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April 2016 Newsletter



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TREE NURSERY

The City of Cherry Hills Village is pleased to announce its first ever tree harvest from the City owned tree nursery located at 90 Meade

Lane. In 2012, the City installed a small tree farm with the hopes of growing smaller trees into bigger trees which could then be harvested and planted within City Parks and Open Space. This year, Parks staff will be harvesting 7 trees from the nursery which will be planted in Three Pond Park. Staff is very excited about the farm and the trees being grown.



ELDER SCAM

"This is a message regarding an enforcement action executed by the United States Treasury requiring your immediate attention. Ignoring this will be an intentional second attempt to avoid an initial appearance before a magistrate judge or jury for a federal criminal offense. My number is 206-900-8697. I repeat it's 206-900-8697. I advise you to call us and help us to help you. Thank you."

SOUND FAMILIAR?

For the second year in a row, IRS and U.S. Treasury “extortion” scams topped the list of the most common complaints reported to the 18th Judicial DA’s office. These calls have tripled since the beginning of the new year. While few consumers report actually falling for these scams, such calls succeed in creating alarm, outrage and even panic among recipients. Extortion scams are

typified by “pay now or else” threats that are convincing enough to scare victims into sending or wiring money. An older, but very active extortion call in play is the “grandparent scam.” In this scam, callers posing as grandchildren beg unwary grandparents into bailing them out of a “bad” situation by wiring funds. Last year, older victims in the 18th Judicial District reported losing over \$65,000 to this scam.

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Not to be outdone by extortion scams, “too good to be true” swindles appear to be sinking to a new low. According to the U.S. Homeland Security testimony to the Senate Committee on Aging earlier this month advised that criminals are luring unsuspecting elders through online vacation offers into smuggling narcotics into other countries. Victims do not discover the scam until they have been arrested by customs agents who find the drugs hidden in the lining of their luggage. Variations of this scam are also happening over the phone; both of which advertise all-expense paid vacations, including free luggage, to overseas destinations.

A popular “too good to be true” scam that made the list last year was the “computer fix” or “windows” scam; whereby a computer representative calls explaining something is wrong with the victim’s computer. Under the ruse of fixing the

problem, the victim is instructed to key in certain codes on the computer, inadvertently giving the caller remote access to the owner’s hard drive. This scam has been in circulation for a while and the number of older victims continues to rise.

The 18th Judicial District expects to see a proliferation of telephone extortion scams, especially ploys that target older adults. Technology has revolutionized

the telemarketing industry, thus making it possible for telemarketers (legitimate or otherwise) to push out a record number of calls a minute. Criminal rings operating off-shore are behind many of these scams and cyber criminals are known for continuously changing their tactics to keep up with trends happening around the world.

To prevent becoming a victim, never give out personal or financial information to **ANY** caller. Legitimate agencies do not call or email. Instead they send letters. Always check the legitimacy of a contest or anything that is advertised as “free” before entering. Think twice about entering contests online. For tips on how to block or filter out unwanted calls and other related tips, go to www.da18.org; click on the Consumer Protection tab and then click on Alerts. The District Attorney’s Protection office can also be reached at (720) 874-8547.

Consultant Selected for MEADE PARK and ALAN HUTTO COMMONS Engineering Design

After interviewing 5 finalists, the City has selected Mundus Bishop to perform the engineering and design of John Meade Park and the Alan Hutto Memorial Commons. The work implements the Master Plan approved by City Council late last year. The schedule for this project is ambitious and

tight. There will be a number of public meetings and PTRC work sessions during the next 6 months, so Village residents should plan to participate and help shape the design of our “Central Park!” As the project will address both design and floodplain issues, there will be interaction with federal and state governmental agencies to pursue the extensive educational value of the wetlands and ponds and the design and location of the performance space within the Memorial Commons, all while meeting floodplain and stormwater control requirements. There will

be an initial public meeting in late May and another to coincide with the City’s outdoor movie night in August. PTRC also plans to hold information sessions to allow resident input during a possible farmer’s market that will be held this summer in the Park and Memorial Commons and at the City’s car show in September. Residents seeking to receive public notices for upcoming project meetings should contact the City at (303) 783-2744 or go online and register to receive emailed notifications at www.cherryhillsvillage.com/emailnotifications.

CHPD Taking Back Unwanted Prescription Drugs April 30, 2016

On April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Cherry Hills Village Police Department (CHPD) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 11th opportunity in six years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the Cherry Hills Village Police Department at 2460 E. Quincy Ave in Cherry Hills Village. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last September, Americans turned in

350 tons (over 702,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at more than 5,000 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,800 of its state and local law enforcement partners. When those results are combined with what was collected in its 10 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 5.5 million pounds—more than 2,750 tons—of pills. **Since 2012, the Cherry Hills Village Police Department has collected over 600 pounds of unwanted prescription drugs during the Prescription Take Back Event.**

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 30 Take Back Day event, go to the DEA Diversion website - www.dea.gov

Mayor Musing...

I was reviewing my Arapahoe County Real Property Tax Statement and I noticed that the tax rate for the Arapahoe Library District was close to fifty percent of the Cherry Hills Village tax rate. That is either a lot of library books, or our Village tax rate is a bargain. Perhaps we could combine them and pave the roads with outdated books.

Obviously, I am being facetious, but it did cause me to ask myself whether the public library is becoming an anachronism. If we think of libraries as they were thirty (30) years ago I think the answer to that would be, yes; however the library is not what it used to be. If you have not visited Koelbel Library recently, I would encourage you to do so. Inside the remodeled children's library is an art station complete with art supplies and a never ending supply of butcher paper. On

shelves are Duplos, dinosaurs and a myriad of other exciting toys for young children. In between is a small children's puppet theatre complete with puppets, a little grocery store and a small kitchen, where the children can prepare the food they purchased at the grocery store. The credit cards used in the "cash" register are a favorite toy of the youngsters (which I fear does not bode well for the future). The picture books are at grabbing level for children and are grouped into areas of interest rather than the perplexing Dewey Decimal system. Parents and grandparents can relax (more or less) within the milieu, comfortable that the children are safe. In addition, they can read aloud without librarians looking askance at them for making noise.

In fact noise is the new norm at the library, so don't go there if you need a quiet place. This is the library of the future. Young boys playing video games on the computers, whooping when they



have successfully avoided a monster and tutors sitting with kids discussing algebra in normal voices, not whispers. Seniors, such as myself, are reviewing books with librarians and requesting instructions on downloading to their kindles. The library is a community center complete with a coffee shop and a used book section where you can pick up that next paperback for your trip, if like me, you don't want to worry about your device running out of battery on the plane. In fact I prefer the feel and heft of a real book. I am sure my grandchildren will nominate me to be stuffed and put into the Smithsonian.

Thus, to circle around, the tax rate for our libraries is high, but I believe we are getting good value for our dollars. The Arapahoe County libraries are moving quickly into the technology driven future, while at the same time using existing capital intensive buildings to maximize human connections and enjoyment. Gone is that frowning librarian looking over her glasses at you when you spill your cup of coffee as you enter the building (just a theoretical example, but it's a good thing that they have tiled floors). We are fortunate indeed to have at our doorstep an amenity that brings the community together to both entertain and educate. Libraries are bridging the gap between technology and human connections. I look forward to going to the library, I hope you do too.

The Village Crier advertisements will be provided for a fee to both Village residents and advertisers outside the Village. Ads should be limited to 40 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) 783-2730 or email jsager@cherryhillsvillage.com.

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CLEARVIEW WINDOW WASHING

WASHING is an insured, owner-operated company that has been in business for over 16 years. References available. Call or email today for a free estimate. Pat Gerlits 303-692-0620 or pgerlits@comcast.net.

COLLEGE PLANNING

SERVICES: Kathryn Miller, founder of Miller Educational Consulting and longtime CHV resident, provides experienced personalized services for your child's college planning, search and application process. For more information and to sign up for a free monthly newsletter, go to www.millereduconsulting.com or call 303-759-2391.

COLORADO TREESCAPES - Licensed, certified, insured arborists. 17 years providing expert tree care: pruning, removals, stump grinding, plant health care, holiday lighting. BBB A+ rating 303-770-4155 or www.coloradotreescapes.com.

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.

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FIRST PLYMOUTH LEARNING CENTER is now accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year. We offer Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten and Parents Day Out programs. Call for more information and to schedule a tour. 3501 S. Colorado Blvd. CHV 80113 303-762-9355 www.fplc.org.

GREENWOOD ATHLETIC and TENNIS CLUB - Save up to \$500 per year when you join. Greenwood is one of the entities eligible to participate in the Cherry Hills Village Recreation Reimbursement Program. Call the Membership Department for more information 303-770-2582.

GROOVYTEK

is now offering in-home personal training for smartphones, tablets and computers to Cherry Hills Village residents! Call 303-317-2800 to schedule a complimentary session or email us at groovycare@groovytek.com. Check us out at GroovyTek.com or on Facebook.

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- Take a rest and hire the best! Handyman Bill is responsive, reliable and high quality. Call Handyman Bill for all your handyman needs. Cherry Hills Village, Greenwood Village, & South Denver. References available. Contact Handyman Bill at 720-203-4617 and handymanbilldenver@gmail.com.

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- Friendly and professional service. 30 years experience building, repairing and remodeling area homes, bathrooms, kitchens and basement finishes. CHV references available. Fully insured. Contact Mark at Longleaf Construction 303-868-5856.

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- Local company in business since 1984, A+ rating with BBB. Call for free estimate. Sunny Constructors and Roofing, LLC 303-734-0956.

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TUTOR: Could your child use an experienced, effective mathematics and science tutor? I have excellent subject knowledge, great rapport with students and a history of academic success. CHV references available. Please call Ed DiRenna 303-946-1747 (BSEE).

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Want to advertise something in the next Village Crier Issue?

Do you have a story or update you want to share with the Cherry Hills Village Community?

Email your information to
Jessica Sager
jsager@cherryhillsvillage.com

Deadline:
April 18, 2016



2016 PTRC VACANCY

The City is accepting applications for a vacancy on the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission (PTRC). If you would like to apply for the position, please complete an application and return it to City Clerk, Laura Smith. The application can be found on the city's website at www.cherryhillsvillage.com/ptrc or at the Village Center (located at 2450 East Quincy Avenue). The Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission was established to advise City Council on matters related to parks, trails, recreation and open space within the community. PTRC meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. There are seven members on the Commission and each member serves a 3 year term. For more information regarding the vacancy or to submit your application, you can email lsmith@cherryhillsvillage.com or call (303) 783-2732.

THE DATES!

BARN PARTY

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 17

THE RADY BARN

All your favorites:

- western art
- music
- good food
- libations
- a great neighborhood gathering



BARN TOUR

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 18

Check back later for a sneak peek at this year's featured barns.

2016 SPRING CLEANUP REMINDER

The 2016 Spring Cleanup will begin on **May 14th** and run **through May 22nd**. Electronics and paint recycling and the Community Shred Program will be accepted **ONE DAY ONLY** on **May 21st** from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the Village Center. This program is for residents only so please be prepared to show your driver's license with a Cherry Hills Village address if asked. City Staff will be available to help unload acceptable items on **May 21st**. Small appliances and televisions up to 19 inches will only be accepted, the cost is too substantial for the City to accept larger items and all hazardous chemicals and products. If you have any questions regarding this event, please visit the City's website at www.cherryhillsvillage.com or call (303) 783-2744.

The Cherry Hills Village Police Department has noticed an increase in the number of mail thefts occurring in the city. The theft of mail can lead to other crimes including fraud and identity theft. The department encourages all residents to take steps to prevent these types of crime. Be vigilant by monitoring all of your credit accounts. Contact your credit provider if you observe any unauthorized transactions or requests for new accounts. If you believe you are a victim of fraud, contact your local law enforcement agency.

Mail Theft Prevention Tips:

■ Pick up your mail promptly after delivery. Do not leave your mail in your mailbox overnight. If you are expecting checks or credit cards, then ask a trusted friend or neighbor to retrieve your mail.

■ If possible, drop off any outgoing mail containing checks or other negotiable items to the post office or personally hand them to the letter carrier.

■ If you are going away for a weekend, or on vacation, please remember to have daily deliveries, like the mail, picked up by a designated individual or have the post office hold your mail until you return from your trip.

■ If possible, have packages delivered when you are home to receive them or require a signature when you have packages shipped to your home. Many shipping companies allow you to customize your deliveries, including setting the day and time of delivery.

■ Another option is to have packages delivered to an alternate destination, like work or a neighbor's residence.

■ Install a locking mailbox to prevent unauthorized individuals from retrieving your mail.

There is also a secure locked mailbox located outside the Village Center on Meade Lane that is available for resident use; mail is picked up by the post office Monday-Saturday.

CITY MANAGER SEARCH Update

On Saturday, March 12th, the members of City Council interviewed four candidates for the City Manager position. This search for a new City Manager is moving forward and more information will be available either on the City's website or in upcoming issues of the Village Crier.

2015 TREE CITY USA

Cherry Hills Village was recently named 2015 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of the City's commitment to effective urban forest management. The City achieved this recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. "Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education." Trees are an important benefit to the community as they improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

For more information regarding the Tree City USA program, you can visit www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

Interactive Online PARKS AND TRAILS MAP *Now Available!*

The City is pleased to announce the unveiling of its new Parks and Trail Map! The map was created to provide general reference to public trails, parks and recreation amenities located within the City. The information contained in the map was collected from various outside sources and data. Although the City has taken every reasonable effort to ensure the accuracy of the information, there may be omissions or errors, including but not limited to accuracy of property lines, easements, etc. We welcome any suggestions or correction from users.

Features of the online map that are available to the public include: visuals of all parks, trails and open space, streets, trail heads, parking, bridges, streams, lakes, subdivisions, Arapahoe County Assessor parcels and aerial imagery of the entire City. The map also contains a wildlife spotting feature that allows users to identify unique and interesting sightings. Recommended sightings include: birds of prey, coyotes, foxes, deer, amphibians, endangered species, etc. Follow the instructions below to use the wildlife spotting feature:

1. Access the map. This can be done by selecting the link at <http://cherryhills-village.com/parkstrailsmap> or by scanning the QR code found on City signage.
2. Click the  button to use the GPS on your device to locate yourself on the map.
3. After locating yourself, click the  button to bring up the wildlife spotting feature.
4. Once open, click New Feature and select the location on the map where you would like to place the wildlife spotting report.
5. Next simply fill in any relevant notes and click Choose File to add a photograph.
6. Once done, click the Close button. You can also click the Delete button if you do not want to submit your report.
7. Once you have clicked Close, the report will be submitted to City staff for review. Once the City staff has reviewed and approved your report, it will be visible to all users on the map!

Also don't forget to download a QR code scanner for your phone or tablet. Go to any application purchasing program and download today. Once you are equipped with the application you can scan the QR code below and start accessing the Parks and Trails Map!

For additional information about the online map, please call (303)783-2733 or visit the Cherry Hills Village Website at: <http://cherryhillsvillage.com>.

*Scan this QR Code to view our
Online Parks and Trails Map!*



 [City of Cherry Hills Village](http://cherryhillsvillage.com)  Click to Report Wildlife!

Got Drugs? Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet National Prescription Drug Take Back Day



**Saturday
April 30, 2016
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Cherry Hills Village
Police Department**

**2460 E. Quincy Ave.
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113**

**Items which cannot be
accepted for take back
programs:**

**Needles and Sharps
Mercury (thermometers)
Oxygen Containers
Chemotherapy/Radioactive
substances
Pressurized Canisters
Illicit Drugs**

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WOOF & WINE

The Humane Society of South Platte Valley (HSSPV) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit animal shelter located in Littleton at 2129 West Chenango Avenue. If a stray animal is found in Cherry Hills Village, the Animal Control Officer, John Newhouse will take it to HSSPV. If you have lost your pet, you can report it missing by contacting the Cherry Hills Village Police Department at (303) 761-8711 and then contact HSSPV at (303) 703-2938 to see if your pet is at the shelter.

In addition to reuniting lost pets with their families, HSSPV also provides a variety of other services such as: pet adoptions, spay/neuter/vaccinations, animal welfare education and dog behavior/training classes (beginning in April). They are also always looking for volunteers. To help the pets in their care, HSSPV is gearing up for their biggest fundraiser of the year. The 2016 Woof and Wine will be held on Friday, June 17th from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Schomp Automotive in Highlands Ranch. Please see the save the date flyer for ticket prices and more information.

Save the Date!

Don't miss our 5th annual Woof & Wine benefiting the animals of the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley

Friday, June 17th • 7-10 pm



Delectable Wine and Food Sampling • Silent and Live Auction
Live Entertainment by Maestro Hughes "The Hip Hop Violinist"
Emceed by Emily of the Mix100
Special Guest Appearances by Adoptable Shelter Dogs

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www.hsspv.org/woofandwine for \$75

