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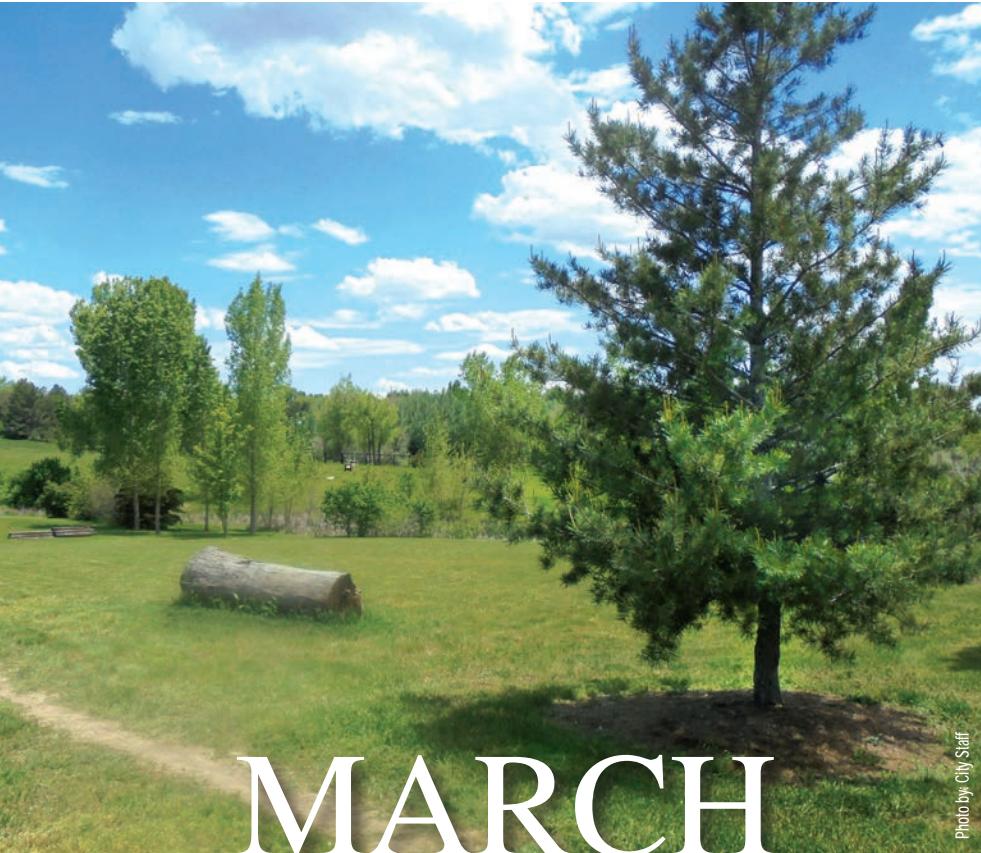


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PARKS & TRAILS SCAVENGER HUNT - May 3rd, 2025



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The Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission invites the community to their second annual Scavenger Hunt event on **May 3rd, 2025, from 9am-noon**. Fun for the whole family, with two scavenger hunt options:

• Park Scavenger Hunt (Youth):

- All-ages youth scavenger hunt in John Meade Park from 9am-noon
- Self-paced – find natural features within the park! All participants receive a prize.
- Face painters, lawn games, and snacks

• Trail Scavenger Hunt (Teams):

- 9:00am registration opens in John Meade Park; 9:30am start
- Explore the nearby bridle trails (about 3 miles total) and look for medallions on fenceposts and bollards!
- 11:45am deadline to win prizes - \$100 gift cards awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place
- All other finishers before 11:45am will be entered into a drawing for a gift card

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All participants receive a tree seedling to plant!

There will be a coffee station and snacks in the park to get everyone energized! Pre-registration is encouraged. Visit cherryhillsvillage.com/scavengerhunt for full details and to pre-register. For questions about the event, please email Public Works Clerk Ginny Joseph at gjoseph@cherryhillsvillage.com.



Drug Take Back Event

**Saturday April 26th
10 am – 1pm**

@ City Hall Parking Lot
(2450 East Quincy Avenue)



The Cherry Hills Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will provide the public another opportunity to dispose of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. **For any questions please contact the Police Department at (303) 761-8711.**

Please do your part to mitigate crime

Follow these simple steps:

- 🔒 Remove keys and valuables from vehicles
- 🔒 Lock vehicle doors
- 🔒 Close the garage door
- 🔒 Close and lock exterior doors
- 🔒 Turn on alarm and exterior lights
- 🔒 Report suspicious activity



Recreation Reimbursement Donor Thank You

The City would like to thank the following residents for donating a portion or their entire recreation reimbursement to the Cat Anderson Fund, which was created for the acquisition and protection of parks, trails and open space in Cherry Hills Village. A total of \$2,505 was donated throughout 2024.

Andrew Du Mont	Jonathan Reinemund
Carol Steinberg	Karen Kafader
Catherine & Greg	Kenneth Barrow
Groene	Laura Triplett
Chris Philips	Louise Douglass
Cindy Diamond	Marie Crist-Fulk
Craig & Abigail Clark	Martha Davis
Edward Cudahy	Matthew Autterson
Fred Haynes	Michelle Mize
Graig Weisbart	Rachel & Oscar Aguirre
Hannah & Zach Mann	Richard Sanders
Heidi Archer	Schmidt Rebecca
Hunaif Dar MD	Stephen Elken
Jacque McIntyre	William Fishman
James Keeley	William Eberly

CITY BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

The City is soliciting applications for City boards and commissions. If you would like to apply please complete an application and submit to City Clerk Laura Gillespie by Friday April 4th. Find the application and more information about the commissions at cherryhillsvillage.com.



In a rather famous interview with Barbara Walters, Katharine Hepburn identified as an oak tree. “Everybody would like to be an oak tree” she said, “That’s very strong, very pretty.” Check it out on YouTube!

Trees are a significant resource in the City. At our February 4th meeting, Council approved a proclamation designating April 18th as Arbor Day. Cherry Hills Village has been a member of Tree City USA for 18 years, earning it the designation of “Tree City.” Every Tree City commits to annually meeting certain requirements set by the Arbor Day Foundation, including designating a City department responsible for the care of public trees (that would be our own Parks Division managed by the very able Emily Black and Jeff Roberts), maintaining a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita and designating and observing an annual Arbor Day.

The Parks Division is the proud steward of hundreds of trees on public property throughout the City. Last year Parks staff planted 19 new trees and spent over \$141,000 on tree maintenance and planting, a whopping \$22.18 per capita based on the 2020 census, well beyond the \$2 requirement of a Tree City.

Additionally each year in February the City offers its annual Tree

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORT

Katharine Hepburn is an Oak Tree, What Tree Are You?

Planting Program for residents. Through this program residents can purchase trees for their home at a reduced cost. Parks staff delivers the trees to residents' homes on or around Arbor Day each year. The program routinely sells out, evidencing our residents' love of trees.

Cherry Hills Village has the highest tree density of cities along the High Line Canal, with over 600 trees greater than 6 inches in diameter per mile according to a tree survey conducted by the High Line Canal Collaborative in 2016. The Cottonwood is the most common tree along the Canal, making up 40% of the tree canopy. Unfortunately, many of the Cottonwoods are nearing the end of their life. These trees were established when the Canal served as an irrigation ditch and had enough water in it to support the Cottonwoods, which is not the case today over much of the Canal. The High Line Canal Conservancy is planting new trees (such as Burr Oak, Catalpa, Chinkapin Oak, Common Hackberry, Honey Locust and Schumard Oak) that are draught tolerant and will provide shade as the Canal loses the Cottonwoods.

This year as you walk, ride or otherwise use the almost 4 miles of the Canal that runs through Cherry Hills Village you will notice various ongoing maintenance projects and perhaps the occasional closure of parts of the Canal. Over this year and next, the Conservancy and Denver Water are implementing a high priority natural resource restoration project which includes

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– Katharine Hepburn

pruning and removing hazardous and dying trees, removing invasive trees, and planting new vegetation. Trees scheduled for maintenance have a mark painted on them, which may include full removal, habitat prunes (where portions of the trunk are left standing to provide habitat for wildlife) and safety prunes. Occasionally these projects will result in detours or closures along the Canal. You can track the closures by going to the Conservancy website <https://highlinecanal.org/trail-notices>.

Along with our trails, the trees in the City are a natural amenity that many of us take for granted but that require significant investment and management. As spring arrives in the next few weeks take some time to get out and enjoy the trails and the trees throughout the City. And while you are enjoying our beautiful City, spend some time thinking about what kind of tree you are!

Susan Maguire
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Crier Classifieds

The Village Crier advertisements will be provided for a fee to both Village residents and advertisers outside the Village. Ads are limited to 45 words. **Publication of the ad in The Village Crier does not imply endorsement.** The Village Crier reserves the right to reject ads. For information about advertising visit www.cherryhillsvillage.com/VillageCrier.

Categories

- Attorney**
- Contract Work/Handyman**
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Email your information to Laura Gillespie at lgillespie@cherryhillsvillage.com

Deadline: March 15

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Education

MATH TUTORING GRADES 7-12. For 35+ years and over a decade online, my private students earned the highest grades and SAT/ACT scores. Taking AP Precalculus? Precalculus is a specialty! Written endorsements from top professors and admissions officers. Dr. George, Harvard Ph.D., MIT B.S. 833-628-4833. perdocere.com

MY SCHOOL PRESCHOOL: A private preschool experience-based learning where children participate in intentional experiences in the classroom, gym, art room & playground with monthly in-house field trips. For ages 2.5 to 5 years. 5555 South Yosemite Street, Greenwood Village, 80111 Contact: MSPreschoolDirector@myschool-preschool.org 303-806-5127 Website: <https://myschool-preschool.com/>

Gardening/Landscaping

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FAIRBAIRN DESIGN-TREE AND LANDSCAPE SPECIALISTS designing, building & maintaining landscapes in CHV since 1993. Please call/text Jim for a free consultation at 303-919-2208 or email at jimfairbairn@comcast.net



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Pet Services/Accessories

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DOG WALKING, House Call Pet Nail Trims & More! - Furry Paws Care is a small pet care business that has been serving the community since 2014. Our services are: Nail Trims, Horse/Livestock Care, Dog Walking, Pet Sitting & More! Contact Amy via furrypawscare.com or 303.903.6327.

Professional Services

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Real Estate

CHERRY HILLS RESIDENT AND SPECIALIST AT YOUR SERVICE!

Licensed Broker, Detailed Developer, Expert Investor and Life Long Real Estate Adviser. For all your Real Estate needs so call anytime to talk about your goals! Ty Dokken - Compass Real Estate. 303-246-4857. Ty.Dokken@Compass.com.

Wildlife Service/Removal

ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL for wildlife problems of all sizes. Licensed and insured. We have been servicing Cherry Hills Village for over 30 years. Professional, ethical and humane, we don't use gasses, poisons or pesticides. 303-884-9100, wildlifedamage.com or adcwildlifespecialist@gmail.com

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cherryhillsvillage.com

Swarm Hotline

By the Colorado Beekeepers Association

Bees swarm in the spring. In Colorado, bees swarm from approximately April 1st until the end of the summer with May and June being the busiest months. A swarm occurs when a hive, wild or managed, becomes overcrowded and the old queen and approximately half of the original hive leaves to find a new home. Swarms are generally quite docile but they can be disconcerting due to the sheer numbers of bees within the swarm. It is still a good idea to keep your distance so as to not make the bees feel threatened.

Swarms will eventually leave on their own, once the scout bees have returned to inform the group that they have found a suitable new home. Where it may have taken an hour or more for the swarm to collect, they can be gone in less than a minute once they get word it is time to go. However, beekeepers prefer to catch the bees as a swarm in case their new home—is yours!

If you are lucky enough to witness one of nature's most fascinating migrations, a swarm,

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO KILL THEM!

Do not spray them with insecticide or water!

These bees are "survivor bees" and are crucial to our environmental health.

Call the NEW toll-free bee swarm hotline

(1-844-SPY-BEES)

We have volunteer beekeepers throughout the state ready to be dispatched to collect the bees and transfer them to a new home. For FREE! And, generally, within an hour or two. Please be patient and Do NOT continue to call more beekeepers.



CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH US!

Join Cherry Hills Land Preserve for our 3rd annual Earth Day event — a springtime celebration of barnyard fun for the whole family!

**Earth Day
Celebration**

at
Quincy Farm



April 27
10:30–12:30 pm

\$20 per family



Walk or Ride to Quincy Farm
Parking information available
upon registration



Registration and tickets at www.quincyfarm.org/programs

**Registration required.
Grab your family's spot today!**

- Visiting chickens, horses, baby goats, Maui the Turkey, and Oliver the Pig!
- Complimentary Travelin' Tom's Coffee and Hot Chocolate Truck
- Wildflower seed planting station with your own pot to take home

Keep in touch

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Geese at John Meade Park

As anyone with a large lawn knows, managing the effects of Canada geese is a constant struggle. When John Meade Park was redeveloped, it was important to protect the city's investment in the newly-planted vegetation. Staff had considered many goose deterrent options in the past, including coyote decoys, sound control, and even special lights that claimed to disrupt goose sleep patterns.

One strategy that hadn't been tried was a dog service. These companies provide specially trained dogs, usually border collies, to chase the geese off a property. The dogs are trained not to harm the birds. The handler brings the dogs daily, at varying times, to eventually teach would-be resident flocks of geese that this is not a friendly habitat.

HPM, Inc., the contractor for John Meade Park, originally hired goose dogs to keep geese out of the park as much as possible while the grass became established. The city has found that the goose dogs are a worthwhile investment and has continued to use this service. Migrating flocks might still land in the park, but there are fewer numbers of non-migratory geese filling the ponds and grass areas as they've done in the past. The result is a cleaner park and a better visitor experience.

For questions about parks, please contact Parks Project and Operations Manager Emily Black at ebblack@cherryhillsvillage.com or 303-783-2742.



KNOW BEFORE YOU



Whether by bike, by car, or on foot, one of the reasons that the City's rights-of-way (ROW) exists is to safely move people in and around the Village. Since all ROW are owned by the City, there are regulations within the Municipal Code regarding private improvements within the ROW. Depending on location, landscaping such as boulders, trees and bushes may not be allowed in the ROW. Due to the pastoral character of Cherry Hills Village, it is often difficult to know where the ROW ends, and private property begins. It can be further complicated because the boundaries of the ROW do not always coincide with physical improvements (e.g. pavement or a formalized dirt road). Often, the City's ROW extends beyond what is paved or formalized. Before installing any of these improvements next to a street or road, property owners should contact the City.

For more information on improvements adjacent to, or within City ROW, you can contact the Cherry Hills Village Public Works Department at (303) 783-2744, stop by the Village Center at 2450 E. Quincy Avenue, or visit the City's Public Right-of-Way (ROW) Permits page at: <https://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/172/Public-Right-of-Way-Permits>

2025 Spring Clean-up SAVE THE DATE

The 2025 Spring Clean-up will be held on **May 17, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The Spring Clean-up event will be held at 2101 W Quincy Avenue, Sheridan, CO 80110 (the Public Works facility in Sheridan). The Spring Clean-up event this year will include shredding and electronics recycling. This program is for residents only and City staff will be checking ID's. Please be prepared to show your driver's license with a Cherry Hills Village address. City Staff will be available to help unload acceptable items on May 17th. Details about accepted items will be available in upcoming Village Crier issues and on the website.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please visit the City's website at <https://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/197/Spring-Clean-Up> or call (303) 783-2744.



Pedestrian and Cyclist ROAD SAFETY

With spring weather on the way, we will soon see an increase in people walking and biking on our roads.

What side of the road is best?

- Cyclists should ride in the same direction as vehicular traffic.
- Pedestrians should always choose to walk on an adjacent trail or sidewalk if one is available (in our case...mostly trails!).
- If they must walk in the road, pedestrians should walk against vehicular traffic so they can see cars coming. (Runners follow the same rule!)
- Walking with a dog? Make sure they're on a leash to keep them (and others) safe too!

Do you have a question about safe use of parks and trails? Email Parks Project & Operations Manager Emily Black at eblack@cherryhillsvillage.com.



FIRE HAZARD MITIGATION

South Metro Fire Rescue has many resources to help residents mitigate fire hazards. Visit cherryhillsvillage.com/SMFR to view various handouts and articles. Request a home wildfire assessment by emailing ReducingRisk@southmetro.org or calling 720-989-2000.



Worship Services at Saint Gabriel the Archangel Holy Week and Easter

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 AT 8AM AND 10:15AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 AT 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 AT 7AM AND 7PM

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 AT 8AM AND 10:15AM

EASTER EGG HUNT AT 9:15AM

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KENT DENVER EVENTS *April*

7 MONDAY
6:30 p.m.

Scobie Institute for Wellness
Speaker Series: *Ash Beckham*
Anschutz Family Theater

10 THURSDAY
6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Band Concert: *The 303 with Quemando*
Arts Center Lower Level

24 THURSDAY
6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Stories Through Song: *An Original Musical Revue*
Arts Center Lower Level

30 WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Band Concert
Anschutz Family Theater

babysitter's list...



The Crier offers the following list as an informational service only. The Crier does NOT review babysitter qualifications. Residents must screen babysitters themselves. In an effort to protect the privacy of our babysitters, the Crier only prints names and phone numbers in the listing.

- * Indicates pet and plant care
- Indicates the babysitter can drive
- ** Indicates housesitting
- + Indicates Red Cross babysitting certified
- ▲ Mentor in Education

Sophia Antonopoulos*	720-296-8091
Ellie Bauer	303-808-5185
Anna Baumbusch+	303-501-7287
Lucia Bell+*	720-975-6207
Bridget Brown+	303-765-4470
Chelsea Davidson	303-520-9727
Anjali Devagupta* ** •	303-639-6110
Jessica Diamond	303-692-9475
Isabella Diamond	303-692-9475
Kristin Douglass	303-762-0080
Kate Duymelinck*	720-539-9529
Lizzie Elliott+ * **	720-550-3777
Liana Fagelson+ * •	303-829-0662
Sibel Fite*	720-568-0880
Jayne Fraser+ * •	720-556-2240
Lauren Garofalo+ * ** •	303-885-7174
Wesley Gonzales+ *	970-397-9428
Abby Goodrum+ *	303-475-0979
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Send new or updated information to Laura
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