

the VILLAGE CRIER

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2016 CAR SHOW WRAP UP

The Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission held its 5th Annual Car Show on Sunday, September 11th.

The hot 90 degree weather did not stop both residents and non-residents from attending the show. The attendees enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks as they perused both old and new cars, motorcycles and even a customized golf cart.



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1. The People's Choice Award is voted on by all the attendees and was awarded to Chris Bittman and his 1967 Amphicar 770 Convertible. He is pictured with his children Ella and Cooper.

2. A wildly popular entry with all the kids that attended was David Roitman's 1989 Chevrolet Caprice that depicted the Incredible Hulk.

3. The Best in Show Award is voted on by the other car owners only and was awarded to Jay Santangelo and his 1964 Porsche 356C Outlaw.

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CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WELCOMES A NEW POLICE OFFICER



Officer Brent Hokanson was hired to the Cherry Hills Village Police Department in September. He grew up in Indiana and rode horses competitively

throughout high school. Upon the completion of high school, Hokanson moved to Arizona, where he received a degree in Justice Systems Policy and Planning from Northern Arizona University. After graduating from college, Officer Hokanson moved to Colorado and attended the Police Academy at Colorado Mountain College. Hokanson spent eight years with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office as a Patrol Deputy.

Officer Hokanson enjoys a wide variety of outdoor activities including: horseback riding, hiking, fishing and boating. Hokanson is very excited to be working for the Cherry Hills Village Police Department and looks forward to meeting and working with the residents of the Village.

RECREATION REIMBURSEMENT

Remember to submit your recreation reimbursement receipts for 2016. The City processes recreation reimbursement requests every two weeks. We all get busy during the holiday season and it is easy to forget to submit receipts prior to the deadline of January 15, 2017.

Please note: January 15th falls on a Sunday in 2017 and the City offices will NOT be open. There are no exceptions to the deadline so residents are strongly encouraged to submit all receipts early. If you belong to Greenwood Athletic Club and pay monthly dues, you are eligible for your \$500 reimbursement after 10 months; you do not need to wait until the end of the year to request your reimbursement. Please visit www.cherryhillsvillage.com for further information about the program or contact Pamela Broyles at (303) 783-2744 with any questions.

GARBAGE SERVICE SURVEY RESULTS

In the June 2016 issue of the Village Crier, Mayor Christman conducted an unofficial survey in an effort to determine what trash providers Village residents use and what type of service they have experienced. In her musings, she stated that the survey results would be released if she received more than 30 responses. She only received 16 responses; however, a brief summary of those responses are listed below.

There was one response for Allied Waste for rating of 5 out of 5 stars. The respondent commented that Allied Waste had great communication and always returned the trash bins in an orderly fashion.

There were 6 responses for Waste Connection for an average rating of 4.16 out of 5 stars. The majority of the respondents felt that Waste Connection had cheaper rates, provided better customer service and had better communication.

There were 9 responses for Waste Management for an average rating of 3.11 out of 5 stars. The majority of the respondents felt that Waste Management's prices were too high and their customer service needed improvement. A few respondents noted that Waste Management's service crews provided great service and would occasionally pick up additional garbage and branches.



The first annual Cherry Hills Village Farmers and Artisan Market was held on Sunday, August 28th. This well attended event included free pony rides, a food truck vendor, produce vendors and various other retail vendors. The City is hoping to sponsor another Farmer's Market next year so if you missed the event this year, you can sign up for special event emails or watch the City's website at www.cherryhillsvillage.com for more information.





LAURA JEAN CHRISTMAN

Position running for:

Mayor

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Number of years resident of Colorado: 35

Number of years resident of Cherry Hills Village: 28

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Born and raised in Seattle, I am married with five adult children, two grandchildren, two dogs, one horse and one pony.

I have had the privilege to serve as Mayor of the City of Cherry Hills Village for the past 19 months. During this relatively short period I have worked with City staff, Council, boards and commissions on several matters that have contributed to the efficient operation of the City while preserving the integrity of the semi-rural character of the Village, among them:

- Identification of conflicting, ambiguous and/or archaic policies implemented by prior City administrations since the inception of the Village (several hundred pages) in order to clarify, delete and/or make past policies clear and consistent with current policies and ordinances.
- Implemented a nationwide search for a new City Manager. This process, started promptly after the retirement of our prior City Manager, culminated in the hiring of Jim Thorsen as the new City Manager. Mr. Thorsen commenced his employment June 1, 2016.
- Drafting and passage of a recreational drone ordinance which permits use on private property with consent of owner and prohibits use on public roads, trails and parks.
- Drafting and passage of an ordinance which permits public use, management and maintenance of public park properties similar to Quincy Farms (which was donated to the Village by Cat Anderson).
- Drafting and passage of an ordinance that prohibits short term rentals in single family residential neighborhoods. This was prompted by for profit rental of single family residential property in the Village for third party events, such as bachelor parties.
- Drafting and passage of an ordinance that broadens public notice requirements for rezoning of property within the Village.
- Drafting and passage of additional fencing rules that enhance views from and to parks and trails throughout the Village. (Initiated by Parks and Trails Commission consistent with their goal to maintain the semi-rural atmosphere of the Village).
- Approval of consultant's contract to facilitate planning of Meade Park and Alan Hutto Memorial Commons by the Parks and Trails Commission.
- Review of multiple real property options for a Public Works facility and City Hall consistent with the Masterplan and the redesign of Meade Park being developed by the Parks and Trails Commission.
- Development of formal purchase offers for open space in the Village.
- Approval of new Village Crier format, including changing it to a monthly edition, rather than bimonthly.
- Implementation of the first Village sponsored Artisan's and Farmer's Market.

The current City Council has been engaged and very active since they were sworn in January of 2015. It has been an honor to work with exceptional residents both on Council and on the various boards and commissions who have volunteered countless hours. The engaged, informed, selfless and caring community in Cherry Hills Village has made my "job" as Mayor worthwhile and is the reason that I have chosen to run for another term.



RANDY WEIL

Position running for:

City Council District 1

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Number of years resident of Colorado: 16

Number of years resident of Cherry Hills Village: 6

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Recreational Interests: Among my favorites are: travel, power walking (6-700 miles/year), skiing, vintage cars and motorcycles, camping...and just about anything with my family.

Education: MBA from the University of California at Berkeley, 1975, and a BS in Economics and Finance from the University of Illinois at Chicago, 1973. A variety of academic honors and service awards were earned at both universities.

Occupation: For over thirty years (1975-2006), I was a senior executive in large multinational companies (Cummins, Square D Company, AT&T and IHS). My objectives included significant transformation the operations for which I was responsible. A clear view of the end-state, an open mind, fact based decision making, and strong two-way communication skills, were among the skills I offered and honed. The great things that happened for our stakeholders are a source of pride. I bring those skills and experiences with me.

For the past ten years, I have owned a successful small manufacturing business and commercial real estate. Entrepreneurship has been exciting and educational. It also freed time for greater involvement in civic activities.

Contributions to Cherry Hills Village to date: My principle contribution has been supporting St Mary's Academy as a trustee for the past four years and in a variety of committee roles for over a decade.

Previous civic and community service: President of Highlands Ranch Park and Recreation Foundation. I served on the boards of Junior Achievement in Dayton, OH, the Boy Scout's Lenni-Lenape Council, Columbus, IN; and my HOA in Oak Brook, IL.

What I value most about Cherry Hills Village: The gorgeous park-like setting which brings a feeling of beauty and peace to me. In addition, I have met a wonderful variety of interesting people as neighbors and at community functions. We have all of this and terrific access to everything the Denver area has to offer. Cherry Hills Village was the only place we considered when moving from Highlands Ranch (Falcon Hills) six years ago.

Issues of concern during the next two to four years: Maintaining the character of our village in the midst of relentless growth all around us. Addressing the Village Center Campus beyond the Joint Public Safety Facility, Enhancing our quality of life through our parks, trails and recreational opportunities. Continued public safety.

Reasons for seeking office: There are two key reasons. First, I am often grateful for benefitting from the good work of those who have gone before. In the past, time pressures limited my ability to serve. Now, I have the time to do my part. Second, I spend my available time on things about which I am passionate; Cherry Hills Village is among them.

What I hope to contribute as a Cherry Hills Village elected official: Primarily, being a good steward of this wonderful place. There will be issues and opportunities. I don't have a set of preconceived notions beyond listening well, applying my best efforts, and always operating within the greater context of preserving the character of our city.



AL BLUM

Position running for:

City Council District 3

Address: 26 Glenmoor Drive,
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**Number of years resident
of Colorado:** 66

**Number of years resident
of Cherry Hills Village:** 22

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- My education includes: Graduate of Cherry Creek High School; B.A. degree in Psychology and B.S. degree in Accounting from University of Colorado; J.D and LLM (in Taxation) from the University of Denver.
- Professional Licenses: Inactive CPA, Colorado Real Estate, Broker Member of American, Colorado and Denver Bar Associations, South Suburban Board of Realtors, Practicing Attorney.
- Recreational Interests: Avid golfer and runner, soccer coach, and attempting to keep up with grandchildren.
- Practiced as CPA with JK. Lasser and Company. Private practice of law with Quiat Bucholtz and Bull, P.C. Currently CEO of Esprit Homes, a Denver area luxury homebuilder, General Counsel to Urban, Inc., a real estate development company.
- Served on two HOA boards, Executive Committee of Muscular Dystrophy, currently on Cherry Hills Village Planning and Zoning Commission (Vice Chair), licensed soccer coach with Cherry Creek Lightning, Strikers and Colorado Foxes, member of Cherry Hills Bulk Plane/Floor Area Ratio Committee, served on the Board of Directors of various non-profit organizations, and has spoken at conferences.
- As a Colorado native and resident of the Village for 22 years, I see the issues facing the Village as follows: traffic, as our Village is being ignored by CDOT and traffic is either routed around us or through us with no regard for Cherry Hills' interests. We need to remove the negative impact as it affects all residents and come up with solutions that will benefit our residents. Secondary issue is obviously to preserve our otherwise idyllic lifestyle in the middle of a growing and expanding metropolis. In addition, a current issue to address is how we maintain or expand the Village Administration building and public works facility with little impact on the neighborhoods after hearing from the community as to their input. Also I have worked with our staff on numerous zoning and traffic issues with a very good rapport with them. We need to be certain we maintain our commitment to the Master Plan as this has come before planning and zoning recently.
- Seeking office to continue community service as my spouse and I have done for many years, not only in the Village but throughout the metro area.
- I would be a strong advocate for issues that face our Village through use of my experience and expertise in accounting, law and business, including construction and real estate development.



ROSE LYNCH

Position running for:

City Council District 3

Address: 4262 S. Hudson Pkwy,
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

**Number of years resident
of Colorado:** 35

**Number of years resident
of Cherry Hills Village:** 21

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- **Recreational interests:** Hiking and gardening
- **Education:** BA, Criminal Justice Administration
- **Occupation:** For the last ten years I have worked in the emergency management field, assessing community hazards and creating emergency/disaster plans for several area municipalities. These planning efforts require intergovernmental cooperation and fostering of public/private partnerships.

Previous employment includes 15 years working in the legal field as a paralegal, for both government and the private sector.

- **Contributions to Cherry Hills Village to date:**
Current and founding member of the Cherry Hills Land Preserve; wrote the City's Emergency Operations Plan; Village representative on Urban Drainage & Flood Control District's Program for Public Information; attended workshops and provided input into the current Master Plan as well as the Village Center Conceptual Plan; created the Police Department's Special Needs Registry; Village representative on the 3-1-1 Regional Advisory Council.

- **Previous civic and community service:**
Appointed by the Governor to the Colorado Emergency Planning Commission; was actively involved in Cherry Hills Village Elementary, West Middle School, and Cherry Creek High School activities from 1998 through 2012; Community Liaison to School District Safety Team; eight years as a police reserve officer.

- **What you value most about Cherry Hills Village:**
The rural character of the community; the natural open spaces, trails and great views to the west.

- **Issues of concern during the next two to four years**
 - As we consider the future of our Village Center and public works facility, we must make sure all planning efforts are done thoughtfully and strategically, keeping future impact in mind
 - Over the past several years I have seen our open spaces and beautiful views slowly disappear. We must act quickly when opportunities to protect these open spaces become available
 - Opportunities for collaboration should continuously be explored to ensure the Village has a voice in decisions being made at the regional level

- **Reasons for seeking office:**
I want to do my part to ensure we maintain the great quality of life our Community offers.

- **What you hope to contribute as a Cherry Hills Village elected official:**
I look forward to sharing my passion for open space and my experiences working for local government to bring new opportunities to the Village.



DAN SHELDON

Position running for:

City Council District 5

Address: 6375 E. Tufts Avenue,
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80111

Number of years resident of Colorado: 44

Number of years resident of Cherry Hills Village: 9

My name is Dan Sheldon. I am one of the few and proud Colorado natives. I went to Bellevue Elementary, Campus Middle and Cherry Creek High Schools. After graduating from Creek in 1990, I attended University of Arizona and graduated from University of Colorado with a bachelor's degree in political science. I have been married to my wonderful wife Cady for 14 years (also a Cherry Creek graduate). We have two children, one at Greenwood Elementary and one at West Middle School.

I am so excited to be running for City Council. It's important to give back, and I would be honored to serve my community in this capacity. If elected, I look forward to honoring the values and traditions that District 5 has enjoyed for the last 10 years with our termed-out councilwoman Klasina VanderWerf. A big thanks to Klasina for a decade of service!

I'm a third generation Denver land developer. With approximately 100,000 people per year moving into the Denver metro area, there is a steady and ongoing need for a diverse housing stock throughout the area. My firm, United Development Companies, delivers subdivisions to homebuilders to accommodate that housing need. Although the Village isn't seeing any considerable new growth as our boundaries are fixed and generally built out, I am always interested in the land use and development going on within our community. In addition to my interest in land use and development at the city level, I am also passionate about helping shape the future of the Village Center, Public Works facilities, and John Meade Park. Rarely does the Village encounter as important a decision as right now on how to handle the future development of these city facilities. It is critical that we remain good stewards of the land and promote responsible development now and for generations to come.

If elected, other topics I'd like to explore during my term on city council are the burying of overhead power lines, the continuous preservation and expansion of open space, and the possibility of providing zoning that would allow an age-targeted patio home housing. Currently there is no zoning designation within the Village that would allow for a resident to sell their large family home and move into a smaller, low or no maintenance home, while staying in the Village near their children and grandchildren. We're losing our senior residents to other nearby communities that offer that lifestyle.

My current and prior involvement in charities, business organizations and civic involvement include the current President of the Big Sticks Foundation, supporter of the Challenge Foundation, member of the Arapahoe Tennis Club Capital Improvements Committee, past president of the Southmoor Park HOA, past president of the Charlou HOA, past member of the Charlou Architectural Control Committee, and serving on the board of several metropolitan districts (quasi-governmental entities) working to improve those certain communities.

When not working, I spend time coaching my kids' various sports, fly fishing, hunting, skiing, playing tennis and platform tennis (no, it's not ping pong!).

ELECTION INFORMATION

Please make sure you have signed the voter affidavit on the outside of your envelope before you seal your ballot inside it and drop it in the box.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR BALLOT DROP OFF:

Q: Is it ok if I forgot to include my secrecy sleeve with my ballot?

A: Your ballot is still valid. The secrecy sleeve is optional.

Q: Is it ok if my family member and I switched envelopes?

A: Arapahoe County has told the City that this happens frequently with voters in the same household and it is not an issue. They match the envelopes with the ballots once they are open to confirm that the ballots are valid.

Q: Do I need to include a return address and/or stamp on my ballot envelope?

A: No, you do not need a return address or stamp since you are putting your ballot into a drop-off box. If you were to mail your ballot through the United States Post Office then you would need a stamp.

Q: I messed up my ballot/my dog ate my ballot. How do I get a new one?

A: Go to an Arapahoe County Voter Service and Polling Center. There are several Centers and the closest one to Cherry Hills Village is at the main Arapahoe County Administration Building at 5334 S Prince St, Littleton, CO 80120. To see the others visit www.arapahoevotes.com.

The following services are offered at these Centers:

- Register to vote
- Update your voter registration
- Request a new or replacement mail-in ballot
- Drop-off your voted mail-in ballot
- Vote on an accessible electronic voting tablet

Hours of operation for Voter Service and Polling Centers vary depending on how close it is to Election Day.

Please visit www.arapahoevotes.com for details.

Q: I did not sign the voter affidavit on the outside of my envelope before I sealed my ballot inside and dropped it in the box. What do I do?

A: Go to an Arapahoe County Voter Service and Polling Center (see information above).

Q: I did not receive a ballot, how do I get one?

A: Go to an Arapahoe County Voter Service and Polling Center (see information above).

Q: How do I vote on a machine instead of by mail?

A: Go to an Arapahoe County Voter Service and Polling Center (see information above).

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Deadline: October 18, 2016



EMMETT CULLIGAN

Artist and Craftsman

Artist Emmett Culligan has earned a name for himself as one of Colorado's leading contemporary sculptors. When one looks at the body of his work, this comes as no surprise. Perhaps what is more unusual is that he is not only an artist. He is a craftsman and businessman as well.

Many of today's sculptors—perhaps most—are primarily conceptual artists. They conceive of their idea, the design and materials, and then turn the concept over to an artisan who will actually fabricate the physical artwork itself.

This is not true of Emmett. When it comes to the process of realizing the piece of art itself, he is hands-on. Emmett will point out that for him, art is just as much about craftsmanship and the integrity of the piece as it is about the original concept. Emmett maintains that an important aspect of the art process is lost when the sculptor is absent from the actual execution of the work of art. It is in the physical creation where the artist's intellect and emotion meet. And, it is the artist who knows when and whether the original concept has been realized. The artist's involvement gives the artwork its essence.

Because he understands that an idea of a sculpture and its material realization are close, Emmett is invested in the materials that comprise a piece of art. This also means that some of his actual work space has the look of a lab.



Emmett is one of the artists who have migrated to Denver's Rino district. He bought his office and work space early—in 2003—before the high rise housing and sense of cache came to the neighborhood. His office is almost an afterthought. The majority of the building is a warehouse-like space where his manufacturing business takes place. This space houses metal pieces organized against one wall and large machines arranged throughout, including a huge sheer from the 1940's, a time in history when, as Emmett points out, "things were built to last."

Emmett's business is the design of high end furniture and fixtures that are sought after by elite companies. For example, when Cartier needed to change out the vanity sinks in their stores to become ADA compliant, they went with a design Emmett offered them. The tools Emmett uses for his art and his business are very similar. This says something about the scale of some of Emmett's art.

Emmett's work space also extends outdoors behind the building, an open air art studio. The striking fact of this yard is the size of the work spaces, the building where Emmett cuts marble with a hydraulic diamond chain-saw, the outdoor kiln that looks like a small shed. The kiln is large enough to forge the elements of a substantial sculpture. The floor is attached to the kiln door but not to the other walls. The huge door is opened by pulling it, along with the attached kiln floor, forward on a set of tracks.

Emmett says he was already interested in fashioning compositions of "stuff" when he was five or six. He would play outside behind his parents antique store in Arvada and create sculptures out of whatever he could find—plywood, flattened cans, tar paper. He will say that these projects began out of "boredom and curiosity—curiosity was where it started; boredom was the fuel." It is no wonder, then, that much of Emmett's work is exploratory;

both in how he handles his materials and in the directions he takes them.

Many of the materials that sculptors use as their media also have very functional uses in our everyday lives. One obvious example might be the steel that can be used for girders because it is strong enough to support something heavy. However, when artists use steel in a composition, they are free to manipulate it in a way that might challenge our preconceptions based on the material's functional uses. By transcending the nature of a material, artists can challenge our assumptions and make us think differently about something.

Emmett does this with steel by producing what he calls "inflated steel." He places the steel in his kiln and heats it to 2000-degrees Fahrenheit over a four-hour period until it becomes glowing white hot. He then runs a rod into the kiln through a small opening and manipulates the material. The resulting shape resembles a large silver pillow—a shape we associate with something



soft and puffy. Or, he might place a heavy material like white marble in a spot within a sculpture where it can seem light and airy.

Emmett has created some entirely different kinds of dichotomies to contemplate with his Crew series. He sees this series of his as both serious and playful, futuristic and anachronistic. The Crew pieces he has given to the Village, that now reside in the pocket park at the corner of Quincy and Holly, are reminiscent of a space capsule, yet the Kansas sandstone they are made from was formed over eons within the earth. Making these sculptures also required expert masonry to cut and form the pieces so that the edges all matched.

The new sculpture Emmett has created for the Village is the last piece in what he has called his "Rubric Series." The stature of the sculpture, its composition and materials, will give us something to appreciate—and also to contemplate. And, of course we might also marvel that the person who conceived of the idea of this work of art was also the craftsman who brought it into existence.

PHOTOS:

TOP LEFT: Emmett with a sculpture featuring inflated steel

TOP RIGHT: Emmett's workshop in Rino

LEFT: Emmett opening the door of his blazing hot kiln

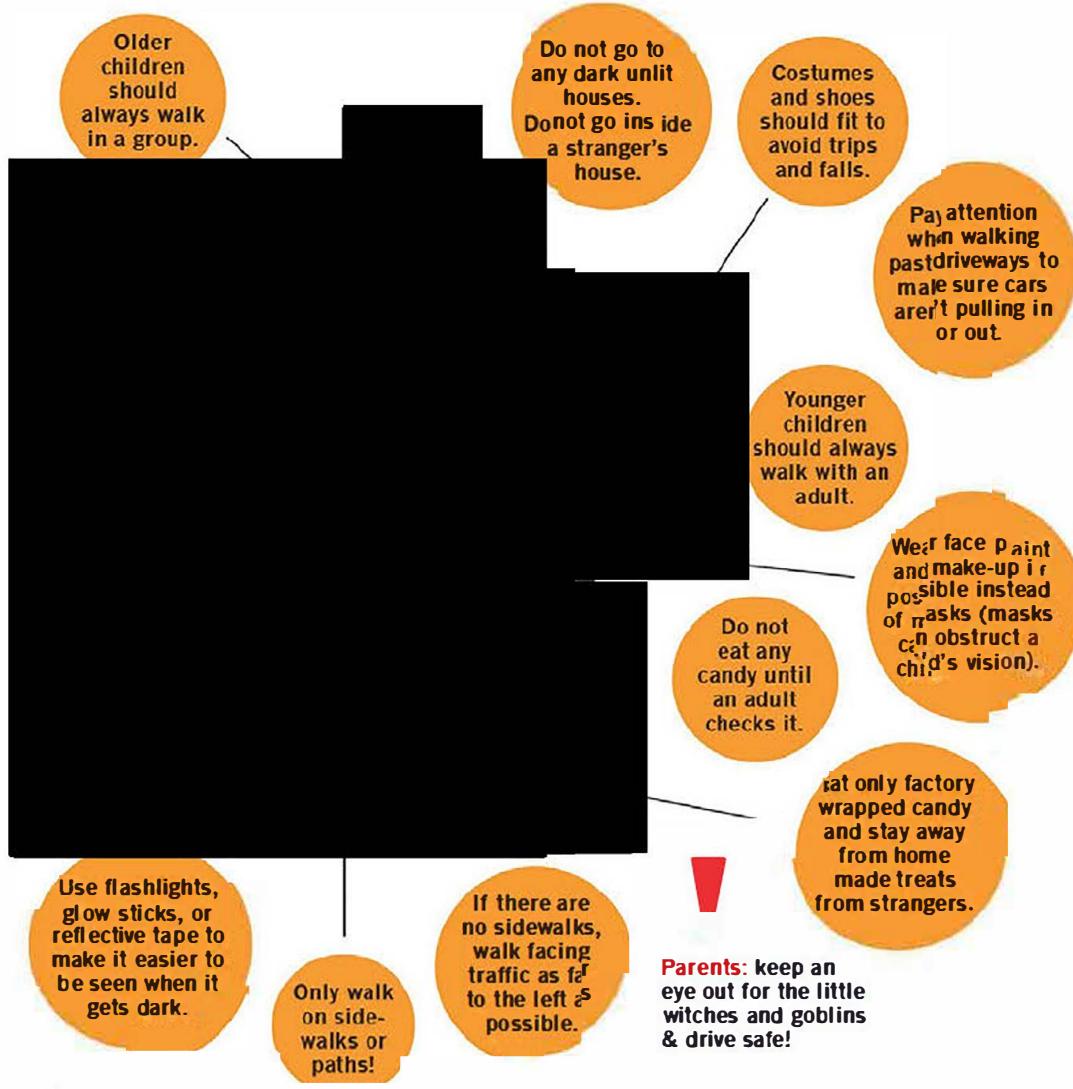


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OCTOBER 2016 Newsletter

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



SAVE THE DATE

The Mayor's 2016
Annual Holiday
Tree Lighting event
will be held on

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 9th
from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
at the
VILLAGE CENTER

This event features visits with Santa, face painting, hay rides, train rides, cookies, cocoa, cider and warm chili.