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March 2017 Newsletter



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CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE

Village Center Projects: FAQ's

Project Information

What projects are being proposed?

The City's Village Center area will be redeveloped to include:

- Construction of a new City Hall and demolition of the existing building.
- Relocating the Public Works facilities to 2101 W. Quincy Avenue in the City of Sheridan (about 10 minutes away). At the new site, several existing buildings will be used and a new office/garage will also be constructed. The current Public Works facilities will be removed.
- Construction of park improvements for John Meade Park and Alan Hutto Memorial Commons.

What is the approximate timeline?

Public Works: Spring 2017 – Winter 2017

City Hall: Summer 2017 – Summer 2018

John Meade Park: Winter 2017 – Summer 2018

Why are these projects necessary?

City Hall: Retrofitting the existing facility is not financially viable. It is nearly 60 years old and lacks standard elements required for a public building. Safety and accessibility are of particular concern, as the current building lacks ADA accessibility, fire sprinklers, and important public safety and security features. It also does not have adequate space for meeting rooms and records storage. A new building will meet the needs of our City and provide accessible community gathering spaces and safety features to protect residents and staff for years to come.

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Public Works: The existing Public Works facilities are within the floodplain and lack adequate space to function safely and effectively. The new Sheridan location has sufficient room to house the equipment and personnel needed to maintain our streets and parks for the foreseeable future. Moreover, it is in an industrial zone, a more appropriate setting for these functions. Staff will make operational adjustments to ensure our high level of service continues.

John Meade Park and Alan Hutto Memorial Commons: John Meade Park will be regraded to improve drainage flows and reduce flooding. In addition, wildlife and plant habitats will be improved, and wetland areas will be restored. New facilities will include a restroom, picnic area, an ADA-accessible playground, and a community performance area.

What benefits will be received by reconstructing the Village Center area?

In addition to the benefits associated with new, modern facilities, building structures will be removed and reconstructed above the 100-year floodplain in compliance with FEMA regulations. Water conveyance will be enhanced to help improve water quality and reduce flooding. Contaminated soils from old underground tanks will be mitigated. Ponds will be dredged to restore wetlands and revitalize habitats. Community open space will be enhanced to provide more opportunities for community events, children to play, and for all visitors to explore natural habitats.

Financial Information

What is the total cost of the projects?

The total cost of the projects is \$11.8M: \$4.7M to acquire and develop the Public Works facility, \$4.5M to construct a new City Hall, and \$2.6M to improve John Meade Park and Alan Hutto Memorial Commons.

How will the projects be funded?

The projects will be funded using Certificates of Participation (COPs). COPs are similar to bond financing and commonly used by municipalities to finance capital projects. The COPs will be paid back over a 25-year period. The City will apply for grants to offset costs as well.

Will my taxes be raised?

No. The City will not be increasing taxes to pay for the improvements.

Getting Involved

Can I participate in the process?

Yes! The City will be hosting a series of public meetings. Notice of these meetings will be posted in advance on the website, in front of City Hall, and in the Village Crier.

You can also contact Laura Smith, City Clerk, at lsmith@cherryhillsvillage.com or (303) 783-2732 to find out when the next meeting will be.

CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE RESIDENT ELECTED TO THE ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED ENGINEERING ALUMNI

Howard Schirmer, Jr. P.E. was recently elected to the Academy of Distinguished Engineering Alumni at the University of California at Berkeley. Mr. Schirmer was recognized for *"his global efforts to build sustainable infrastructure, promote U.S. environmental technology exports, build global engineering practices and strengthen the civil and environmental engineering professions through extensive professional society activities."*

Howard Schirmer received his B.S. degree in 1964 and M.S. degree in 1965, both in Civil Engineering from U.C. Berkeley. He has had a distinguished 50 year career as a civil and geotechnical engineering practitioner and engineering firm leader. Since 1997, he has been the President and owner of Transnational Associates. Prior to that, he was with CH2M International, serving as its President and Managing Director. In his career, Mr. Schirmer has worked in 68 countries on major



ABOVE: Howard Schirmer with Dr. Robert Harley, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Department Chairman.

infrastructure and environmental projects and he has advised numerous companies on conducting international business for the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and other international financial institutions.

In service to the profession, he has chaired numerous

committees for the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Council of Engineering Companies and International Federation of Consulting Engineers. He is a Fellow and Life Member of ASCE, and a life Member of the American Public Works Association.

Mr. Schirmer currently serves on the Berkeley CEE Department Advisory Council. In 1996, he and his wife Leslie established the Amy F. and Howard A. Schirmer Scholarship Fund for civil engineering undergraduate students.

THANK YOU DEAR FRIEND

On behalf of the Public Art Commission, we sincerely thank Klasina VanderWerf for her support and hard work on our Commission as our City Council liaison. She was much more than a liaison. She actively worked helping us with events, articles for the Crier, fundraising for the Butterfield sculpture and much more. Anonymously, Klasina and her husband, Dr. Tom Thomas, loaned the Village the beautiful Colorado Loop #6 sculpture, created by bronze sculptor Yoshitomoto Saito. The sculpture was originally loaned anonymously and has been on display for two years at the southeast corner of University and Quincy. The loan period is coming to an end and the piece will be moved to Klasina and Tom's garden in a few months. We have so enjoyed having it as part of the public art collection.

Klasina served the Village as a City Council member from 2006-2017. She wrote the history of Cherry Hills Village, *High in Country*, compiling facts, stories and photos. At the same time, she was one of the founding members of the Cherry Hills Land Preserve and is active with the Highline Canal Working Group and Conservancy. Klasina, you have become a dear friend to us on the Public Art Commission and we miss you. We tease Katy Brown, our current City Council liaison, that she has huge shoes to fill.

Thank you dear friend for all your accomplishments and to you and Tom for being so generous with your exquisite sculpture, Colorado Loop #6. The piece looks so simple at first glance until one

realizes how technically difficult it was to create and the complexities of the symbolism of the loops. Your intimate garden is a perfect home for Saito's sculpture.



BABYSITTER LIST...

The Crier offers the following list as an informational service only. The Crier does NOT review babysitter qualifications. Residents must screen babysitters themselves.

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Tyler Adams*	5251 Sanford Circle East	303-759-8322
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Ellie Bauer	3800 East Mansfield Ave	303-808-5185
Caley Capoot	11 Covington Drive	303-883-4085
Courtney Capoot	11 Covington Drive	720-883-3193
Sam Cohen* **	1501 East Quincy Ave	303-761-3303
Emerson Damiano+ * **	15 Cherryvale Drive	303-918-8402
Chelsea Davidson	2230 East Grand Ave	303-520-9727
Maryanna Deline+ * •	1 Huntwick Court	720-448-6097
Anjali Devagupta *	54 Charlou Circle	303-639-6110
Jessica Diamond	5134 E Oxford Ave	303-692-9475
Isabella Diamond	5134 E Oxford Ave	303-692-9475
Kristin Douglass	2450 Cherryridge Rd	303-762-0080
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Sibel Fite*	17 Mockingbird Lane	720-568-0880
Jayne Fraser+ * •	20 Martin Lane	720-556-2240
Jessica Garofalo + * **	110 Summit Boulevard	303-733-6317
Abby Goodrum+ *	4041 S Clermont St	303-475-0979
Emma Goodrum+ *	4041 S Clermont St	303-475-0979
Jennifer Groene+ *	4000 S Hudson Way	303-753-6262
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Stone Heyman*	4655 South Ogden	303-809-8791
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Katie Huguez+ *	22 South Lane	303-771-0442
Lauren Huttner+ *	5350 Sanford Cir E	303-759-2054
Camran Kazemian* **	24 Martin Lane	303-783-1333
Kate LaMair*	16 Cherry Lane Dr	303-584-0601
Sophi Lutz* ** •	2 Sterling Avenue	303-905-9664
Emily Matthews*	1190 E Kenyon Ave	303-781-6777
Will Matthews*	1190 E Kenyon Ave	303-781-6777
Brook McIntyre	4730 S Lafayette St	303-789-1263
Katie Mullen	3715 S Gilpin St	303-803-8150
Claire Murphy*	1015 E Tufts Ave	307-351-9172
Emma Murphy* **	1015 E Tufts Ave	307-359-5380
Molly Murphy* **	1015 E Tufts Ave	307-359-2404
Eleanor Nielsen*	4061 S Cherry St	303-758-8702
Phoebe Nielsen*	4061 S Cherry St	303-758-8702
Sophie Otte+ *	2 Glenmoor Circle	303-550-1525
Lexi Pavlakis	9 Sterling Ave	303-761-6183
Jonah Reeman* **	4095 S Colorado Blvd	720-412-1987
Elizabeth Schwartz	2135 E Grand Ave	303-886-7431
Sarah Shelton+ *	67 Glenmoor Drive	720-476-9643
Ellie Sullivan+ *	5867 Southmoor Lane	303-777-5206
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Gunnar Sveen	2115 E Grand Ave	303-761-7757
Sara Turken	4020 S Dexter St	303-753-2367
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Margaret Vogelpohl+ *	5310 Sanford Cir E	303-320-0546
Annabel Wall	5600 E Oxford Ave	303-765-0620
Natalie Watkins* **	13 Cherrymoor Dr	303-955-5223
Gabriella Zane*	1111 E Tufts Ave	781-513-6451
Caden Zimmerman	4255 S Bellaire Circle	303-733-9199

Please help us by updating your son, daughter or neighbor's information if the sitter listed is no longer available or has moved. You can send the updated information to Jessica Sager at jsager@cherryhillsvillage.com. A special "thank you" to those of you who have already contacted The Crier with updates.

MARCH 2017 MAYOR MUSINGS

**IF YOU LOVE FOXES
PLEASE READ THIS
AND MAKE SURE
YOUR NEIGHBORS
READ IT AS WELL.**



Foxes have returned to Cherry Hills Village. They are primarily nocturnal hunters and there have been many sightings around the Village. Our foxes will not be with us for long, however if we poison them and their kits. Rodent poisons (including first and second generation anticoagulants), commonly used to rid ourselves of mice, voles and rats, causes secondary poisoning in the prey animals who find and eat the poisoned rodents. It can cause uncontrolled bleeding in and damage to organs. The toxins can build up over time in the prey animal, ultimately killing it. This means that the adult foxes may not be able to give birth to healthy kits. If born, the kits may be poisoned from eating poisoned rodents fed to them by their parents. The poison also works quickly on hawks, owls and their young because of their relatively small size.

I am warning everyone because I have been guilty of using this poison in the garden to rid myself of voles,

upon the advice of my landscaper. The landscaper called a company who put out poison for the voles in the front and back yard in "tamper resistant" containers. I spoke directly with the representative who assured me (i) that the poisoned voles would have no adverse impact on wildlife, (ii) that the tamper resistant container was dog proof and (iii) if the dog were to access the poison, it was such a small amount it would not injure the dog. LIES, LIES, and more LIES.

My then 18 month old large doodle chewed through the container and ate whatever poison was in the container. I know this because a couple of weeks after the "tamper resistant" container had been installed in the yard, my poor dog began to bleed profusely from all orifices, including her eyes. When I went outside the container had been shredded. The vet was able to save her, but she now has several ongoing health problems that began that day, including severely hampered eyesight. Foxes, owls and hawks will not be so lucky. They rely on their eyesight, and if they cannot hunt, they will eventually die of starvation, if the poison hasn't killed them first.

Another interesting fact that I learned was that the landscaper, without my knowledge or consent, signed a multi-

year contract to put the poison out quarterly. In his defense, he thought he was signing an acknowledgement that they had come out to do the work. Despite the fact that the contract was deceptive and in my case clearly not enforceable, it was extremely difficult to get it terminated. When I finally said I was going to write a complaint to both the Better Business Bureau and the consumer protection division of the Colorado Attorney General, they agreed to terminate the agreement.

In conclusion, please do not put rodent poisons of any kind in, on or about your property, especially now in the spring when animals are breeding and feeding their young. Our foxes are back, but not for long, if we do not take measures to protect them. It will not be coyotes killing the foxes, it will be us.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Christman

THE CITY IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR VACANCIES ON THREE COMMISSIONS

THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS (BOAA) hears appeals on zoning and building code decisions; as well as requests for variances to the zoning ordinance. The Board consists of five members and one City Council liaison and serves a three year term. BOAA meets on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

THE PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (PTRC) was established to advise City Council on matters related to parks, trails, recreation and open space within the community. There are seven members on the Commission and each member serves a three year term. PTRC meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of the **THE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION** is to provide a guide to the City Council in selecting, locating and maintaining public art within the City of Cherry Hills Village based on the Public Art Master Plan. The Public Art Commission consists of five members, including a City Council liaison, that serve for three year terms and meets on the last Monday of every month at 8:30 a.m.

*** If you would like to apply for any of the vacant positions, please complete an application and return it to City Clerk, Laura Smith. ***

The application can be found on the City's website at <http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/boardscommissions> or at the Village Center (located at 2450 East Quincy Avenue).

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATION SUBMITTALS IS FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST.

For more information regarding the vacancies or to submit your application, you can email lsmith@cherryhillsvillage.com or call (303) 783-2732.

THE 2017 SPRING CLEANUP WILL BEGIN ON *May 6th* AND WILL RUN THROUGH *May 14th*.

Electronics, paint recycling and the Community shred program will be accepted **ONE DAY ONLY** on **MAY 6TH 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 6th. Appliances, televisions (up to 19 inches only) and all hazardous chemicals and products will be accepted; unfortunately the larger items will not be accepted as the cost is too substantial for the City to accept.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please visit the City's website at www.cherryhillsvillage.com or call (303) 783-2744.

**CALLING ALL
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Our programs cover a variety of topics from apples to yoga, and include a summer party with spouses/guests. Dues are a bargain at \$35/year. Meetings are held March through December, on the 3rd Tuesday of month, from 10 am to noon, in members' homes. We invite you to attend a meeting as a guest to test the waters.

For more information, call Wendy at 303-803-0512.

**CHERRY HILLS
VILLAGE
POLICE
OFFICER
PROMOTED TO
SERGEANT**

Cherry Hills Village Police Officer Noah Rolfing was recently promoted to Sergeant.

Sergeant Rolfing has been with the Police Department since 2013. In 2005, he attended the Jefferson County Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy and worked for the City of Arvada as a patrol officer for 5 years. He came to Cherry Hills Village from the small police department of Mountain View (near Lakeside Amusement Park). Chief Tovrea noted that "Sergeant Rolfing is a great addition to our supervisory staff and we look forward to working with him in his new leadership role."



ABOVE: Sergeant Noah Rolfing and Chief Michelle Tovrea at the promotion ceremony.

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St. Mary's Academy Senior Named 3A SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

At the state swim and dive meet in February, St. Mary's Academy finished second overall with 187 points and St. Mary's Academy Senior, Alex Reddington, was named 3A Swimmer of the Year. Alex won her individual events, defending her title in both the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly; which she won at the 4A level. She won by almost five seconds, with a time of 1:48.60 in the 200 freestyle. Her time of 54.09 in the 100 butterfly would have been high enough to capture second place at the 5A championship had she competed at that level.

The St. Mary's swim and dive team placed second in the state competition. The Wildcats swam at the Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center in Colorado Springs and competed against teams in their 3A Division. Some of their notable times and events are listed to the right:

200 Yd. Medley Relay (1:49.00, second place finish) – Lillianna Brooks, Isa Faddick, Sydney Silver and Alex Reddington

400 Yd. Freestyle Relay (3:36.03, second place finish) - Lillianna Brooks, Isa Faddick, Sydney Silver and Alex Reddington

200 Yd. Freestyle

First place – 1:48.603 – Alex Reddington
Third place – 1:55.99 – Lillianna Brooks
Fourth place – 1:56.19 – Sydney Silver

100 Yd. Freestyle (57.30, ninth place finish) – Isa Faddick

500 Yd. Freestyle (5:13.01, third place finish) – Sydney Silver

100 Yd. Backstroke

Second place – 58.95 – Lillianna Brooks
Eleventh place – 1:03.85 – Isa Faddick

The swim and dive team members:
Lillianna Brooks,
Ava Erickson,
Isa Faddick,
Lindsey Fruhwirth,
Julia Gabriele,
Sydney Silver,
Emma Stern and
Alex Reddington.

Thank You!

The City would like to thank the following residents for donating a portion, or their entire, recreation reimbursement to the Cat Anderson Fund; which was created for the acquisition and protection of parks, trails and open space in Cherry Hills Village.

A total of **\$3,044.65** was donated throughout 2016.

WE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Rachel Aguirre
Krishnan Anand
Tracy Ayer
Kenneth Barrow
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Recently the Cherry Hills Village Police Department has seen an increase in thefts reports. Specifically, the reports are happening when residents are completing some type of work or remodel project in their homes. Stolen items are usually small valuable items easily removed from the home to include jewelry, money and credit cards. As a result, the Police Department would like to remind its citizens to use some simple crime prevention tactics.

1. Prior to any contractor doing work in your home place all valuables in a secure location when you have contractors or other workers in your home. A thief will know all the obvious

hiding places. Place all your valuable items, like jewelry and cash, in a safe or other secure area.

2. The best practice is to have someone at the residence when you have individuals or companies at work in your home and limit the worker's access in your home to only those areas being worked on.

3. Ask the contractor who will be in charge of the work crew, and insist on a point of contact should something go wrong. There have also been some incidents in the Denver Metro area regarding scams with contractors and the Cherry Hills Village Police Department would like to offer some tips

to help protect yourself from becoming a victim of one of these scams.

Considerations when hiring workers or contractors:

- Contact more than one company for estimates.
- Ask plenty of questions, including:

Q: How many projects like mine have you completed in the last year?

Q: Will my project require a permit?

Q: Can I get a list of references (preferably local)?

Q: What types of insurance do you carry?

Q: Will you use any subcontractors on this project?

- Check online reviews for the contractor

- Understand your payment options and never pay cash!

- Get a written contract, which includes:

- Contractor's name, address, phone and license number
- Estimated start and completion date of the project
- Payment schedule
- Warranty information
- Detailed list of all the materials used in the project
- Keep records of everything regarding your project

SIGNS OF A POSSIBLE SCAM:

▲ Solicitors offer "super deals" to include discounts for finding other customers or they have materials left over from a previous job

▲ Anyone who pressures you for an immediate decision

▲ The individual only accepts cash and asks you to pay everything up-front, or suggests you borrow money from a lender the individual knows

More information regarding scams and how to report a problem with a contractor can be found at www.consumer.ftc.gov

If you believe you are the victim of a crime you can contact the Cherry Hills Village Police Department non-emergency number at 303-795-4711.