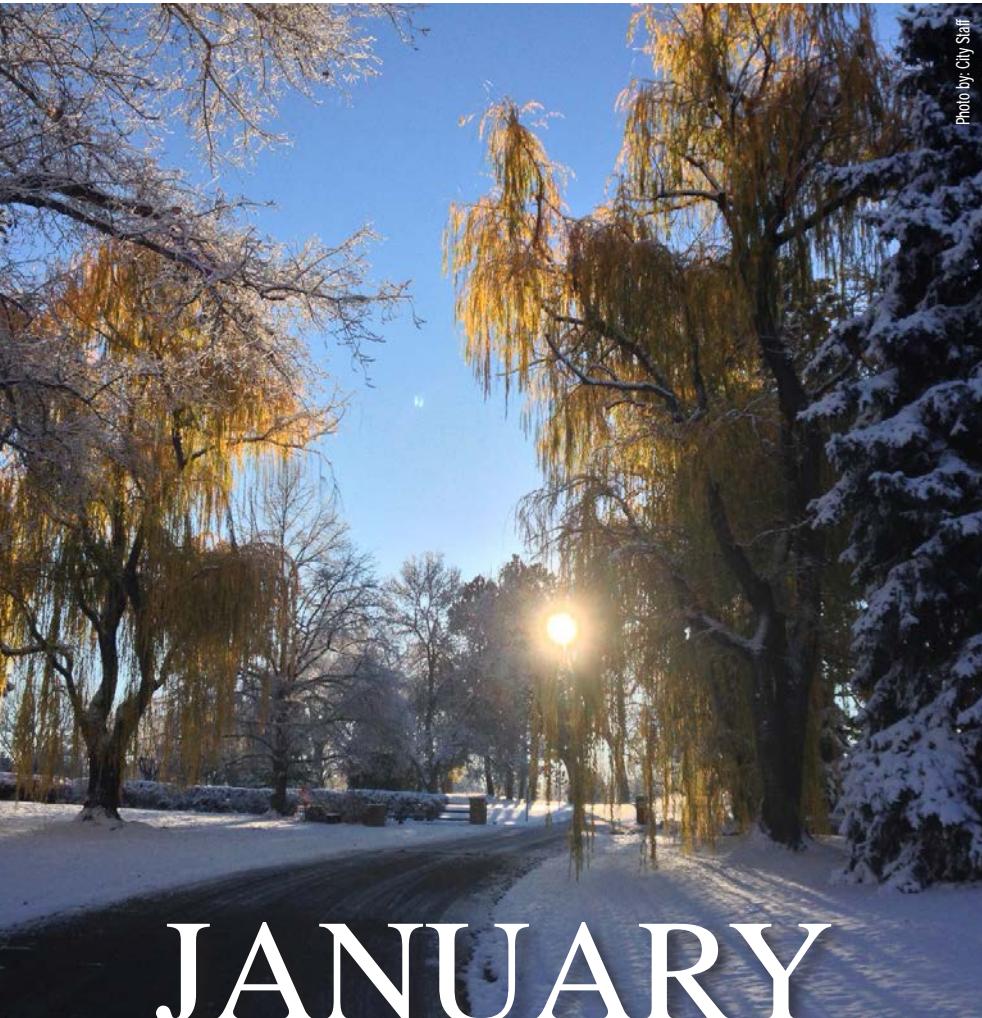


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## JANUARY

### ‘Resilience’ Sculptures Installed in John Meade Park

Parks staff worked with artist Joe Norman to install his ‘Resilience’ series last month in John Meade Park & Alan Hutto Memorial Commons! These three pieces were commissioned by the Cherry Hills Village Art Commission and were made possible through generous donations from our CHV community! The pieces appear to be local wildlife (a monarch butterfly, a broad-tailed hummingbird, and a Great Horned Owl) when viewed from one direction and playing children when viewed from a different angle. We hope everyone can visit the park soon and enjoy the new additions! **An event will be held by the Cherry Hills Village Art Commission on April 20th, 2024 from noon-2pm to celebrate the new sculptures in the park.**



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## Online Building Permit Portal is *LIVE*

Are you looking to finally finish your basement, build that fence, or install a pool? Good news! All building permits will now be processed online. The migration to an online system will help increase transparency throughout the permit, construction, and inspection processes. Property owners, contractors, and design professionals will now be able to see the status of a permit or the result of an inspection in real-time. Additionally, the payment of permit fees can be made online without the need to visit City Hall or provide a credit card number over the phone.

For more information on this, visit the City's website at:  
<https://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/421/Building-Permits>

Permit submittals can now be made here:  
[https://www.civicgov4.com/co\\_cherryhillsvillage/portal/index.php](https://www.civicgov4.com/co_cherryhillsvillage/portal/index.php)

For more information or questions, call 303-783-2721 or email us at [buildingdepartment@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:buildingdepartment@cherryhillsvillage.com).

## 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



## 2024 Quincy Farm Annual Plan

The 2024 Annual Plan for Quincy Farm was approved by City Council on November 21st, 2023. Each year, a Quincy Farm team comprised of Cherry Hills Land Preserve (CHLP) board members, CHLP staff, and City staff create an Annual Plan for the Farm. The 2024 Plan includes many exciting projects, including rehabilitation of the Big Barn, enhancements to the irrigation pond that will improve habitat and water quality, and safety improvements to the bridge crossing the High Line Canal.

The entire 2024 Annual Plan for Quincy Farm is available on the City's website at [cherryhillsvillage.com/quincyfarm](https://cherryhillsvillage.com/quincyfarm). The Cherry Hills Land Preserve has information about upcoming programming and how to get involved at [quincyfarm.org](https://quincyfarm.org). For questions, please email the City at [quincyfarm@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:quincyfarm@cherryhillsvillage.com) or the Cherry Hills Land Preserve at [info@cherryhillslandpreserve.org](mailto:info@cherryhillslandpreserve.org).





# HAPPY 2024!

I hope you enjoyed your holidays and new year's festivities. I am writing this in the midst of December's shortest days, where long, dark nights can stifle spirits. Hanukkah is in full swing, Christmas is near, Kwanzaa just after. The new year heralds opportunities. I hope you attended the Village's Winter Celebration. City staff knocked it out of the park and provided us a festive, safe place to celebrate the season.

It seems it is not a coincidence that Hanukkah, the Jewish "Festival Of Lights," falls at this time of year. Celebrating the overmatched Israelites' unanticipated military victory, the Jews sought to rededicate the Temple and light the Menorah. However, they found only a single cruse of uncontaminated oil. Miraculously, the one-day supply lasted eight days. Each night, we light the menorah, one candle the first night, two the second, etc. up to the eighth. Brighter each night, candles symbolically celebrate our ability drive away the "darkness" of repression and ill-will. Each night builds upon opportunities represented by the prior night—more light analogizes to more hands working to heal our world. On behalf of our city officials, staff, and my family, I wish you a Happy New Year where each of you radiates light, hope and goodness throughout the year.

Mayor Brown's December column mentioned 2024 City efforts and sought your continued participation. Our Master Plan provides an exciting blueprint and timelines for Council and Staff.

## MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORT

### Fiscal

In December, Council adopted the 2024 Budget. Council also revised the fund balance emergency reserve policy, consistent with the Master Plan directives for long term planning. We proudly communicate that the City is in a strong financial position. While the process may look easy, please know the City staff expended countless hours and considered hundreds of programmatic options in generating this balanced budget. Staff's efforts shine bright into 2024.

### Safety and Security

An unwavering premise is safety. This budget fully funds the Police Department and implementation of the finest police practices. The Department is fully staffed, expertly trained, and fully equipped. No budget constraints limit its operations. The drone program adds additional capacity, expanding coverage, especially at night. Many neighborhoods installed FLOCK cameras, providing nearly instantaneous detection of those "wanted" for crimes. To enhance officer retention, the budget funds the Department's retirement plan migration to a defined benefit program. To encourage use of alarm systems, the City no longer assesses fees when police respond to false alarms.

Nonetheless, our Village is not exempt from crime. Two homes were recently burgled. The police have arrested the perpetrator in the first case. In the second, police made an arrest and have strong leads in hopes of making future arrests. Please reduce opportunities for criminals: lock doors, windows, and ears; turn on house lights; use the "house check" program, and join the Police community engagement platform, Crime Watch [www.chvpd.com](http://www.chvpd.com).

### Community Development and Public Works

Natural spaces are treasured and critical city assets. Public Works continues its skillful performance. Our roads are in great shape. Staff maintains traffic safety amidst changing conditions, mitigates cut-through impacts, and integrates increased bicycle, e-bike and other transit modes. We are progressing toward solutions for cell coverage issues. A grant to purchase electric equipment initiates our needed transition from gas powered equipment. Throughout 2024, be a bright light and model desired behavior. Respect government's role and your need to obtain

required permits before starting work. Meet code requirements. Protect your neighbors by driving slowly in residential areas. As you enjoy our city, be mindful that e-bikes are prohibited in parks, on unpaved trails and the High Line Canal path.

The Master Plan added a new section, "Sustainability and Resiliency," that directs CHV to lower its environmental impact and work with residents to reduce outdoor water use, develop sustainability measures, green building, recycling, and household waste composting. Vehicle charging stations will be installed at City Hall. Our Plan seeks improved resiliency, whether it be from data breaches or from increased risks due to climate change. The implementation schedule for these tasks starts now. CHV is already a proud Tree City member. Act now. Partner with us. Be a source of light, taking bold action to improve our environment and community. I hope you will financially support and attend Cherry Hills Land Preserve and High Line Canal Conservancy programs, and help the City activate our prize historic asset, Quincy Farm.

### City Administration

Jim Thorsen returned as Interim City Manager and leads an efficient and superbly effective team. Quietly and proficiently, staff provides skilled, respectful services to residents, visitors, and those working in our community. Relationships are strong with our community partners. Your City staff members are each bright lights you can be proud of.

### Be A Shining Light in 2024

As I complete my first year on Council, I am privileged to work with great people on important matters, preserving what makes CHV special. As we face local, statewide, and even national challenges, I am reminded that how we discuss and solve issues dictates our probability for success. Civility and respect matter, especially in disagreement. The bright light of truth leads to understanding and improves decision making. I am always amazed at our residents' many talents, and I welcome your efforts and insights on all matters CHV.

*Robert Eber*

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reber@cherrylakevillage.com

# WINTER CELEBRATION

Thank you to all who attended the Winter Celebration on Friday, Dec. 1st – we had our largest turnout ever! Mayor Brown welcomed everyone and lit up the tree, kicking off the festivities! Kids enjoyed cookies & cocoa, taking a hayride, playing outdoor games, and of course seeing Santa. If you have feedback about this year's event or suggestions for next year, please email Parks Project & Operations Manager Emily Black at [eblack@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:eblack@cherryhillsvillage.com). We look forward to celebrating with you again next year!



## ANNUAL DOG REGISTRATION

As the new year approaches, please take time to register your dog with the City. You may come into the Police Department in-person (8am-4:30pm Monday-Friday) or simply complete the online registration located on our website, [chvpd.com](http://chvpd.com). By registering your dog, it provides the Police Department with the necessary information to safely return your furry friend back to their family. Many times, this registration eliminates the need to take the dog to a shelter. We know your pets are family and we at the Police Department strive to do everything possible to keep your dog safe. Thank you!



# PUBLIC WORKS RESIDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

As part of the Public Works and Finance accreditation process, the City has put together a resident satisfaction survey in an effort to measure areas of improvement. The City is asking all residents to take a few minutes to complete the survey. Residents can complete the survey online at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeF5iQHP3FhrUK\\_6DxpEvPscHdJd6KDIZUU4mWRuX\\_o0MRtnw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeF5iQHP3FhrUK_6DxpEvPscHdJd6KDIZUU4mWRuX_o0MRtnw/viewform) or by going to the City's website at [www.cherryhillsvillage.com](http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com) and clicking on the Public Works & Parks Department Resident Satisfaction Survey link.

Residents that would prefer a paper copy can complete the survey below and mail it to: Cherry Hills Village

Attn: Jay Goldie  
2450 East Quincy Avenue  
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113



Residents can also drop off the completed survey to the City Hall (2450 E. Quincy Avenue) during normal business hours (Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.), take a photo of the completed survey and email the image to [village@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:village@cherryhillsvillage.com) or scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone to take the survey electronically:

Thank you for participating in the study.

## Public Works

The mission of the Cherry Hills Village Public Works Department is to provide high quality streets, infrastructure, parks, and open space for all residents. The Department strives to be stewards of the environment and be fiscally responsible in all aspects of its operations. The Cherry Hills Village Department of Public Works is comprised of 2 main divisions (Parks and Streets) with 18 full-time employees who possess special skills and knowledge acquired through education, training, and experience to meet the public's needs. The Department also employs 6 seasonal employees in the summer. Some of the many responsibilities of the Department include:

- Maintain 50 miles of streets (100 lane miles)
- Maintain 26 miles of bridle trails, 55 acres of open space and park land
- Stormwater management
- Operate 6.8 miles of sanitary sewer lines
- Oversee all City facility maintenance and repairs
- Plan and manage recreation special events
- Administer the Recreation Reimbursement Program
- Manage the household hazardous waste program and Spring Clean-Up
- Right-of-way construction permitting
- Capital construction management
- Snow removal

**Overall, how satisfied are you with the Public Works Department's street operations (i.e. road conditions, repair and maintenance of road damage, signs, paint, etc.)?**

Very satisfied       Somewhat dissatisfied  
 Satisfied       Dissatisfied  
 Somewhat satisfied       Very dissatisfied  
 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied      If dissatisfied, please tell us why: \_\_\_\_\_

**Overall, how satisfied are you with the City's parks and trails system?**

Very satisfied       Somewhat dissatisfied  
 Satisfied       Dissatisfied  
 Somewhat satisfied       Very dissatisfied  
 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied      If dissatisfied, please tell us why: \_\_\_\_\_

**Overall, how satisfied are you with the Public Works Department's snow removal operations?**

Very satisfied       Somewhat dissatisfied  
 Satisfied       Dissatisfied  
 Somewhat satisfied       Very dissatisfied  
 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied      If dissatisfied, please tell us why: \_\_\_\_\_

**Compared to other streets outside of the City, would you say that Cherry Hills Village's roads are**

Better       About the same       Worse

**Have you participated in the City's recreation reimbursement program?**  Yes /  No

If not, more information can be found at [www.cherryhillsvillage.com/reimbursement](http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/reimbursement)

**Have you participated in the City's hazardous waste program?**  Yes /  No

If not, more information can be found at [www.cherryhillsvillage.com/HazardousPickUp](http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/HazardousPickUp). Do you have any changes or suggestions for improving this program?

**Have you participated in the City's tree planting program?**  Yes /  No

If not, more information can be found at [www.cherryhillsvillage.com/TreePlantingProgram](http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/TreePlantingProgram)

**What City special events have you attended (Movie Night, Winter Celebration, Spring Clean-up/Shred Day)?**

Please tell us what you liked or dislike about these events. What other events would you like the City to consider?

**Is the City adequately communicating information about street programs and maintenance, City parks and City trails that you feel is important to you?**  Yes /  No

**Please give us any feedback you feel would be helpful in improving our service delivery to the community.**

# Crier Classifieds

The Village Crier advertisements will be provided for a fee to both Village residents and advertisers outside the Village. Ads should be limited to 45 words and may be purchased for the entire year. **Publication of the ad in The Village Crier does not imply endorsement.** The Village Crier reserves the right to reject ads. To inquire about placing an ad call 303-783-2732 or email [gillespie@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:gillespie@cherryhillsvillage.com).

## Categories

**Attorney**  
**Contract Work/Handyman**  
**Education**  
**Events**  
**For Sale**  
**Gardening/Landscaping**  
**Health and Wellness**  
**Music/Instrument/**  
    Education/Repair  
**Painting**  
**Pest Control**  
**Pet Services/Accessories**  
**Professional Services**  
**Real Estate**  
**Tech Help/Services**  
**Wildlife Service/Removal**

## ADVERTISE in the next Crier Classifieds

Email your information to Laura Gillespie at [lgillespie@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:lgillespie@cherryhillsvillage.com)

**Deadline: Jan 15**

## Contract Work/Handyman

**A+ ACCREDITED: HIGH IMPACT ROOFING** – Elevate your Cherry Hills home with 15 years of roofing excellence. Trust us to safeguard your investment. Call 720-515-4672 or visit [highimpactco.com](http://highimpactco.com) for a free estimate on shingle, shake, and more.

**AVANTI CONSTRUCTION** specializes in CUSTOM HOMES, NEW CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELS. If you're considering building your dream house or renovating your existing home, please contact us. We have years of experience building in CHV and understand the city's building codes and requirements. Matthew Cocking, 970-471-9244, [Mcocking@avanti-gc.com](mailto:Mcocking@avanti-gc.com).

**CLEARVIEW WINDOW WASHING** is an insured, owner-operated company that has been in business since 1996. References available. Call, text, or email today for a free estimate. Pat Gerlits 303-692-0620 or [pgerlits@comcast.net](mailto:pgerlits@comcast.net)

## CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION AND HANDYMAN SERVICES

– Tile/Painting/Cabinets/Remodel/Decks/Hardwoods/and More. Free estimates and fully insured. Contact [JMERNSTHOMESERVICES@gmail.com](mailto:JMERNSTHOMESERVICES@gmail.com) or call/text Jason 303-910-9909.

**WINDOW CLEANING** by Patrick's Window Shine. Come have Patrick and Ted clean your windows today! We also clean screens, rain gutters, chandeliers, skylights, outdoor lighting, solar panels and more. Call, text or email for your free estimate. 303-710-9585 or [patrickswindowshine@gmail.com](mailto:patrickswindowshine@gmail.com)

## Education

### MATH TUTORING GRADES 7-12.

For 35+ years and a decade online, my private math students earned the highest grades at school and top SAT/ACT scores. Learn more at [perdocere.com](http://perdocere.com) and read hundreds of testimonials with prominent named endorsements. Dr. George, Harvard Ph.D., MIT B.S. 833-MATH-833.

## Gardening/Landscaping

**FAIRBAIRN TREE & LANDSCAPE SPECIALISTS** - Designing, building & maintaining landscapes in CHV since 1993. Call for a free consultation 303-722-5043.

**MAPLE LEAF LANDSCAPING, INC.** – Design, Garden Maintenance, Irrigation installation/Repair, Hard-scape & Landscape Construction. Please call 720-290-8292.

[Mapleleaflandscapingdenver.com](http://Mapleleaflandscapingdenver.com). Serving the Village since 1999. ALCC & BBB

**FIND US ON THE WEB**  
[cherryhillsvillage.com](http://cherryhillsvillage.com)

## Health and Wellness

**CLUB GREENWOOD** – Experience your neighborhood fitness resort with pools, barre, indoor cycling and yoga classes, tennis, pickleball, a state-of-the-art weight room, hydromassage beds and more. Save \$500 every year with the Cherry Hills Village Recreation Reimbursement program. Visit [ClubGreenwood.com/belong](http://ClubGreenwood.com/belong) or call 720-838-2527 to learn more.

## Music/Instrument

Education/Repair

## PIANO TUNING AND REPAIR.

CHV resident with many years of piano tuning experience. Tuning performed with the ears of a musician. Repairs performed with the hands of a surgeon. Registered Piano Technician—Piano Technicians Guild. Call Art Heller 303-947-8834.

## Pet Services/Accessories

**A'DOG'ABLE DOG CARE** - Love your dog but travel or work often? Offering a safe, clean 24/7 haven, minimizing separation anxiety. Catering to just two dogs yearly for exceptional care. Contact A'DOG'ABLE Dog Care at 303-570-6161 or [Alexmitchellk9@gmail.com](mailto:Alexmitchellk9@gmail.com) for reliable second-home care.

## DOG GROOMING \*\*\* MOBILE \*\*\*

**I COME TO YOU - THE POOCH**  
**MOBILE DOG WASH** - All breeds, large or small, welcomed and loved. Pooch Mobile is fantastic, low stress for both you and your dog(s). You'll love it! Please call Robert anytime at 720-480-1560.

## Professional Services

### LUXURY LIMOUSINE SERVICE

Look no further for your transportation needs! We are family-owned and operated with 20+ years-experience. Residents of the Village! Rest assured, you and your family will get to your destination safely and in black limousine style! M&D Car Service, call or text 303-888-8299.

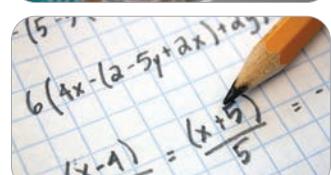
## THE ANTIQUE TRADER

since 1965. CHV residents since 1984. Fair market value/insurance appraisals. Estate appraisals/estate sales. Purchasing: costume, fine jewelry and sterling silver; Native American jewelry, rugs, pottery and artifacts; art and objects of virtue. Jack Wartell 303-722-6098 & Judy Wartell 303-919-5673, [antiquetraderappraisals.com](http://antiquetraderappraisals.com) or [jack.wartell@gmail.com](mailto:jack.wartell@gmail.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](http://wildlifedamage.com) or [adcwildlifespecialist@gmail.com](mailto:adcwildlifespecialist@gmail.com)



**CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE**  
**RECREATION REIMBURSEMENT FORM**

**DEADLINE:** All reimbursements are due by **4:30 PM on the second Friday in January** for the previous year's submissions. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*First* \_\_\_\_\_ *Last* \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

List your receipts one activity at a time in the lines below. **Attach your original itemized receipt(s)** that include the participant's name, address, name of agency, name of activity, activity fee(s) and activity date(s).

Participant's Name	Relationship to Applicant	Name of Agency	Activity Name	Activity Fee	Office Use

I would like to donate:

\$25       \$50       \$75       \$100       Other \_\_\_\_\_

of my reimbursement to the Catherine Anderson Fund for the acquisition and protection of parks, trails and open space lands in Cherry Hills Village.

We appreciate your donation. Your donation is tax deductible. The City will send you a tax receipt.

I certify that:

- I have attached receipts for all listed activities
- All listed activities were paid for in the year I am requesting reimbursement
- If this is my first year participating in the program, I have attached proof of residency

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

**Resident Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Office Use Only*

Approved by (staff initial): \_\_\_\_\_

Reimbursement Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reimbursement Account No.: 30-432-6069

Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation Account Number 08-320-3221

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

## **CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE RECREATION REIMBURSEMENT RULES**

Residents of Cherry Hills Village (primary residence only) who participate in a recreation program, activity, class or event offered by a municipal or special district recreation department, a non-profit youth sports organization or any municipal golf course located within the seven-county Denver metropolitan area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson) may be eligible for a partial reimbursement of certain costs from the City of Cherry Hills Village. For purposes of this program, “youth sports organization” shall mean a sports organization whose primary purpose is to provide recreational activities for primary or secondary school students.

### **REIMBURSEMENT PROVISIONS**

Each primary household in Cherry Hills Village is eligible for a maximum \$500.00 annual reimbursement when participating in an activity that qualifies for reimbursement. 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 annually per household. An annual membership is intended to designate a year-long membership and includes such facilities as Greenwood Athletic and Tennis Club and municipal recreation centers such as South Suburban. Seasonal sporting activities such as soccer, baseball, lacrosse, swimming, hockey, gymnastics, etc., are considered single activities.

### **REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE**

1. Obtain an itemized receipt that includes the participant's name, address, name of agency, name of activity, activity fee(s) and activity date(s). Receipts must be for the year in which they are paid, not the year in which the activity takes place.

**Note:** The following will not be accepted as receipts: bank statements, cancelled checks, non-itemized credit card receipts, handwritten receipts and registration forms. Initiation fees, rentals, tax charged, national dues, merchandise, childcare, travel, uniforms and golf carts do not qualify for reimbursement.

2. Complete the Recreation Reimbursement Form, attach all itemized receipts and mail or deliver this information to the Village Center by **4:30pm on the second Friday in January** for the previous year's reimbursements. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**It is the resident's responsibility to ensure that all recreation reimbursement applications have been received by the City by 4:30 PM on the second Friday in January.**

All of the information above will be required and residency will be verified. It is the obligation of the City staff to ensure 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 (please make sure you have enough postage on your submittal, all postage due submittals will be rejected):**

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

# State Housing Reform and Housing in Arapahoe County

During the 2023 state legislative session there was a bill introduced that would have allowed the state to pre-empt local land use authority and mandate that local jurisdictions allow things like accessory dwelling units and up to a six-plex on any lot zoned for single-family residential use. The proposed legislation would have also mandated increased housing density within a certain proximity to transit, including a light rail station. City Council vehemently opposed this legislation, and in no small part to the efforts of City residents and City Council this bill died on the final day of the legislative session.

The 2024 state legislative session begins in January and communities across the state are preparing for another attempt by the state to mandate certain factors related to housing. Things like a mandate to plan for housing in general and affordable housing specifically, allowing accessory dwelling units on any residentially zoned property, and transit related housing (an increase in density around transit) are all anticipated. The legislation from 2023 and what is anticipated in 2024 is being proposed in an attempt to address a “housing crisis” that some in the state believe exists. The intent of this article is not to argue whether or not there is a housing crisis, but to provide information to residents about housing information across the state and in Arapahoe County.

In November of 2022, Colorado voters approved Proposition 123. This approval created a voluntary

program for cities, counties, and Native American reservation leaders to apply for affordable housing funds (grants and low interest loans) from the state and in exchange participating governments pledge to build 3% more affordable housing every year for the next three years. According to an article in the Colorado Sun dated December 1, 2023, titled “*A year after Colorado voters approved Proposition 123, demand for its affordable housing funds outweighs supply*,” 202 jurisdictions or more than 90% of Colorado’s population now lives in a community where government leaders have committed to building more affordable housing.

In August of 2023, shortly after the failure in the legislature, Governor Polis issued an executive order directing his administration to promote and streamline affordable, environment-minded housing development in Colorado that is focused around transit. According to an article in the Colorado Sun dated August 21, 2023, titled “*Colorado governor orders his administration to rework its housing initiatives after the legislature killed his signature bill*,” the directive impacts the Colorado Energy Office, the Office of Economic Development and International Trade, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Local Affairs, the Department of Public Health and Environment, and the Department of Personnel and Administration. The agencies are to “*inventory all policies, plans, procedures and rules for programs that provide support to local governments ... for housing development, transportation, economic development, water infrastructure and conservation, and other growth-related programs*.” This article notes that the governor wants to make sure that programs promote efficient development that aligns with his climate goals and that housing is created “*for every budget*.”

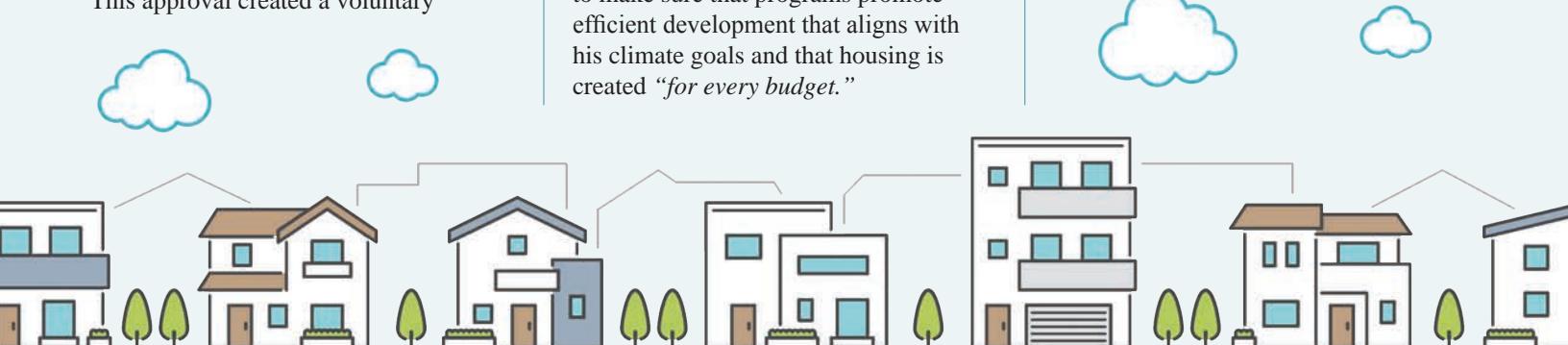
Arapahoe County has been coordinating with its member municipalities to understand housing units that have been recently approved, are in the entitlement process, or planned through the municipality’s Master Plan (sometimes called a Comprehensive Plan). Based on information that Arapahoe County has gathered:

- ▲ More than 90,589 housing units are currently approved to be built in Arapahoe County. Using the average household size in the County, this equates to 236,437 people.
- ▲ As of 2021, Arapahoe County housing compared to state housing (shown in parentheses below) breaks down as shown below. Generally, Arapahoe County provides more diverse housing than the state average.

Housing Type	Arapahoe County (%)	State (%)
1-unit detached	56.2%	62%
1-unit attached	10.6%	7.4%
2-9 units	9.5%	8.8%
10-19 units	6.6%	13.8%
20+ units	12.1%	7%
Mobile homes	3.7%	-

The Cherry Hills Village City Council has taken a position that any infringement on “home-rule authority,” which is granted by the Colorado constitution, whether related to housing or any other issue, is an over-reach of the state’s authority. Furthermore, each local jurisdiction is unique and should be able to address housing needs, to the extent one exists, as that community deems appropriate. City Council and staff will continue to advocate this position at the state capital regardless of the issue during the 2024 legislative session.

To stay informed on legislation at the state capital, visit [leg.colorado.gov](http://leg.colorado.gov).



# Snow Plow Naming

The Village streets will be met by colorfully painted plows again this year – but now, the plows have names! This year’s “paint-a-plow” project was coordinated by the Public Works Department, Cherry Hills Village Elementary and Kent Denver School. The Cherry Hills Village Elementary plow features a colorful array of trees and the word ‘community,’ while the Kent Denver plow sports a mustache, in honor of a beloved Kent employee! In addition, the students voted to name the two plows. CHV plow operators will be heading out this winter in the Snow Queen and (fittingly) Mr. Mustache. Thank you so much to the art teachers and art class students for all their creativity and commitment to this annual event!



## Snow Removal

Every municipality in the northern portion of the nation hears the same complaints after every major snowstorm: City plow trucks push big piles of snow right back in front of my driveway just after the driveway is cleared. Public Works staff would like to address this issue and provide some insight into how plowing operations take place.

The primary goal of plowing is to remove snow from streets so that the road is open and safe for vehicular traffic. Plowing pushes snow to the side from the middle of the street naturally, and, unfortunately, this results in snow piling up in front of driveways. Snowplow operators do not place snow in driveways on purpose. There is no practical way for the snowplow operator to cut off the windrow of snow that slides off the plow when crossing each driveway. This problem is especially acute in cul-de-sacs because of the space limitations. The driver cannot stop or raise the plow at each driveway as this would leave a pile of snow in the roadway.

If possible, plow drivers will try to prevent excessive blockages at

driveways but at times this is not possible. Please remember that the clearing of driveway and mailbox areas is the responsibility of each resident. This issue is only magnified if you live on a cul-de-sac. With the absence of sidewalks in the Village the problem is even more exaggerated and frustrating. Plow drivers make every attempt to keep this issue to a minimum, and we ask citizens to be patient and recognize that during the winter months there will be some inconveniences.

If the plow comes through and you must clear snow again from your driveway or mailbox, please do not shovel snow into the road. For safety and travelability this snow will be plowed back to the side of the road to remove the hazard from the street. Residents are advised to wait until the plow has been through their road prior to cleaning their driveway and mailbox area. If drifting or more snow occurs, the plows may have to make multiple passes on a road at a later time to keep the road clear.

City snowplow drivers will continue to do everything they can to avoid this

problem. If you believe there is an “excessive” amount of snow in your driveway, call or email the Public Works Department and a work order will be generated. After the snowstorm is over and after all City streets have been cleared of snow, staff will investigate all snow-related work orders. If the amount of snow in the driveway or in front of the mailboxes is determined to be excessive, meaning significantly more than all the other driveways/mailboxes in the City for a particular storm, staff will remove the excess as best they can. Residents may still need to shovel and clean up the remaining snow. If the amount of snow is not excessive as determined by staff, the snow will not be removed. The City does not have the resources to clean out private driveways and mailboxes that have an ordinary amount of snow deposited in front of them. Homeowners are responsible for access to their driveways and mailboxes.

To contact the Public Works Department, please call (303) 783-2744 or email Public Works Director Jay Goldie at [jgoldie@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:jgoldie@cherryhillsvillage.com)



## REVITALIZING THE HIGH LINE CANAL ECOSYSTEM and Ensuring Public Safety through Comprehensive Tree Care

A dedicated effort amongst Canal partners is set to prioritize the health of the High Line Canal's ecosystem and improve public safety through comprehensive tree care along the 71-mile Canal. Commencing in early 2024, dedicated forestry crews will be along the Canal, supporting these revitalization and sustainability efforts.

This tree care work includes critical measures to fortify the Canal's ecological integrity and ensure the safety of its users. Trail users can expect to see:

- Removal and pruning of hazardous trees
- Mitigation efforts to combat the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer pest through tree inoculation of healthy ash trees and removal of unhealthy ash trees
- Removal of invasive Russian olive
- Clearing of woody material and other debris from the Canal channel

While the project unfolds, we anticipate occasional disruptions to trail access which will be kept up to date on [highlinecanal.org/trail-notices](http://highlinecanal.org/trail-notices). Signage along the Canal will indicate work areas, ensuring safety and awareness for trail users.

This essential tree care work is a step toward a healthier and more vibrant ecosystem. In tandem with these efforts, the Conservancy and its partners are actively engaged in revegetating the corridor with new trees and native plants. New plantings can already be found across many miles of the trail, enhancing the Canal's beauty and biodiversity.

Stay informed and engaged on project updates at [highlinecanal.org/trees](http://highlinecanal.org/trees).





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## Holiday Tree Recycling

The holiday tree drop off will be in the parking lot of the horse arena on Meade Lane. Trees can be dropped off December 26, 2023 through January 31, 2024. There will be signs directing residents to where to place the trees. Please remember to remove all ornaments, decorations, tinsel, and any wire that may be left on the tree.



If you have any questions, please contact Public Works Clerk Ginny Joseph during normal business hours (Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at 303-783-2744 or [gjoseph@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:gjoseph@cherryhillsvillage.com).

## 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

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Ellie Bauer .....303-808-5185  
Anna Baumbusch+ .....303-501-7287  
Lucia Bell+ .....720-975-6207

Bridget Brown+ .....303-765-4470  
Emerson Damiano+ \* \*\* .....303-918-8402  
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  
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Lauren Garofalo+ \* \*\* • .....303-885-7174  
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Nicole Honnen\* .....303-819-4841  
Tylor Hopkins\* .....720-300-4625

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Morgan Jones+ .....303-910-9422  
Eastyn Koncilia+ \* \*\* .....720-656-3802  
Gracie Kozlowski\* .....720-412-2105  
Lila Kozlowski\* .....720-412-2105  
Makena Lowery\* \*\* • .....303-748-2886  
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Rachel Markenson+ \* .....303-917-3727  
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Aidan Metsch+ \* .....720-483-0527  
Samantha Morrow\* \*\* • .....720-646-1684  
Katie Mullen .....303-803-8150  
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Emma Murphy\* \*\* .....307-359-5380  
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Davis Woodruff \* \*\* .....720-448-9330  
Emory Woodruff+ \* \*\* • ▲ .....303-717-1904  
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