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NORRIS DESIGN SELECTED

The City Council has selected Norris Design to prepare an analysis of options to develop new community facilities at the Village Center. The Village Center currently has facilities for South Metro Fire and Rescue, the City's police, public works, court and general administrative operations and the John Meade park complex. Under their contract, Norris Design will examine various land plans to accommodate new or replacement facilities in light of the site constraints, (such as flood plain and access), prepare programming options to implement the plan, and prepare preliminary cost estimates. The planning process will include various forms of public input including workshops, open houses, focus group sessions and meetings with key stakeholders. The overall goal is to formulate options for presentation to the community.

The work is scheduled to be completed over the next five months. The general timetable includes compilation of data and site information during July and August, development of preliminary concepts in August, community input during September and October with a final report to the Council and the community due in December 2009.

The need to examine options for the future is driven by several factors. First, the South Metro Fire and Rescue District needs a new facility to replace the existing station which is deficient in several respects. The current building does not accommodate the vehicles and equipment the District wants at this site. It does not have facilities for female employees and lacks certain features South Metro includes in newer stations. Replacement of this station is part of a larger examination by South Metro of all fire and rescue stations which may involve merging stations. The Council is desirous of continuing to have a fire station located in the center of the community.

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IS YOUR FAMILY READY FOR THE UPCOMING FLU SEASON?

By now, most of us have heard of the potential for a serious outbreak of the H1N1 flu virus this coming fall.

At this time, there is not enough information to predict how severe the flu will be in terms of illness and death or how it will compare with seasonal influenza. What the experts do know is that the H1N1 virus appears to be different from seasonal influenza in that:

- Symptoms might be more severe and complications more frequent.
- Healthy people might be at increased risk for serious complications.
- Hospitals and doctor's offices might be overwhelmed.
- Effective antiviral medicines might be in limited supply.
- Society may be seriously impacted (e.g., widespread restrictions on travel, closings of schools and businesses, cancellations of large public gatherings).
- Domestic and world economy may be severely impacted.

(Please see page 9 for more of this article)

MAYORAL MUSINGS



Mayor Mike Wozniak

I hope everyone is enjoying the end of the summer. I am afraid the old adage that time goes faster as you get older is proving to be true!

Some highlights of recent events:

Budget Review

At an event a couple of weekends ago, a Village resident indicated to me that he was concerned that the City keeps “raising taxes.” As I believe most of us are aware, Cherry Hills Village has not raised its mill levy for many years. In fact, as of June 30 our general fund revenues are exceeding our expenditures by nearly \$1.4 million as we continue to trim City budgets for non-essential items at every opportunity. We believe that in the stressed economic times, fiscal responsibility is paramount. Our City does not face the revenue deficiencies that many of our neighbors do whose budgets rely on sales tax revenues. In light of the uncertainty of future property tax revenues, we continue to review all expenditures.

Other interesting facts:

Only four new construction residential permits have been issued for the first six months of this year versus 13 as the average for the years 2000 through 2008. Similarly, remodel permits are also down for the first half of 2009. Automobile purchases and the sales tax received are also down for the first six months of the year.

On the safety side, I am pleased to report that our total reported crimes for year-to-date 2009 are less than any of the prior five years which continues a significant down trend in crime within the Village. Chief Patterson and our entire force are to be congratulated for their stellar efforts. The department has targeted car break-ins and car thefts for special emphasis by our patrol officers.

Our coyote issues remain a concern for Council. We are carefully watching the results of our more stringent harassment policy and our ordinance changes to determine their effectiveness. At a recent Arapahoe County Mayors and Managers meeting, we discussed participation in a County wide evaluation and study recommending the most effective techniques to deal with coyotes. While we are not willing to fund any additional studies at this time, we will lend our support to a more regional approach to controlling and removing any aggressive urban coyotes.

Overall, our court appearances and citations have slightly increased as have our municipal fines.

Getting Along:

Over the last few months, I have seen an increase in disagreements amongst our Village residents. In fact, there seems to be an increasing trend suggesting that litigation will be instituted in the event that residents do not get what they want from the City or from their neighbors. Over the last few years, I have attempted to reach out to our citizens that have issues with the City or with neighbors in an attempt to avoid resorting to the courthouse. In these difficult economic times, I would like to encourage everyone to recognize that there are often non-judicial solutions to issues among neighbors and between residents and the City. As elected officials who are not compensated for our services, Council wholeheartedly believes that the City generally bends over backwards to work with all of our residents to do what is best for all of our citizens. While a “beer summit” may not always prove fruitful, please feel free to contact any of your Councilmembers for assistance during these difficult times and let’s all try to work together to avoid more drastic remedies.

Miscellaneous:

In a divided vote, Council has approved the contribution of a \$150,000 from the general fund into the Catherine H. Anderson Land Donation Fund. The sponsors of this measure hope it will encourage other Village residents to contribute to this Fund such the City may move quicker should open space acquisitions become available.

With respect to wireless service, I have tried for years to increase service in certain areas of the Village that are unable to receive wireless communication. We have approved a right-of-way use agreement with New Paths Networks, LLC for the installation of additional wireless equipment on existing telephone poles throughout the City. New Paths is working with three national carriers to secure service facilities and increase our cell service.

We have received Arapahoe County grant money and awarded the contract to restore the Woody Hollow Park Horse Arena.

We continue to stay within our budgeted funds for the installation and repair of sewer lines for the Cherry Ridge area sewer line project.

We are beginning our budget reviews for 2010 and Council will be meeting with various department heads to meet our statutory requirements and deadlines with respect to the 2010 budget.

Councilman Scott Roswell continues to work with South Metro Fire District to ensure that we are properly served during the potential downsizing of some of the stations.

Finally, Council has authorized our legal counsel to petition the Colorado Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari on the South Suburban appeal.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable end of the summer. Don’t forget “Movie Night” on August 22nd. See page 5 of this issue for more details.

Mike

CHV POLICE OFFER CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

The Cherry Hills Village Police Department wants to partner with you to prevent theft crimes. **In recent weeks there have been ten car break-ins in the Northeast side of the Village.** All of these thefts included either iPods or car stereos. There are steps you can take to help prevent these crimes of opportunity.

Whether parking your car at home or in a public area, please remember to:

1. Park your car in a well lit area.
2. Roll all of the windows up all the way and lock all the doors.
3. At home, park your car in the garage whenever possible.
4. Remove your purse and other valuables from the car. Items such as purses and iPods which can be seen through the windows are inviting targets.
5. Do not leave valuables in plain sight. Thieves are looking for the easy steal.
6. If you must leave your purse or other valuables in the car, place them in the trunk of the car while still at home — before you arrive at your destination.
7. Do not hide valuables under the seat or in the glove box of your car — thieves know about these common hiding places.
8. Remember: Lock your car and set the alarm...even at home!

If you are a victim, report the crime. Notify your neighbors or Neighborhood Watch. Keep an eye out for suspicious or criminal activity and report it immediately by calling 911.

NEW OFFICERS JOIN DEPARTMENT

CHV Police Chief John Patterson recently hired two new officers. **Nick Steele** and **Heidi Berg** are recent graduates of the police academy; they both joined the department in May. The officers are currently in field training and will be released to solo duty in late September.



Officer Berg comes to CHV after working as a dispatcher with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office. Heidi enjoys riding her horse, hiking, camping, and snowboarding.

Officer Steele, right, is from Parker, Colorado. He enjoys outdoor activities including hunting, fishing and camping. Nick's most recent endeavor is building jet boats and spending time on the water.



FRONT RANGE FLU SHOTS, LLC WILL BE PROVIDING FLU AND PNEUMOCOCCAL IMMUNIZATIONS AT THE VILLAGE CENTER

Date: SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: City of Cherry Hills Village Municipal Bldg
2450 E. Quincy Avenue

Flu Shot: \$25.00

FluMist Nasal Spray: \$30.00 (Upon Availability)

Pneumococcal Shot: \$45.00

For other questions please contact the City Clerk's Office at **303-783-2732**.

Please be advised: This is a WALK IN ONLY clinic. Front Range Flu Shots does not take telephone reservations. At this time, this flu shot will not cover the H1N1 virus.

CITY WELCOMES NEW STAFFMEMBER



*The CHV Building Department welcomes **Laurel Landsman** as the new Community Development Clerk. She comes to Cherry Hills Village from Shea Homes where she worked in their Counsel and Legal Department for almost 10 years. She has two Australian Shepherds and enjoys freestyle dog dancing and agility, obedience and Rally trials with her dogs. Laurel is also working on writing young adult novels that she hopes to publish.*

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY SEPTEMBER 26TH - 9am to 12pm

Identity theft is a problem; shredding your sensitive documents is one way to avoid the problem. A free community shred day will be held from 9am to 12pm on September 26, 2009 at the Cherry Hills Village City Center at 2450 E. Quincy Avenue. Residents can protect themselves against identify theft by shredding any personal documents confidentially and securely, at no charge.

NEXT CRIER DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 18TH

NORRIS DESIGN SELECTED (continued from page 1)

Second, Village operations have grown over the years resulting in a shortage of space to properly house all personnel and equipment that serve the City. This is true for all departments and reflects an increased level of services being delivered to Village residents. The current facilities, many of which are now over 40 years old, are simply too crowded and inefficient given our growth over the last few decades. The shortage of adequate building and maintenance space is not a future issue, but a problem today.

Third, the Village Center site includes an open space and trails component that is an important asset, but may not be utilized as fully as possible. Norris Design will include options for both preserving and enhancing the open space element in their analysis.

As the plan options are developed along with preliminary cost estimates, City staff will be preparing finance plan options. The cost and method of funding will be important considerations in developing an acceptable program. The current thinking of the City Council is that this will be a plan to be implemented over time and not all at once.

A public workshop will be held on September 23rd, 2009 from 6:30pm to 8pm at Cherry Hills Village Elementary School. The public workshop is designed to gain input from Cherry Hills Village residents regarding the design of the Village Center. All Cherry Hills Village citizens are invited to attend.

Also, a community open house will be held on October 21st, 2009 from 6:30pm to 8pm at Cherry Hills Village Elementary School. The community open house is designed to garner input from Cherry Hills Village citizens regarding the proposed conceptual designs for the Village Center. All Cherry Hills Village residents are invited to attend.

Editor's note: Many thanks to City Councilmember, Alex Brown, District 3, for writing this article and helping to keep his fellow CHV residents informed.

2010 CITY BUDGET CALENDAR

The City Charter requires the Council to adopt a budget calendar by resolution each year. The following calendar was adopted as the budget calendar for the preparation of the 2010 annual budget by the City Council at the July 7th, 2009 meeting:

1. The City Manager submits the proposed 2010 Budget on or before September 15, 2009.
2. The City Council holds a study session to review the proposed 2010 Budget on or before October 6, 2009.
3. A Public Hearing will be held concerning the proposed 2010 Budget and first readings of the Appropriations Ordinance and Mill Levy Ordinance on or before November 3, 2009.
4. The Appropriations Ordinance and Mill Levy Ordinance will be adopted on second reading before the certification of tax levies deadline of December 15, 2009 required by Arapahoe County Assessor's Office.

If you have any questions regarding the 2010 budget preparation process, please contact Karen Proctor, Director of Finance and Administration, at **303-783-2723** or kproctor@cherryhillsvillage.com

CITY BUDGET UPDATE

THE CITY IS ON TRACK TO MEET OR EXCEED 2009 BUDGET

Despite the tough economic times, and most municipalities having to make significant budget cuts, the City of Cherry Hills Village financial position remains positive.

As of June 30, 2009, with 50% of the year complete, the General Fund is ahead of budget at 66% of budgeted revenues.

Some highlights of General Fund Revenues include:

- Property Tax revenue is at 98% and are expected to meet budget at year end.
- Building Permits have fallen slightly below budget, currently at 46%.
- Court fines are on track to meet budget currently at 55% of budget.
- Photo Red Light fines are exceeding budget at 87%.
- Interest Income is only at 6% and is not expected to meet budget as interest rates are currently below a ½% and are not expected to raise significantly to year end.

The General Fund is below budget at 45% of budgeted expenditures. Some highlights of General Fund Expenditures include:

- Administration appears to be slightly over budget at this time. This is due to the fact that the full year of workers compensation and property casualty insurance was paid in one payment at the beginning of the year. It is anticipated that this will be on budget by the end of the year.
- All other departments are at or below budgeted expenditures

At the end of June, General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$1,396,545. It is always staff's practice to be fiscally responsible and staff will continue to diligently monitor the City finances during these tough economic times. Staff believes that the City will meet or exceed budget for 2009.

Any questions regarding the budget can be directed to **Karen Proctor**, Director of Finance and Administration at **303-783-2723** or kproctor@cherryhillsvillage.com.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP)

Did you know that the City of Cherry Hills Village participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)? The NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance available for all buildings and covers direct losses caused by surface flooding. Flood insurance is mandatory for federally backed mortgages on buildings located in the regulated floodplain. Information on the NFIP and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for Cherry Hills Village is available for review at the Village Center. For more information, please contact Rob Zuccaro, Planning Manager, at **303-783-2749**.

Cherry Hills Village Presents: Free Outdoor Movie Event



Lawn is open at 6:30pm!

JOIN US AT **JOHN MEADE PARK** ON **SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2009**. THE MOVIE WILL START AT DUSK. ENJOY FREE POPCORN AND AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL HOSTED BY THE CHERRY HILLS LAND PRESERVE. PACK A PICNIC AND BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, LAWN CHAIRS AND BLANKETS. WE WILL BE WATCHING A GREAT SUMMER FLICK....

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SOUTH SUBURBAN LITIGATION UPDATE

In May 2009, the Court of Appeals decided the appeal in favor of South Suburban. The Court of Appeals reasoned that the \$9,660,838 judgment was *not* imposed to compensate for the fair market value of the parks transferred to the Village but, instead represented the amount of tax revenue that South Suburban would have received if the Village had remained in the district from 2004 to 2014. The Court of Appeals held that the District Court's order was not prohibited by § 32-1-503(1), C.R.S., which provides that "territory excluded from a special district pursuant to the provisions of this part 5 shall not be subject to any property tax levied by the board [of the district] for the operating costs of the special district." The Court of Appeals reasoned that the District Court's order that Cherry Hills Village residents pay South Suburban for "lost" future property taxes (1) was not "levied by the board" of South Suburban and (2) was not a "property tax" because it was ordered by the court *in lieu* of a tax on Cherry Hills Village residents.

As a result, in July 2009, the Village filed a Petition for Certiorari with the Colorado Supreme Court. A petition for certiorari is a request to the Colorado Supreme Court to review the decision of the Court of Appeals. The petition filed by the Village, along with an updated version of the *Frequently Asked Questions Concerning the City of Cherry Hills Village's Exclusion from South Suburban Park and Recreation District*, is posted on the City's website. The Colorado Supreme Court may grant the petition if it considers the issues worthy of review, usually within 6-10 months of the date the petition is filed. If the petition is granted, the parties will file additional briefs, oral argument will be scheduled, and a final decision published. The merits briefing and argument typically takes an additional 12 months.

The City Council has had periodic discussions with South Suburban representatives regarding the litigation, and it is expected that these discussions will continue.

MICROCELLULAR WIRELESS PROVIDER PLANS SYSTEM IN CHV

At their July 7th meeting, the City Council approved a right-of-way use agreement with NewPath Networks, LLC for the installation of a network of microcellular antennas intended to boost cell phone signals throughout the City. The network is designed to improve coverage by operating as a repeater system that can be utilized simultaneously by multiple wireless communication providers. Currently, AT&T has contracted to use the system and it is expected that more wireless providers will follow.

In response to increased demand for wireless services and concerns over safety due to a lack of adequate wireless coverage, the City Council updated the municipal code in 2007 to promote the installation of new facilities.

Work has already begun on the new system and is expected to be completed later this year. All of the antennas will be located on utility and light poles in the public rights-of-way. NewPath Networks is also working with Greenwood Village and Centennial to expand their networks.

CITY COUNCIL TRANSFERS \$150,000 TO THE CATHERINE H. ANDERSON LAND DONATION FUND

At the July 21, 2009, City Council meeting, the Council approved the transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Catherine H. Anderson Land Donation Fund. As a result of the transfer, the Land Donation Fund balance will be increased to \$334,400. The City Council established the Catherine H. Anderson Land Donation Fund to further the goal of the City's Master Plan to protect and increase Village open areas and the trail system. This transfer is a step toward continuing to foster and encourage open space and preservation of natural open area throughout the community. The City's Open Space Program also contains a number of other possible options that Council may consider each year during the budgeting process as funding sources for open space.

"It is exciting to see these additional funds allocated to the Cat Anderson Open Space Program," stated Councilmember **Harriet LaMair**. "This program is just one of many steps we are taking in the Village to ensure our community retains some of its open lands and rural history." Councilmember **Klasina VanderWerf** added, "The City Council approved this program to demonstrate to our residents that this Council wants to aggressively pursue open space preservation options." These funds are now available, upon application, as matching funds for residents working to preserve the Village's scenic treasures. Interested residents should contact the Village staff to understand the application procedures.

The City has two other funds for the purpose of collecting money to preserve and enhance the Village open space and trail system. These funds will continue to grow each year through different revenue sources. The following is a breakdown of the funds available in each account based on the City's 2008 Audited Financial Statements:

- Fund 7 (Conservation Trust Fund) - \$369,173
(*This fund was established as a mandate by the State of Colorado for the collection of the City's portion of funds from the Colorado Lottery. The fund is set up for the purpose of acquisition, development and maintenance of park and open space.*)
- Fund 14 (Arapahoe County Open Space Fund) - \$206,578
(*This fund was created to account for sales tax revenues generated from the Arapahoe County Open Space ballot measure approved by the votes of the County. The fund is set up for the purpose of acquisition, improvements, restoration and protection of open space in the City.*)

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS ANDY LOVE TO THE CENTENNIAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

At the July 21, 2009 City Council meeting, the Council unanimously appointed retired U.S. Air Force Major General and Cherry Hills Village resident Andy Love to represent the City on the Centennial Airport Community Noise Roundtable. The Roundtable was officially sanctioned by the Federal Aviation Administration to assist Centennial Airport and the Arapahoe County Airport Authority in addressing noise concerns in affected communities near Centennial Airport. The Roundtable consists of representatives from ten municipalities and two counties.

Mr. Love brings to this appointment a wealth of experience and knowledge in the field of aeronautics and the impacts of noise associated with aircraft. He served in the U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard for 37 years, retiring at the rank of Major General. Much of his Air Force and Air National Guard career was spent flying fighter aircraft. In the latter part of his career, he led a successful effort to develop an EIS in conjunction with a change in training airspace requirements of the Air Force. Much of that effort involved low level training routes for jet aircraft and the noise associated with that training. Additionally, Mr. Love has been working with the leadership of Buckley Air Force Base and the City of Aurora in developing compatible zoning to assure the longevity of flying missions at Buckley. He also served as the chair and member of the City's Planning and Zoning Commission.

"We welcome the credentials and expertise in the field of aeronautics that Andy Love brings to the Centennial Airport Community Noise Roundtable," stated Mayor **Mike Wozniak**. "The Village is very fortunate to have dedicated citizens such as Andy Love volunteer their time and expertise to the community. It is this dedication that makes Cherry Hills Village a wonderful community to live in."

MERLE CHAMBER'S BENCH AND TREE DONATION

In June 2009, the City of Cherry Hills Village accepted a generous donation from former resident **Merle Chambers**. Her donation will be used to plant five trees at Three Pond Park along with a bench and plaque that was dedicated in recognition of Ms. Chambers. The bench will be placed near the newly planted trees.

PT & R RESIGNATION

Cherry Hills Village would like to thank **Theresa Gilpatrick** for serving on the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission. Theresa resigned her position on PT & R in June. She served as the Chair of that Commission from 2006 until 2009 during the important early days of the revamped Parks & Trails Commission. Many thanks to Theresa for her commitment to the community while on the Commission.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHAREBACK FUNDS 2009

On June 4, 2009, City Council Member **Klasina VanderWerf**, along with City Manager **Eric Ensey**, Director of Public Works **Jay Goldie**, and Parks and Trails Administrator **Ryan Berninzoni**, attended the annual Arapahoe County Open Space Program award ceremony. At the ceremony, the City was awarded a grant for the restoration of the Woodie Hollow Park Horse Arena along with its proportionate amount of open space shareback funds.

A grant for \$25,100 was awarded to the Village to assist in the Woodie Hollow Park Horse Arena Restoration project, which will improve the surface condition of the equestrian area at Woodie Hollow Park.

As a result of the November 4, 2003 election, when Arapahoe County voters approved a sales and use tax increase for open space, the City of Cherry Hills Village entered into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Arapahoe County. The IGA requires the City to collect sales and use tax of one-quarter of one percent on building construction materials. The City forwards, on a monthly basis, the money collected minus five percent (which is collected and included as part of the Arapahoe County Open Space Fund). The County then annually distributes the proportionate amount of "shareback" revenues to each City in urban Arapahoe County based on population. This year the City received \$123,027.89. These funds are deposited in the City's Arapahoe County Open Space Fund, which is used to acquire real estate, easements, water rights and to improve, restore and protect the City's open spaces and trail system.

WOODIE HOLLOW HORSE ARENA

The City was awarded a grant from the 2009 Arapahoe County Open Space program for \$25,100 to assist with the Woodie Hollow Park Horse Arena restoration project. The restoration of the horse arena will be similar to what was done with the John Meade Horse Arena in 2008. The restoration will include new fencing, sub-base and footing.



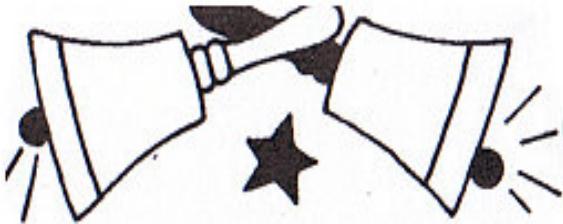
SUMMER ASTRONOMY SERIES GREAT SUCCESS

The Summer Lecture Series hosted by CHV and Kent and presented by the Department of Astrophysics and Planetary Science at the University of Colorado at Boulder has been a great success. CU Boulder is a world leader in Astronomy and Astrophysics. All of the instruments on the Hubble telescope were built in Boulder by Ball Aerospace or one of CU's laboratories or both. CU Boulder receives more NASA funding than any other University.

Attendance at the four lectures varied from around 40 to 60 people who ranged in age from third graders on up. The first lecture described our understanding of the behavior of the region in space around and in a black hole, the thing that forms when a massive star collapses at the end of its life and which appears to be in the center of every galaxy; imagining swimming through the distortions of space-time approaching the black hole was pretty mind-bending. The second lecture discussed the life of the universe to our present, then possible future cosmic evolution, and possible life on planets around other stars. The third lecture on the history and future of the Universe, with a large selection of Hubble telescope photos illustrating various points, was both beautiful and fascinating. The final lecture was held Friday August 1st and addressed the cosmic microwave background, the earliest visible light from the "Big Bang" which has been stretched by the subsequent expansion of the universe to radio wave lengths.

There have been many enthusiastic comments about the lecture series. If you would you like to see something similar in the future or have ideas for other lectures, please contact resident Chuck Schloss with your ideas at cschloss@schlosseng.com.

*Editor's note: The Village would like to thank long time Village resident **Chuck Schloss** for his commitment to this program, for arranging it, and for writing this overview. Thanks are also due to **Pam Broyles**, Parks Department, for helping with the set-up of each event.*



SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION; PLEASE SLOW DOWN WHEN DRIVING THROUGH SCHOOL ZONES.

LONG TIME CHVE TEACHERS RETIRE



Mark Rietema, 3rd grade teacher at Cherry Hills Village Elementary, retired after 14 years at the school. His teaching career began 30 years ago in the Cherry Creek School District where he has taught 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. He spent his first 16 years at Highline Elementary before moving to Cherry Hills

Village Elementary. He says that teaching came naturally to him, but then he also credits his students for making his career a success, describing them as "smart kids with good character." His most pleasant surprise over the years has been the constant support he has received from the families of his students saying "it's a huge advantage. I really believe that a supportive family is more important to success in school than the school itself. Working with amazing moms, dads, and children every year has been wonderful."

In retirement, in addition to spending lots of time with his grandchildren, Mark plans to fill much of his free time riding his motorcycle to the best fly fishing streams in Colorado and re-reading some great books.

About his career in teaching, Mark said, "How many people can say they loved coming to work everyday of their career? That's something". No doubt, he has left a profound mark on our student population over the last 14 years. His daily presence and contributions in our school will truly be missed.



Gretta Jansen, Teacher Librarian and Media Specialist at Cherry Hills Village Elementary, will retire this year after 11 years at the school. Her teaching career began 32 years ago in Hutchison, Kansas where she was born and raised. At the age of 16, she got her first job working in the children's department of the public library, a job that launched her love of libraries. Her subsequent inspiration to teach came from her grandfather and many aunts and cousins who were teachers. She taught 2nd and 3rd grades in Kansas for five years followed by a year as an elementary school librarian. In 1980, she moved to the Denver area and joined the Cherry Creek School District in 1983. She taught kindergarten, 3rd, and 4th grades over the next 9 years at Cimarron Elementary. In 1993, she received her master's degree from UCD and became Cimarron's Media Specialist. In 1998, she moved to Cherry Hills Village Elementary as Teacher Librarian where she will complete her outstanding career.

In her retirement, Gretta looks forward to spending time with her two granddaughters. She will also make more time to read, and she plans to substitute teach at Cherry Hills Village Elementary, to start a lending library at her church, and to travel. At the top of her list of travel destinations is an "off the bus" tour of Italy.

PREPARING FOR H1N1
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WHAT CAN YOUR FAMILY DO TO PREPARE FOR A POTENTIAL FLU OUTBREAK:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Cover your sneezes and coughs
- Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and utilizing other social distancing measures.
- Be prepared in case you get sick and need to stay home for a week or so; a supply of over-the-counter medicines, alcohol-based hand rubs, tissues and other related items could be useful and help avoid the need to make trips out in public while you are sick and contagious.
- Stay home if you have respiratory illness or fever
- Most importantly - ***Stay informed*** – for more information, including specifics on the latest immunization recommendations, the use of masks, social distancing, etc., visit the following websites:

Tri-County Health Department www.TCHD.org
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
www.CDPHE.state.co.us
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services www.Flu.gov

Editor's note: Many thanks to CHV resident Rose Lynch for writing this article and passing on the above links.

COUNTY PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL CHALLENGES AIMED AT SAVING ENERGY & FUEL

Arapahoe County is challenging its residents to make a pledge to save energy by driving smarter or using energy-efficient light bulbs as part of the National Association of Counties and Alliance to Save Energy county competitions.

The *Drive \$marter Challenge* is a fuel-efficiency campaign launched by The Wal-Mart Foundation, National Association of Counties and 16 public and private-sector partners to help U.S. consumers lower their gasoline costs by using less. The campaign offers effective money and gas-saving tips in English and Spanish and provides extensive additional resources – all aimed at keeping more money in drivers' pockets and reducing the number of costly trips to the pump.

The campaign web site www.drivesmarterchallenge.org features links to resources ranging from where to find the cheapest local gas to information on public transportation, biking, car sharing and carpooling.

The Change the World, Start with ENERGY STAR Campaign encourages employees and residents not only to change a light bulb in their home to an energy-efficient one, but also to choose among other actions they can take to help save energy (such as power managing computers, choosing ENERGY STAR appliances, or properly programming their thermostats). Make your pledge by visiting www.greencounties.org/changetheworld.

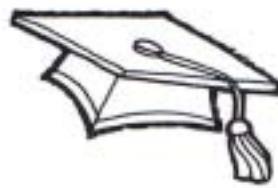
“Participating in these campaigns is a simple way for people to make a difference,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Pat Noonan. “We are proud to spread the word about the easy steps individuals can take to be more energy efficient.”

GRADUATE INFORMATION

Ceil and Jake Jacobsen proudly announce the graduation of their daughter, **Krista Jacobsen**, from Santa Clara University with a J.D. She will work in a law office in Redwood Shores, California.

BALLET AUDITIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

The International Youth Ballet announces auditions for their 9th annual presentation of the Nutcracker at The Newman Center. Auditions will be held on Saturday September 5th at the International Ballet School, 8000 South Lincoln Street, Littleton, Colorado. Call for times - **720 283 6323**.



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PASSINGS

Nancy Larson, passed at age 79 on June 8, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Jim, to whom she was married for 58 years; a daughter, Jan; two sons Dake and Todd; eight grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren.

James M. Woodard Jr. passed on December 18, 2008 at age 98. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Mary E. Woodard.

The Village sends its condolences to the loved ones of these departed neighbors.

CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE BABYSITTERS

The Crier offers the following list as an information service only. The Crier does NOT review babysitter qualifications; Villagers must screen babysitters themselves.

**Indicates Pet and Plant care **Indicates housesitting*

Kelly Allen	4502 SouthVine Way	303-761-5815
Claire Bailey*	5840 Southmoor Lane	303-733-2025
Blaine Barsch	3777 S. Albion St.	303-621-4147
Meghan Beans	#5 Viking Drive	303-789-1999
Molly Beans	#5 Viking Drive	303-789-1999
Nicole Campbell	4740 E. Oxford Ave.	303-300-2544
Walker Crowley *	** 4051 South Ivy Lane	303-990-0457
Kristin Douglass	2450 Cherryridge Rd.	303-762-0080
Caroline Field*	4090 S. Clermont St.	303-691-5679
Blair Gilpatrick **	29 Charlou Drive	303-806-9019/8
Taylor Bolton Haney	4245 S. Eudora St.	303-639-5111
Hayley Kal	4255 So Bellaire	303-692-1112
Samantha Kal*	4255 So. Bellaire	303-692-1112
Elycia Kazemian	24 Martin Lane*	303-783-1333
Edwin LaMair*	16 Cherry Lane Drive	303-584-0601
Haley McLoud*	4910 So. Franklin St.	303-788-1472
Lila Pilcher*	3981 So. Birch St.	303-756-6304
Samira Rajabi	5801 E. Piedmont Dr	303-547-0043
Cameron Reiss	4789 So Dahlia	303-810-3396
Gray Riedinger*	5964 E. Princeton Cir	303-639-5152
Paige Riedinger*	5964 E. Princeton Cir	303-639-5152
Ruby Rosenthal	4081 So Clermont St.	303-758-3380
Danielle Sellers*	2115 E. Grand Ave.	303-781-8822
Daniel Summerhill*	6200 Plateau Dr.	303-290-0429
Emma Sveen	2115 E. Grand Ave.	303-761-7757
Gunnar Sveen	2115 E. Grand Ave.	303-761-7757
Dylan Tallian*	11 Lynn Road	303-761-4162
Erika Tiemeier*	3855 So Dahlia	303-757-1142

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