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FEBRUARY

CHARLO IS OURS!

The Cherry Hills Village Art Commission is proud and extremely pleased to announce that—because of the overwhelming generosity of Villagers—Charlo, the Deborah Butterfield horse sculpture, is here to stay. We want to send out a heartfelt thank you to all of you who helped to make this dream a reality. Cherry Hills Village now has a magnificent sculpture by a world-renowned artist.

If you haven't yet seen Charlo, drive by the Joint Public Safety Facility where our bronze horse makes its home.

And thank you again to all of you who played a part in bringing Charlo to Cherry Hills Village.



In Memory Of...

TERESA GABRIEL HARBAUGH

February 5, 1948 – January 6, 2016



Teresa Gabriel Harbaugh, beacon of love, devoted mother and wife, business owner, art devotee and philanthropist, passed away unexpectedly January 6th.

Born in 1948 to Doris and Louis Gabriel, Teresa grew up in San Bernardino, CA, attending St. Bernardine's High School. In 1969, she graduated from the University of Santa Clara, during which time she studied at the University of Vienna. Continuing her studies at Mills College, UC Berkeley, she received a Secondary Teaching Credential from the University of San Diego in 1971.

In 1973 she married her soul mate Paul Harbaugh, and in Denver, they began an extraordinary life of love, family, travel, art making and philanthropy. As the matriarch and pillar of her family, and friend to so many, Teresa emanated grace, kindness and strength. She was effervescent in life. We learned from her how to be positive and calm—a force for good. She was Paul's partner in life and they were a most beautiful and elegant team in everything they did.

Teresa was an artist in every way. In 1980 she founded AZUSA Publishing Inc., a Native American and Western history card company, which brought long forgotten images into the mainstream. She was a long-time member for the Public Art Commission/Cherry Hills Village Arts Commission, and a founding board member of Englewood Art in 2001. She was a member of the Aspen Meadows Art Advisory Committee/Aspen Institute, and a strong supporter of the Denver Art Museum, CU, DU and University of New Mexico Art Museums among others. Her visions and opinions were creative and fresh, and she was exceptionally knowledgeable about art, music and contributing effectively to a board.

Teresa leaves behind her husband of 42 years, Paul Harbaugh; daughter Phaedra Harbaugh Sepesi, DDS, of Houston, TX; son Jerad Harrison Harbaugh of Englewood, CO; and sisters Dayna Donatelli, Jan Marchese, Paula Yavari and Tricia Gabriel.

The service was held January 15, 2016, at the Chapel at Cherry Hills Community Church in Highlands Ranch. In lieu of flowers, you may remember Teresa with a donation to the Cherry Hills Village Arts Commission (www.cherryhillsvillage.com/pac) or to Englewood Arts (www.englewoodarts.org).

Mayor Musings...

On the Village website is the Flood Report prepared at the request of City Council. This report deals both with the causes of the June 2015 flood, as well as possible solutions going forward. I highly recommend that everyone take a few minutes to read this report, it is very informative.

Rather than summarize the report, I am going to provide some of my thoughts after having read the report.

As many of you know I grew up in Seattle, which provided me with my innate love of coffee and a profound respect for rain. Rain does not respond to political agendas, it is a prisoner of physics. If the world is warmer, more water evaporates into the atmosphere from our oceans and drops out of the atmosphere based upon the same rules of physics. If those conditions occur above or around the Village, it rains; if not, we have sun. Too much rain results in a flood, too little a drought. This is pretty simple. What is not simple is predicting when or how often this will occur.

FEMA has designated a significant amount of land in the Village as subject to a 100 year flood plain. In June the flood-water stayed within the FEMA flood plain limits. The flood report states that the events in June were "unprecedented" in the memory of some of our oldest residents. That would stretch back perhaps eighty or so years, a relatively short time frame. My concern is that last June's event or another very similar may occur within the next 5-20 years. The good news is I won't be Mayor, the bad news is that the ramifications of too much rain could be far worse than we experienced in June. Even FEMA, in light of the events of last June, is taking another look at the designated flood plains.

With or without FEMA, it is incumbent upon the Village and its residents to think proactively about the different problems that both flood and drought present. Many of the sewer

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CITY TO APPLY FOR ARAPAHOE COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT FUNDS

The City will submit three grant applications to Arapahoe County Open Space (ACOS) in February to complete several improvements to the Village's parks and trails system. The first request is for \$400,000 from ACOS to complete the engineering design and begin the first phase of construction for John Meade Park and the Alan Hutto Memorial Commons. Redevelopment of

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systems in the Village were constructed years ago by small local metropolitan districts. In June, several residents had their homes flooded by significant amounts of sewage. Metropolitan districts in Colorado are separate governmental entities. This is the case in Cherry Hills Village with the exception of 144 homes that are served by City owned sewer lines. Cherry Hills Village has neither control of nor responsibility for independent Metropolitan Districts. I would like to recommend; however, that each metropolitan district look at its aging infrastructure. We are being neither compassionate nor good neighbors if we let members of our community suffer the horrendous consequences related to problems with sewer systems.

Other members of our community have homes or buildings within designated flood plains. After a bit of research into how this may have occurred I have discovered that most, if not all, of those structures were built prior to FEMA flood plain maps and the Village ordinances relating to same. Everyone should have had federal flood insurance; however if the Village can, at reasonable cost and in compliance with law, mitigate some of the risk; these are options that should be explored.

Drought is another risk our community faces. Mature trees have become an important part of our semi rural landscape, providing habitat for wildlife and reducing ambient heat in the summer. Keeping trees healthy make them more resistant to drought. Planting trees that are resistant to drought assure that landscaping will be there for years to come. Landscaping is frequently the last item where we want to spend dollars, but making good choices concerning both existing and new landscaping may save many dollars going forward; as well as preserving the semi rural atmosphere and wild life habitat that are hallmarks of our community.

Our world is changing, and whether you believe that it is changing faster or that it continues to change as it always has, I believe that we would be remiss both as a local government and as individual residents if we ignore the power of rain (or lack thereof) and its effect upon our community.

Respectfully, *Mayor Laura Christman*

the area will provide new recreational activities for residents and visitors with updated play equipment, as well as educational opportunities for local students to explore the wetlands. The first phase of construction will focus on improving drainage in the area with the installation of culverts and completing site grading and channel work to restore the natural flow of Greenwood Gulch and preserve its riparian habitat. The City also applied for funding from Great Outdoors Colorado for the same project.

The second request is for \$40,000 from ACOS to construct a new section of the High Line Canal trail to accommodate two underpasses that are being installed at Hampden and Colorado next year. In 2015, state funding for the underpasses was approved

2016 CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Tree reservations begin the 3rd week of February!!!

The City of Cherry Hills Village is pleased to announce that the 5th Annual Tree Planting Program is right around the corner. There will be 35 trees available to Cherry Hills Village residents (maximum of 2 per household). Trees offered will be available on a first come first served basis

– SO REGISTER EARLY!

Additionally, all tree information and pricing will be posted by the 3rd week of February.

For more information, please call (303) 783-2744 or visit: www.cherryhillsvillage.com. Please note: This program is for Cherry Hills Village residents only.

through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with a local match from Cherry Hills Village, Denver and Arapahoe County. The City is requesting additional funds from ACOS to build a new section of trail that was not included in the TIP and will connect the underpasses to the existing trail. The City also applied for funding from Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the same project. Lastly, the third request is for \$27,000 from ACOS to resurface a 3-mile section of the High Line Canal trail. The project consists of applying a new layer of granite sand and crusher fine material to the trail to create a new stable surface. Over the last 20 to 30 years, the trail's existing surface has been eroded due to routine use and weather. Award announcements are expected in late spring.

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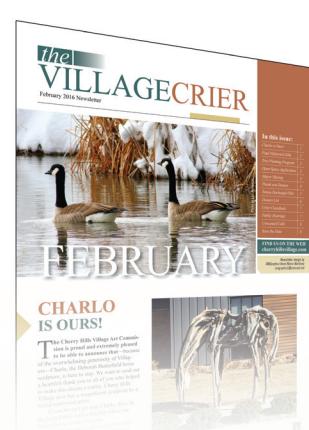
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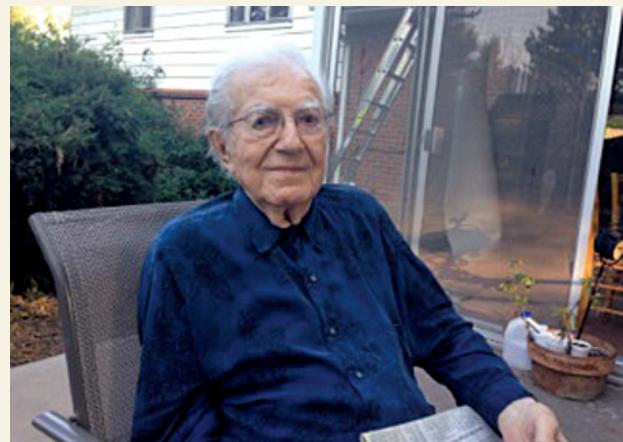
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In Memory Of...

PAUL C NIKITOVICH



Paul C Nikitovich, a resident of Cherry Hills and a former vice-president of Johns-Manville, died on December 28, 2015, in Denver. He was 90. Born in the former Yugoslavia, he escaped the Soviet invasion after World War II and took refuge in Paris with his parents and sister. There, he studied law at the Sorbonne and married Gisele Cluzan before leaving for the United States, where he earned his business degree from Rutgers University. He later attended Harvard Business School. Mr. Nikitovich was a war hero who, before deserting the Communist army, saved four French soldiers from death by firing squad. The men kept a photo of him and searched for him for 65 years until they finally located him in Cherry Hills. He flew to France in 2009 to be honored by the families of the men he had saved.

When Johns-Manville moved its headquarters from New York to Colorado in 1972, he and his wife bought a home in Cherry Hills, where he resided until his death. Survivors include three children, Paul Nikitovich (Colorado), Vesna Matthies (France) and Maia Madden (California), his sister, Billy Nikitovich-Winer (Kentucky) as well as nine grandchildren. His wife died in 2004, and his eldest son, George Nikitovich, died in 2014.

After leaving Johns-Manville, Paul started his own company, Perfiltra, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He was fluent in English, Serbo-Croatian, French and Spanish, as well as Portuguese, German and Russian.

Kind, witty, loyal and charismatic, Mr. Nikitovich truly loved people and helped them in any way he could.

A service to honor him took place on January 2nd, at St. John the Baptist Serbian Orthodox Church in Lakewood.

Shredding and paint/electronics recycling
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Saturday, May 21st
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*More information will be available in
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notarizations, internet help, errands, groceries, house cleaning and electronic recycling.

PIANO TUNING AND REPAIR. CHV resident with 40 years of piano tuning experience. Tuning performed with the ears of a musician. Repairs performed with the hands of a surgeon. Assoc. member - Piano Technicians Guild. Call Art Heller 303-947-8834.

PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICE - accepting new clients. Thorough, reliable, with competitive rates. Excellent references. Please call Susan at 303-794-6805.

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

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).

WANTED: CHV estate and critter sitter (2 horses, dog and cat) must have solid equine experience. Owners travel frequently and need solid back up caretakers. Ideal situation for mature individual, couple or independent professional. Call 720-937-7193 if interested.

READ THE CHV NEWSLETTER ONLINE AT cherryhillsvillage.com

PUBLIC HEARINGS

WHAT ARE PUBLIC HEARINGS?

Public Hearings are portions of a City Council meeting reserved for the Council to receive comments from the public on a particular issue, such as a proposed amendment to the zoning code, a new liquor license, or an expanded use application. Comments received during a Public Hearing are entered into the record and are used by Council to consider and discuss the issue under debate.

HOW ARE PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICED?

By state statute a notice of a Public Hearings must be published in a local newspaper. Cherry Hills Village publishes all of its legal notices in the Villager Newspaper. The City also posts notices of Public Hearings on our website, www.cherryhillsvillage.com, and on the notice board at the Village Center (2450 E. Quincy Ave.).

HOW CAN I COMMENT ON A PUBLIC HEARING?

You can attend the Public Hearing in person. You will be asked to add your name to the sign-up sheet so that the Mayor can organize the order of speakers.

If you cannot attend the Public Hearing in person, you can submit written comments to City staff or Council. Please submit your comments at least 24 hours in advance of the Public Hearing to ensure inclusion in the record.

Please do not submit comments via the City's Facebook page or other social media. Staff cannot guarantee that these comments will be included in the record.

Contact City Clerk Laura Smith at 303-783-2732 or lsmith@cherryhillsvillage.com with any questions.



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FILE EARLY TO AVOID A **STOLEN** TAX REFUND

All that is needed for a criminal to steal a tax refund is a name, birthday and social security number. To reduce the risk of having your personal information used by a thief to steal your refund, file as soon as possible. Protecting personal information goes a long way toward preventing tax refund theft, especially information that is transmitted or stored electronically. However, in this era of data breaches, a crime over which consumers have little or no control, it's difficult to know if your personal data is ever truly protected. Unsuspecting victims discover the theft at the time they submit

their tax return. If someone has already filed using a victim's SSN, the return will be rejected. Victims who report the theft will ultimately receive their refund, but it can take months to process and the criminals may never be found.

On average, the turn-around time on the issuance of a tax refund is twenty-one days from the date the refund is received by the IRS. This is also the operative period for identity thieves to submit fabricated electronic returns, including specific instructions on where and how to send their payment. In order to expedite the process of issuing tax refunds, the IRS relies solely on the information presented on the tax return. The verification process of documents that are submitted to the IRS happens after W-2's and other tax forms are submitted by employers, usually after March. By then, most refunds have already been issued.

For the 2016 tax filing period, the IRS has imposed additional protections to control the high rate of tax refund theft. One such measure is the issuance of individualized IP-PIN numbers for victims of identity theft. Doing so will flag returns that require additional examination before a refund will be sent. In order to qualify, victims need to fill out the Identity Theft Affidavit – Form 14039 which can be found in the IRS website at www.irs.gov/.

SIGNS OF TAX FRAUD INCLUDE:

- 1 You submit your electronic tax return and it is rejected**
- 2 You are expecting a tax refund, but never receive it**
- 3 You discover that one or more tax refunds have been filed under your SSN**
- 4 You receive an email that appears to be from the IRS or other legitimate-sounding agency requesting personal information such as your SSN, DOB, etc. for verification reasons. This is likely a phishing scam.**

If you discover that you have been a victim of a stolen tax refund, contact the IRS Identity Theft Protection Specialized Unit at 1-800-998-4490.