the need to replace the current police Records Management System and several other projects/needs within the Police Department.

In order to begin these projects, the Village Center's cabling needed to be updated. At the October 17th, 2006 City Council meeting, an agreement for cabling services was approved. In early November, Avant Datacomm Solutions began the new cabling. The cabling is now complete.

Currently, a new server and new computers are on order and are expected to be in place by the end of the year.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

The Cherry Hills Village Public Works Department will accept Christmas trees for recycling at the Village Center, 2450 E. Quincy Avenue, behind the fence in the Public Works yard. **PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIGNS!!**

Christmas trees will be accepted December 26 - January 12th. Residents are asked **not** to bring other kinds of trees or tree limbs. All decorations including the tree stand and nails must be removed before dropping off the tree.

Residents who have questions or who would like some wood chip mulch for landscaping (if available) should call **Jay Goldie** at **303-783-2731**. Please note: Residents are asked **not** to use the dumpsters which are there for use by Village personnel only. **NO PRIVATE DUMPING - except your tree is allowed.**

ANIMAL CONTROL NEWS

A HAPPY ENDING TO A SAD BEGINNING

Once in a while we truly have a happy ending to a tragic story and I wanted to share this one with you. In September of this year, we had a report of two dogs that had been “dumped” in Dahlia Hollow Park. A witness saw two men get out of an older blue truck, take the dogs out of the truck, and drive off leaving the dogs to fend for themselves. (Unfortunately we never discovered who left the dogs). The dogs, a male and a female mix breed, were so scared that I was unable to get close enough to catch them. After five days of them wandering around, I was able to capture both dogs in live-cage traps. I spent at least an hour with the dogs every day for seven days and they both just flourished on the love and attention they were receiving. Not only I, but the staff at Cherrellyn Animal Hospital became very attached to the dogs. We were unable to find homes for the dogs, so I had to take them both to the Dumb Friends League so they could be placed for adoption. It was sad saying goodbye to the two dogs that I had spent so much time with, but I was hopeful they were going to get a second chance to have a loving home.

About two weeks later, I received a telephone call from a gentleman who lives in Denver. He said that he had adopted the female and wanted to know her history. I told him her story and he promised to bring her to the CHPD someday so we could all have a chance to see her again. He said that he and his wife absolutely loved this dog and couldn't believe that someone would just toss her away. I am sure that the male dog found a family to love him as well. These are the reasons why we as animal control officers do what we do. Experiences like this one make it all worthwhile.

OTHER ANIMAL ISSUES IN THE CITY:

Coyotes – another reminder for our residents: this is the time of year that the coyotes are a little more active. They are starting to set up their territories and getting ready for breeding season, which is generally from the first of the year through March. Make sure to keep a leash on small dogs at all times when they are outside or confine them to a dog kennel. Please keep your property as unattractive to a coyote as possible. This includes keeping trash covered, not leaving pet food outside, trimming bushes up from the ground and understanding that even bird feeders can be attractive. Also, try to scare coyotes off that come onto your property. If you have further questions about coyotes please contact me or the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

Leash Law – Please note that the City *does* have a strict leash law in place. We have been getting more complaints of dogs off leash. All dogs off of their own property must be on a physical leash *at all times*. This requirement may seem unfair to people who have well-trained dogs, but citations are given to all violators. Please be respectful of the rights of others and the law.

Dog Licensing Requirements – All dogs in the City that are over six months of age are required to be licensed. The 2007 licenses are already available. To obtain your dog's license, please bring in, to the Village Center, a rabies certificate or documentation verifying that your dog is current on its rabies vaccination. Licenses expire each year on the 1st of March (if you get your 2007 license now it will be good until March 1, 2008). By licensing your dog, we are able to make sure dogs are vaccinated and if we pick up your dog running loose it can be returned to you much quicker.

On a personal note, I am going in to my seventh year here with the City of Cherry Hills Village and I am grateful to work for such a wonderful community. Thank you. Please contact me at **303-783-2739** if you have any animal related questions. **Michelle Edwardson**, Cherry Hills Village Animal Control Officer.

PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission has been moving steadily forward on many positive projects. We're developing a lengthy list of recommendations for the city's Master Plan process. **Jane Soderberg** has invested a great deal of research and time in land use definitions, conservation easements and open space preservation. We've been working on recreational activities and identifying park and trail connections. We're developing an updated logo to identify and unify the parks and trials and help make our signage more effective. The Gift Fund brochure was updated and will be posted on the city's web site, giving citizens a venue to enhance the parks and trails experience through gifts of a park bench, trees or flowers, or land for a trail section or pocket park. We're planning some great recreational events to celebrate the resources within the city through events for equestrian groups, bike enthusiasts, walkers and runners, children's activities and wildlife watching. We are pleased that **Theresa Harbaugh**'s popular Trail Walk maps and write ups will be included in future issues of the Crier and posted on the city's web site to make the information she has developed broadly accessible.

PT & R meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Village Center. If you have issues you would like to bring to our attention, we encourage you to attend. We also encourage you to help us find ways to add to our valued parks and trails system. Great cities have great parks and trails!

NEW ADMINISTRATOR HIRED

Paul Burkholder, whose brief bio appears on page 3 of this issue, says about this new job, “Parks, trails and open spaces are community resources and part of the municipal infrastructure. These resources have the unique ability to affect the lives of our residents in a positive way. It is my goal as the Parks, Open Space and Recreation Administrator to enhance, protect and increase these community resources and to assist our residents in their pursuit of outdoor recreation.”

CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE RECREATION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

**Adopted by Resolution 4, Series 2005
Amended by Resolution 8, Series 2005**

INTENT

It is the intent of this program to provide Cherry Hills Village residents reimbursement for recreation programs, activities, classes and events from public recreation providers.

Residents of Cherry Hills Village who participate in any recreation program, activity, class or event offered by a municipal or special district recreation department in the seven county Denver metropolitan area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson), will be eligible for a partial reimbursement of certain costs from the City of Cherry Hills Village.

REIMBURSEMENT PROVISIONS

The amount of reimbursement shall be 50 percent of the cost incurred by the resident; however, reimbursement costs shall not exceed a maximum of \$50.00 per single activity, per resident to include memberships and passes. The purchase of a monthly membership or multiple use pass is considered a single activity. The amount of reimbursement for an annual membership or pass shall be 50 percent of the cost incurred by the resident; however, reimbursement costs shall not exceed a maximum of \$500.00 per household. There is a total annual maximum reimbursement for all recreation activities of \$500.00 per household.

All requests for reimbursement shall be submitted to the City no later than January 31 for the previous year. Submittals for reimbursement may occur throughout the calendar year and reimbursement will be made according to the City's standard time frame used for payment of City accounts.

REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE

To receive reimbursement, a resident shall:

- Register for the program, activity, class or event.
- Obtain an itemized receipt that includes the participant's name, address, name of agency, name of activity, activity fee(s) and activity date(s).
- Complete the Recreation Reimbursement Form, attach all itemized receipts and mail or deliver this information to the Village Center. Non itemized credit card receipts will not be accepted. The Recreation Reimbursement Form must be received at the Village Center by January 31 of the year following the year within which the activity occurred to qualify for reimbursement.

All of the information listed above will be required and residency will be verified. It is the obligation of the City staff to insure against abuse of this program and final authority will rest with the City Manager to suspend or eliminate reimbursement requests determined to be in violation of the terms of this program.

Submit completed forms and receipts to:

The City of Cherry Hills Village
Attn: Recreation Reimbursement
2450 E. Quincy Avenue
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

Turn page for form

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Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Home Phone _____

INSTRUCTIONS: List your receipts one activity at a time in the lines below. Use a separate line for each activity and participant. **Attach your original itemized receipt(s)** that includes the participant's name, address, name of agency, name of activity, activity fee and activity date(s).

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I hereby affirm that I am a resident of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado and the aforementioned recreation expense(s) listed above have been used and paid by myself or a member of my household.

Approved _____
Account No. _____
PAID
Date _____ Check # _____

Signature

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR ROUTINE SNOW REMOVAL*

*Time estimates are based upon a total snowfall of four inches or less accumulation.



Goal:

It is the goal of the City of Cherry Hills Village Public Work's Department to provide snow removal services to all City streets *within 12 hours after the snow has stopped falling.*

Guiding Principles:

1. Snow removal crews are to work directly with police, fire, paramedics and utility providers to provide immediate access to any location where an actual, life-threatening emergency exists.
2. A map is available at the Village Center, which illustrates the City limits, and the streets maintained by Public Works. Public Works designates as priority streets the main thoroughfares. These streets provide initial, proximate access for emergency vehicles to all locations within the City. Note: The Colorado Department of Transportation maintains Hampden Avenue, University Boulevard and Bellevue Avenue.
3. The City has developed a rotation system for snow removal. The City is divided into four sections; each section containing approximately the same street-lane miles. In the first snowstorm of the year, Section One is cleared first followed by Sections Two, Three, and Four. In the second storm of the season, Section Two is cleared first, followed in order by Sections Three, Four and One. The plowing rotation moves in a counter clockwise direction. This rotation continues throughout the winter so that all parts of the City have the same opportunity to be plowed first and no single area is always last.
4. A map showing the progress of snow removal efforts is maintained at the Village Center. Should a resident have any questions regarding the status of any street, by contacting the Village Center at **303-789-2541** during regular business hours they will be apprised as to current conditions.
- The Snow Removal Progress Map that will be updated as conditions allow during regular business hours and blizzards on the City's web site at www.cherryhillsvillage.com. Log onto www.cherryhillsvillage.com, click on "Snow Removal Info", then click on "Snow Plow Progress Info" (this section will be activated only during snow removal operations).
- The Snow Emergency Hotline at **303-783-2754** has information about how to report power outages and the latest information regarding any snow emergency.

Steps of Snow Removal:

There are several distinct steps in the Snow Removal Plan. Each step has a purpose and the number of steps put into operation is dependent on the intensity and duration of the snowstorm.

1. Prioritizing Snow Removal

- a) As depicted above, Public Work's first priority is to keep the major thoroughfares open to provide initial, proximate access to emergency vehicles in all parts of the City without delay. Certainly, citizen transportation is facilitated on those streets.
- b) The second priority is to clear snow from all residential streets from gutter-to-gutter in a manner consistent with the City's rotation system.
- c) The third priority is to provide a path on all paved trails.
- d) The fourth priority is to sweep-up the sand put down in advance or during the storm once the street surface is dry.

2. Action Sequence

- a) If the forecast for snow is a 50 percent chance or greater, the City will apply liquid de-icer to intersections, hills and curves. This will provide for the melting of snow at the beginning of the snow event.
- b) When snow has started to accumulate on the streets, the plow trucks will plow and sand all of the main streets for the duration of the storm. When conditions allow, additional liquid de-icers will be used.
- c) Once the snow has stopped falling, the City will begin the removal of any remaining snow from all City streets.
- d) In case of a blizzard, the City's Snow Emergency Hotline at **303-783-2754** will be available to provide 24-hour communications with residents and emergency responder agencies.
- e) Given that CDOT maintains East Bellevue Avenue, East Hampden Avenue and South University Boulevard, it is only during extreme conditions or by request of the City's Police Department that Public Works will assist with plowing and/or sanding these streets.
- f) As the weather allows, the streets that have been treated with sand will be swept to assist in the reduction of particulate matter in the air and to provide for sure footing. Not all streets will be swept. The focus will be on the main streets and then on the residential streets.

The City's Parks & Trails Department will also be performing all of the snow removal on the paved paths. This will be a priority. In the past, the Public Works Department only plowed the paths after the streets were done.

The following excerpt is the 3rd in a series about the history of the Village being compiled by the Cherry Hills Land Preserve. The final version will be presented to the Cherry Hills Village Community in 2007.



GROWING UP IN CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE

by Councilmember Klasina VanderWerf

Have you ever wondered what it was like to grow up in Cherry Hills Village—say fifty years ago? Or perhaps even earlier than that, say, before this area *was* Cherry Hills Village.

Imagine this: your parents have just moved out to the far ends of the earth—miles from Denver, miles from your old friends and your former school. Sure, your parents promised you a horse, but they forgot to mention all the responsibility that goes along with this. They also forgot to mention that there was going to be a small herd of sheep as well—and you are expected to help take care of them. But you learn to put up with all the other stuff, maybe a little begrudgingly, because there is all this great space to play in and it is so much fun.

There are plenty of Villagers around who remember their growing up years in CHV (which speaks volumes for how much they love the area: they've returned to raise their own children here.) When they talk about their childhood memories, it isn't unusual for a mischievous smile to come to a few faces. There were responsibilities, sure, but there were also plenty of rough and tumble good times.

The list of what kids gained by growing up around here would have to include learning the responsibilities that go along with caring for animals, drawing on one's own imagination, and the joy that comes from interacting with one's surroundings. But the stories themselves say this so much better. . .

Callae Buell Gilman is the Villager who probably has the earliest childhood memories. She was the oldest of Marjorie and Temple Buell's four children. The Buells bought their home from the Alexis Caldwell Foster family who had built the home on the 168 acres they owned at the corner of the intersection of the dirt roads of Hampden and University in 1918.

In 1982, Cynthia Wolf, the last surviving member of the Foster family, wrote a letter to the *Crier* and also shared some of her memories of life in what has often been described as the area's first mansion. She and her sister and friends played hide seek in the tunnel that went between the main house and the garage, rode the dumb waiter between floors, and had races sliding down the two stairway banisters.

In 1936, when the Buell children moved in, they took over where the Foster kids had left off. Callae remembers riding horses "all over" The stable on Clarkson that was part of the Cherry Hills Club (today the Cherry Hills Country Club) was where the Buells kept their horses. The bridle path around the Club served well enough for a short ride; but if they wanted something longer, the children headed for the road along the Ditch (the High Line Canal).

There were not a lot of children in the area then, so frequently school friends from town would be invited to the Buell home for the weekend. There were often eight children at the dinner table on weekends. "My mother was wonderful," Callae remembers. "We had open house all the time."

The Buell children also grew up with numerous animals. There were usually as many as six dogs of varying breeds around at any one time. But the pet that perhaps still has the greatest notoriety was the young deer the Buell children kept. They came by the animal because its mother was killed at the Camp Hale shooting range. Temple Buell had drawn up the ground plans for Camp Hale and was handy when a home was sought for the motherless fawn. Callae remembers how her mother would put a rope and collar on the young deer and lead him around. He was usually kept within the confines of the family's tennis court, though there are many stories, to this day, describing the animal's adventures inside the Buell home. "Well," Callie offers with a straight face in response to these tales, "he may have been in the house a couple of times, but stories that he *lived* indoors are greatly exaggerated!"

Virginia Shafroth Newton, daughter of Abby Stanton and Morrison Shafroth one of three families who purchased acreage at the corner of Bellevue and University in 1927, has similar memories. The property came complete with a Shetland pony and a dog. The Shafroth family lived in the farmhouse during the spring and fall months. One memory Ginny is particularly fond of involves riding her horse to Graland, where she and her sister Ellen attended school. They got to ride to school on the one day during the week the Hottentot Riding Club met after school. In those days, according to Ginny, Graland students' education often involved spirited historical re-enactments. Because they already had the major props, their horses, Ellen and Ginny got to re-enact jousting during medieval times. Ginny recalls that they drew straws to see who would lose the jousting match. "Poor Ellen drew the short straw and had to fall off her horse," Ginny recalls.

Joanne Little O'Kane, the oldest of the four Little children was 11 when her family moved to their home at the edge of civilization in 1941. Their father, Joe Little, would become Cherry Hills Village's first mayor in 1945. While the Littles didn't have horses, "We had everything else, including pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, turkeys, and steers," Joanne said.

Some of the Little's steers came to them by way of the Denver Stock Show. Joanne, her brother David (who is a Village resident), and her sister Elizabeth Starbuck remember one in particular they had, named Patton—yes, after the general. Today, they point out, because of newer regulations, stock show steers can only be roped once. This wasn't always true. In former times, they were roped repeatedly. This only served to give the wilier steers practice in figuring out how to get their head out of the rope's noose. Patton, apparently, was one of the most accomplished at this sleight of head. On one particular occasion, Patton managed to finagle his way out and through fences on prom night. Joanne recalls chasing after him in her light blue organdy prom dress, pulling herself up over fences and running through corn fields to find the ornery steer. "I finally found him in Englewood. He'd gotten all the way to Logan and Quincy." Despite—or perhaps because of—the bull chasing, Joanne characterizes her growing up years as "wonderful."

Ron Loser, son of Earl and Edith Loser found no dearth of playmates when his family moved to South University in 1940. On that side of town, the Cherry Hills Club was the favorite playground in winter. "The young boys would build a ski jump on Hole #1 and play ice hockey on the lake on Hole #18 when it froze over. "Everything was pretty informal then," he points out.

Ron and his buddies also found their way over to the Frank Kistler property in the summer. The Kistler's owned what is now the Village Club and the acreage that now is Carriage Lane and which served as a vacation retreat for the Kistler family. It was the swimming pool that the Kistlers put in that made it the favorite spot for some of the area children.

The Cherry Hills School also ranks high on the list for providing memories to those kids in the area during the years before incorporation. In addition to sports, the activity that attracted numerous students was band. It was a teacher, Mr Trustman, "who wanted desperately to have a wonderful band," who encouraged students to take part. Ron played the clarinet. Early yearbook photos show rows of children proudly holding their instruments.

Cherry Hills School teachers also had to put up with the shenanigans of students raised in the great outdoors. Mrs. Rahiser, a teacher who hailed from Texas and with a temper to match her fiery red hair was up to the challenge. Bob Warren remembers how she picked up the snake they had planted in her top drawer with the words, 'Oh, what a beautiful bull snake. Here, Bob, you can take it outside.' "It kind of took the fun out of the prank," he points out today.

Bob Warren now lives in the eastern side of the Village, but he grew up on South Lafayette street. His grandparents were Margaret Dake and Louis Bansbach, both of whom had been purchasing parcels of land in this area as early as the 1890's. Bob's grandfather Louis, had teamed up with a man named C.S. Baker and the two not only farmed their own lands, but those of many other property owners in the area. Of course, the grandchildren got involved in the harvesting. Bob's grandfather would place him in the combine which was pulled behind a tractor. "I'd sit there in the combine with that wheat pouring in on top of me—up to my neck. Then, I'd wiggle out, eat some of it and throw a bunch around."

Of course, some of the games engaged in during those early years are ones the adults were not privy to. Bob Warren and his buddies foreshadowed a cross between the Civil War re-enactment and paint ball crazes of today. During a few summers in the early 1950's, he and his buddies would gather for their own version of the duel. The Yankees would head for Roger Knight, Jr.'s house on Quincy and the Confederates would go to Pat Burnham's on Summit. The Yankees would wear their Cub Scout uniforms, blue shirts with kerchiefs. "The Rebels were always rag-tag," according to Warren. The boys would also carry their bb-guns and actually take aim at each other. "Oh, no. Of course the adults didn't know about it," says Warren. "We'd send out patrols along Little Dry Creek to scout out where the other team was. It was great fun."

Jeff Welborn, former mayor and current resident, grew up on Lynn Road. The Welborn kids raised cows, chickens and horses and were very involved in 4-H. The 4-H club they belonged to was called the "Cherry Hills Busy Bees." As Jeff's mother, "Salty" Welborn, describes it, animals were a large part of her children's growing up years. "They loved animals—it's a part of their souls."

There may have been one animal Jeff would just as soon forget. This was the feisty rooster, Floyd, who jealously guarded the hen house. Jeff and his brothers gathered the eggs by having two of them distract Floyd at the gate to the hen yard while one of them climbed into the hen house through the back window and collected the eggs trying not to break them on the way out.

No story about growing up in CHV would be complete without some mention of the fun that took place in and around the High Line Canal—or the Ditch as it was known then. Water coursed along the Canal banks during the warm months in those years, and children and adults found all means of transportation to float along on that water. Jeff and his friend "Bud" Davis built a wooden raft that they floated from upstream to Bud's house on Quincy and the High Line.

Bea Taplin, a Village resident who moved here in 1958 and whose children are grown and gone, thinks raising kids in the Village was one of the best parts about their decision to move here. "It was idyllic," she says. "Every child should have a childhood like that."



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