

the VILLAGE CRIER

November 2017 Newsletter



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Cherry Hills Village *UNVEILS NEW WEBSITE*

In February City Council approved a contract with CivicPlus for development and maintenance of a new city website. CivicPlus provides website services for thousands of local governments throughout the US and Canada, including

Colorado governmental entities such as Greenwood Village and Arapahoe County. City staff has been working with CivicPlus designers to create a website that is user friendly, flexible, helpful and unique. The new website is scheduled to go live by November 8th. A preview of the new homepage is to the left and below:

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MAYOR MUSINGS

The holidays are right around the corner and I would like to take a minute to remind everyone of the many families in our greater Denver community that cannot afford holiday meals or presents for their children. Once again it is hard to understand how, in a thriving economy, there can be so many people suffering. For the working poor and the elderly, income does not keep pace with rising rents. So please donate to any of the worthwhile charities, including foodbanks, which are serving these populations during the holiday season. If you enjoy buying toys, there are many locations where toys can be donated including our own police station. Perhaps you enjoy shopping for clothes. Just down Colorado Boulevard adjacent to Chez Artiste, you can find Clothes to Kids of Denver. This worthwhile charity provides new clothing to children of homeless families. If shopping is not your idea of a good time, a cash donation to Meals on Wheels in Littleton will assure that the elderly will get warm holiday dinners. You can donate online at www.tlcmealsonwheels.org/donate or mail a donation to TLC Meals on Wheels PO Box 3108 Centennial, CO 80161. Lastly, many of you are familiar with Capitol Hill Community Services because your middle school children helped serve meals to the homeless at Trinity Church downtown. This wonderful charity, headed by one of our own Cherry Hills Village residents, continues to need your dollars to help make ends meet. Their address is 3615 South Heron Street #206, Englewood, Colorado 80110.

There are many great charities out there and your donations will make a difference. Our Cherry Hills Village community is full of very philanthropic and gracious people. During this holiday season, please think big, give big, and receive a thousand blessings when you do.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Christman, Mayor



Look for specific dates and more information for the **Village TOY DRIVE** on page 5.

RESIDENTS PROVIDE INPUT FOR TRAFFIC STUDY During City Council Meeting

At the September 19th City Council meeting, City Council held an open forum for residents to provide feedback and suggestions on traffic in the Village. The discussion started with a presentation from Todd Frisbie of Felsberg, Holt and Ullevig (FHU), the firm the City contracted to perform a citywide traffic study. The study evaluated items such as speeding, travel patterns (cut through traffic), total volumes, and intersection efficiencies.

In sum, most streets that were studied did not show there was a significant speeding issue, as the prevailing speeds were within a few MPH of the posted speed limits. The exceptions were Franklin Street and northbound Colorado Boulevard, where the data concluded at least 15% of vehicles were traveling over 5mph of the posted speed limit. Potential recommendations to reduce speeds included the use of speed advisory signs, as well as increased enforcement.

FHU also provided analysis on cut through traffic. Their data indicated that 45% of morning peak hour traffic and as much as 60% of afternoon peak hour traffic were vehicles cutting through the City to avoid congestion. The use of GPS systems and cell phone traffic apps have made it easier for commuters to exit congested highways and arterial roads and maneuver through local streets. Since the congested highways include Bellevue Avenue, Hampden Avenue, and University Boulevard, FHU recommended the City continue to work with Colorado Department of Transportation to improve AM and PM peak hour efficiencies.

Residents provided a variety of feedback on both the presentation and their specific traffic concerns. One main concern centered around the morning and afternoon school traffic congestion. Residents suggested a variety of mitigation to include realignment of the Kent Denver driveway to Colorado Boulevard, the installation of a roundabout or traffic signal, realignment of the St. Mary's driveway, minor street widening, adjusting school start and end times, re-evaluation of street signage and signal timing. City Council and staff will continue to review recommendations while working with the City's traffic consultant and residents to improve traffic flow. The full traffic study is available on the City's website at www.cherryhillsvillage.com/street-maintenance.

ART LOVERS GATHER

Art and friendships dominated the conversations at the lovely Cherry Hills Village Public Art Commission event hosted by Elaine and Richard Asarch. Dennis Humphries, principal at Humphries Poli Architects, spoke to the group about the importance of public art and ARTchitecture in our communities. He and his firm were commissioned to transform the Civic Center McNichols Building back to its original beauty of the Carnegie Library which was built in 1910. They discovered it was impossible to restore it as it was, but they were able to recreate the story of what the library represented through contemporary art and design. He encouraged Cherry Hills Village residents to tell their story through the art they placed in the Village.



Lisa Hidalgo, Barbara Braucht, Alex Zervakos & Jennifer Miller



Below: Artist Emmett & Maria Culligan



Below: Linda & Doug McDonald



Rose & Alison Lynch



Mayor Laura Christman, Dr. & Mrs. Abrams



Above: Gary and Phyllis Vander Ark
Bob Warren, Jack & Jane North
Richard Right, Earl & Lori Hoellen



RECREATION REIMBURSEMENT REMINDER

Remember to submit your recreation reimbursement receipts for 2017. The City processes recreation reimbursement requests every two weeks. The deadline for submitting your 2017 recreation receipts is January 15th of every year. **PLEASE NOTE: January 15th falls on a City observed holiday in 2018 and the City offices will NOT be open. The City will accept receipts until 4:30 p.m. on January 16, 2018. There will be no exceptions to the January 16th 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.

As part of the recreation reimbursement program, residents have the option of donating their eligible reimbursement to the Catherine H. Anderson Land Donation fund. The money in the Cat Anderson fund is used to foster the preservation of natural open space and may also be used for other park related purposes. Residents that would like to donate their reimbursements to the Cat Anderson fund will still need to complete a recreation reimbursement form and submit all eligible receipts to the City (be sure to indicate on the reimbursement form what portion of the reimbursement you would like to donate). All donations to the Cat Anderson fund are tax deductible and the City will automatically mail you a donation receipt.

Please visit www.cherryhillsvillage.com for further information about the program or contact Pamela Broyles at (303) 783-2744 with any questions.



Photo provided by High Line Canal Conservancy

HIGH LINE CANAL CONSERVANCY PLANNING AND INITIATIVES

The High Line Canal Conservancy has announced the planning team to lead its Framework Plan. National firm Sasaki Associates, along with Denver-based Livable Cities Studio will join together to initiate the Framework Plan, a 5- to 10-year comprehensive implementation plan that includes framework, landscape and signage along the High Line Canal. The plan will be used to identify areas of enhancement and investment, develop model infrastructure typologies, identify high impact projects, develop a phasing plan for implementation and investigate funding and management models. The plan will also address the following:

- Existing conditions analysis
- Zone (or Sub-Area) definitions
- Landscape design guidelines
- Green infrastructure opportunities (including stormwater)
- Broad recommendations for the Canal overall and by zone

- Recreational opportunities
- Connectivity and crossings
- Activity nodes
- Economic development opportunities
- Historic resources
- Programming opportunities for community users on the Canal

The planning team will also develop a plan for a signage and wayfinding system. The signage and wayfinding plan will be used for consistent identification of trails and pedestrian routes to safely guide users to and from the High Line Canal and nearby landmarks, facilities and community landmarks. The plan will improve community health by promoting multimodal forms of transportation for walking, bicycling and connections to public transit. For more information on the Framework Plan, visit highlinecanal.org/framework.

The High Line Canal Conservancy continues to work on additional initiatives that support the future of the Canal. The High Line Canal Conservancy, Denver Water and leadership from each of the jurisdictions along the Canal's reach are working together to take an important step to improve the Canal landscape: initiating a comprehensive tree care plan for all 71 miles.

For more information, visit highlinecanal.org/tree-care.

To support the Conservancy's tree care initiative, mark your calendar for Colorado Gives Day and donate to this great cause.

In addition, the Conservancy recently received a grant from the Colorado Health Foundation - the state's largest foundation - through their Activating Places and Spaces funding area. The grant will enable the Conservancy to perform extensive outreach to increase trail use, with a focus on diverse communities along the Canal in Aurora and Green Valley Ranch.

**GET INVOLVED AND SUPPORT WHAT YOU LOVE.
BE A HIGH LINE HERO – joinhighlinecanal.org**

For more information on the Framework Plan, visit highlinecanal.org/framework.

HOUSEWATCH PROGRAM

The Cherry Hills Village Police Department's housewatch program is a community program that allows residents to request additional police patrol of their

unoccupied residential property due to holiday vacation or other absence of the resident. To request a period of additional patrol of your residence, please contact the Police Department with the following information:

1. Name, address and telephone number
2. Dates of departure and return
3. Name and telephone numbers of housesitter and emergency contacts
4. Specific information regarding your residence such as: persons who may be visiting the residence, your alarm company, vehicles that will be parked at the residence, and animals at the residence
5. Any other information that will assist officers in monitoring your property

To fill out the housewatch form online you can visit: www.cherryhillsvillage.com/housewatch-program or you can call the Cherry Hills Village Police Department during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30) at (303) 761-8711.

EQUIFAX®

Data Breach

The recent announcement regarding the data breach at Equifax has many people concerned about how to respond and how to protect their identity from ID thieves. Below are steps the Colorado Bureau of Investigation Identity Theft & Fraud Unit recommends everyone take to protect their identity from ID thieves and data breaches.

- ▶ Assume your information has been breached and act on that assumption. This is one time when assuming the worst will actually protect you.
- ▶ If you already have a credit monitoring/ID theft protection service, contact them immediately to determine what assistance they can offer you.
- ▶ Obtain a copy of your credit report. You may obtain a copy at <https://www.annualcreditreport.com>.
- ▶ Set up a fraud alert or credit freeze with the credit reporting agencies. You can find information on setting up a fraud alert at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0275-place-fraud-alert>. You can find information about extended alerts and credit freezes at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0279-extended-fraud-alerts-and-credit-freezes>.
- ▶ At this time, you may have difficulty placing the fraud alert or credit freeze at Equifax. Go ahead and set it up with the other two credit reporting agencies and return to Equifax at a later date to set it up.
- ▶ Consider your children's credit reports as well as your own. Your child may not have a credit report, but it doesn't hurt to try and check it out. In Colorado, the law says that "all consumers" may place a credit freeze. If your child does have a credit report, as that person's guardian or parent, you may freeze their credit to protect them.
- ▶ Notify **ALL** of your financial institutions that you may be the victim of a data breach and see what protections they have available to protect your accounts. This includes your bank or credit union and all of your credit card or loan companies.
- ▶ Monitor your accounts for any suspicious or fraudulent activities. This may mean accessing your accounts online. If you choose to access accounts online, just remember to use strong passwords and make sure you are not accessing your account on a public Wi-Fi network.
- ▶ Check your mail for anything that may indicate that someone is using your ID to try and obtain credit.
- ▶ Opt out of pre-approved credit offers. Find out how at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0148-prescreened-credit-and-insurance-offers>.
- ▶ Request a year end analysis of services provided from your health insurance provider. This will show what doctor visits or other medical services have been billed to your insurance and help determine if someone is using your medical ID.
- ▶ Consider setting up an account with My Social Security. This is a way for you to review what is

happening with your social security benefits and better understand what is being reported using your social security number. Sometimes ID thieves will try to set up this account using your ID. If you already have an account established, the thief will not be able to get into your account. This site requires two step authentication (2 passwords) for extra protection. Learn more or sign up at <https://ssa.gov/myaccount>.

- ▶ If you KNOW that your ID has been breached, complete an IRS Form 14039 (IRS ID Theft Affidavit) to alert the IRS that someone else may file fraudulent tax returns in your name. Find this form and instructions at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4039.pdf>.
- ▶ If you notice anything suspicious in any of your accounts or your mail, don't ignore it. *Check it out!*
- ▶ Be very careful about emails or text messages you may receive offering assistance with fixing the data breach problems. These are most likely scams. **DO NOT** click on any links or open attachments. **DO NOT** give out any personal information!

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the Colorado Bureau of Investigation Identity Theft & Fraud Investigations Unit at CBI.StopIDTheft@state.co.us, Victim Assistance at (303) 239-4242 or the 24-hour Identity Theft hotline at 1-855-443-3489.

4 T H A N N U A L

Our mission is to give Colorado children a magical Holiday.

Volunteers of America
Needs 6,000 toys for children in Colorado this Holiday season. Please help by donating unwrapped new toys.

Toy Collection Locations

- FIRST AMERICAN STATE BANK 8390 E. Crescent Parkway, Greenwood Village, CO 80111
- CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2460 E. Quincy Avenue, Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113
- GYMBOREE PLAY AND MUSIC 5046 E. Hampden Avenue, Denver, CO 80222

*Start date for toy donations is November 1st
Last date for toy donations is December 15th*

Cash Donations

Cash donations can be made directly to Volunteers of America at www.voacolorado.org/toydrive



Presented by First American State Bank and Cherry Hills Living Magazine
Benefiting Volunteers of America Colorado Branch



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 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.

Categories

Contract Work/Handyman
Education
Events
Gardening/Landscaping
Health and Wellness
Music/Instrument/
Education/Repair
Pet Services/Accessories
Professional Services
Tech Help/Services
Wildlife Service/Removal
FOR RENT
FOR SALE
WANTED

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Email your information
to Jessica Sager
jsager@cherryhillsvillage.com

Deadline: NOV 15

Contract Work/Handyman

A+ Rated BBB Roofer - High Impact Roofing & Exteriors, 720-515-4672 or info@highimpactco.com. Free estimates on asphalt, shake or more. <http://www.highimpactco.com>.

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

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Education

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.

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COLORADO TREESCAPES

- Licensed, certified, insured arborists. 18 years providing expert tree care: pruning, removals, stump grinding, plant health care, holiday lighting. BBB A+ rating 303-770-4155 or www.coloradotreescapes.com.

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MAPLE LEAF LANDSCAPING, INC.- Full Service Landscape Company: lawn care, garden maintenance, irrigation installation & repair. Hardscape & Design Construction Projects. Free estimates, call Darwin Wasend at 720-290-8292. Serving CHV since 1999. ALCC MEMBER.

Health and Wellness

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 720-838-2527.

THE SHELDON SOWELL CENTER

FOR HEALTH - Our practice is simplicity itself: we work for you and only you. With 120 patients per doctor - versus the typical 2,500 - we're your physician-partner, pursuing the only goal that ought to matter to a doctor: your health. 303-789-4949 www.sheldonsowell.com.

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ANIMALS LIKE ME - OWNER, OPERATOR AND PET LOVER. Pet walking, pet sitting and housesitting. Insured, bonded and First Aid certified. References available. Lana 303-898-0479 or lksppear@comcast.net.

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HOME WATCH SERVICES

- Out of town? Homes left alone are fraught with danger. If issues come up, we are there for most problems. Contact Keyholder Home Watch Services 303-594-7777, csmithers@keyholderusa.com or visit www.keyholderusa.com. Over 10 years' experience. We're here, while you're there.

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'TIS THE SEASON to buy or sell.

Fall is a perfect time to look for a new property or sell a property. We provide tailored services to each and every client. Call today with any real estate question, Autumn 720-936-6302.

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ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL for wildlife problems of all sizes. Licensed and insured and Better Business Bureau accredited. We have been servicing Cherry Hills Village for over 24 years. Professional, ethical and humane, we don't use gasses, poisons or pesticides. 303-884-9100 or www.wildlifedamage.com.

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PEACE CELLAR - Event Space

Rental - Our beautiful 800sq ft. studio space can host your next event. Seats up to 50, projector available, yoga equipment also available. \$40/hour. Photos at www.peacecellar.com Call Carrie 720-242-6531 or email carrie@peacecellar.com.

WANTED

Wanted - CHV house/horse sitter.

Must be able to stay overnight and during portions of the day. Horse duties include feeding, cleaning stalls, and turnout. Ideal situation for mature/retired individual, couple or professional who can work remotely. E-mail qualifications and contact information: arieise@qwestoffice.net.

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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://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q5J9HGB> or by going to the City's website at www.cherryhillsvillage.com/public-works and clicking on the Public Works & Parks Department Resident Satisfaction Survey link.

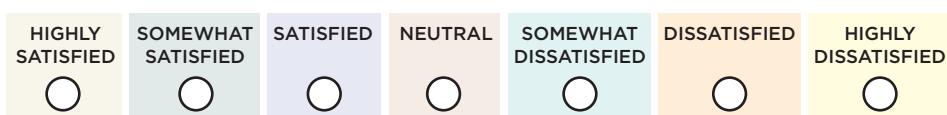
Residents that would prefer a paper copy can complete the survey below and mail it to: Cherry Hills Village
Attn: Jessica Sager
2450 East Quincy Avenue
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

Residents can also drop off the completed survey to the Village Center during normal business hours (Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) or scan and email it to jsager@cherryhillsvillage.com.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDY.

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

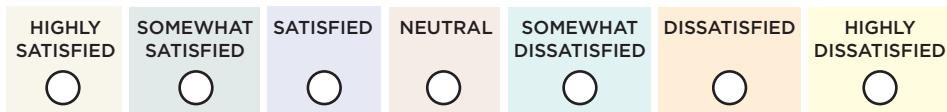
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2. Overall, how satisfied are you with the Public Works Department's street maintenance operations?

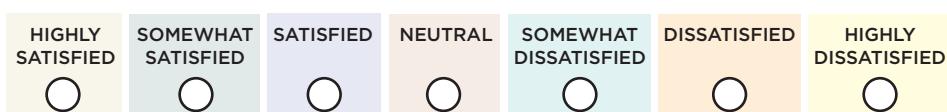
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3. Overall, how satisfied are you with the City's parks and trails system?

Please check one.



OTHER (please specify): _____

4. Have you participated in the City's Annual Spring clean-up event? YES NO

5. If you have participated in the event, do you have any changes or suggestions for improving it? _____

6. Have you participated in the City's hazardous waste program? YES NO

7. Have you participated in the City's recreation reimbursement program? YES NO

8. 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

9. Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Public Works or Parks Departments?

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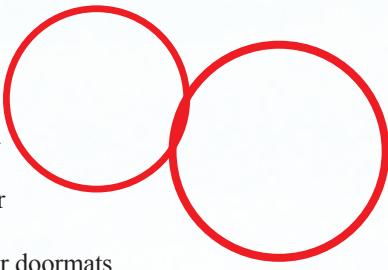
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HOLIDAY SEASON SAFETY TIPS

The Holiday Season is a special time of year, and this is often a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. The Cherry Hills Village Police Department hopes that the following tips will assist in keeping everyone safe during the upcoming Holiday Season. You can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware.

AT HOME

- Keep your garage door locked; especially the side doors and/or rear entry doors.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave for vacation.
- Never leave your keys under doormats, in flower pots, mailboxes or any other “secret” hiding places. Intruders know where to look for hidden keys.
- An alarm system is excellent for home security. If you own an alarm system, make sure you activate your alarm before you leave for vacation. Also, provide the alarm company with an emergency contact; especially if you are going out of the country for your vacation.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on automatic timers while you are away.
- If you are away for an extended period of time, arrange for someone to shovel your driveway in the winter so it appears that someone is at home.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- During your vacation, do not have daily deliveries (such as mail, newspapers or flyers, and packages) pile up while you are away.



Have the Post Office hold your mail or arrange for someone to empty your mailbox and pick up your newspapers.

- If you are having any service performed while you are gone (such as housekeeping or landscaping), make sure they secure your residence when they are finished.
- Have a responsible person check on your home frequently during your vacation.
- It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved.

SHOPPING

- Shop during day time hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or a family member.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Keep cash or credit cards in your front pocket.
- Notify the credit card company immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Be extra careful if you do carry a purse or wallet. They are prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, “con-artists” may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or other belongings.
- If you are shopping alone, then you can ask mall or store security for an escort to your vehicle.

