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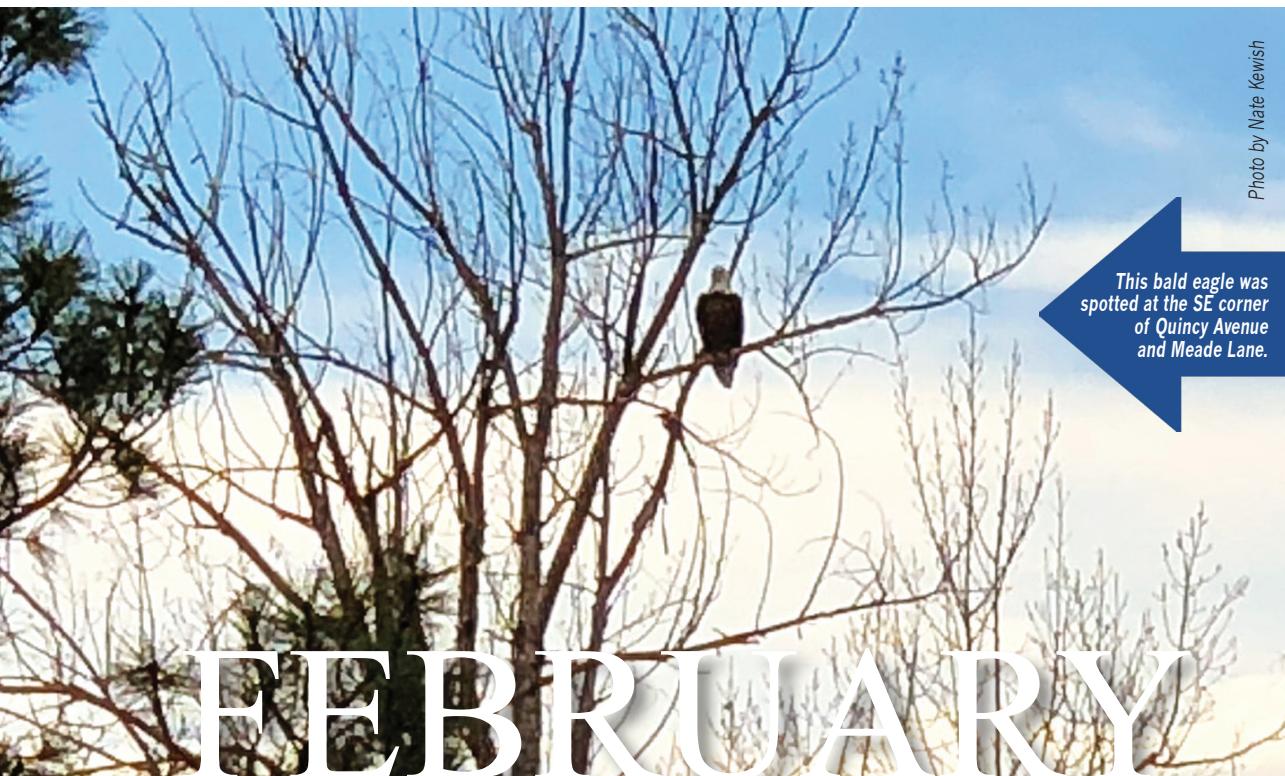


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This bald eagle was  
spotted at the SE corner  
of Quincy Avenue  
and Meade Lane.

# FEBRUARY

## NEW CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**A**t the January 16th City Council Public Hearing, Council authorized staff to place the City Hall construction project out for competitive bidding. It is anticipated that the bidding process shall be completed and the construction contract for City Hall submitted to City Council for review and approval in March during a regularly scheduled Council Meeting. Construction of the new City Hall is anticipated to begin April 1, 2018 and should be ready for occupancy by April of 2019.

During construction, the Administrative offices will temporarily move to the old Fire Station at **120 Meade Lane** (about 250 feet to the south). All City Council meetings, Commission and Board meetings and Court sessions will be held at the Joint Public Safety Facility located across the street from City Hall at 2460 East Quincy Avenue. Signage will be posted during construction to remind residents and customers that Administration offices and meeting locations have temporarily moved.



**ABOVE:** Proposed City Hall exterior site plan.

In January of 2017, the City issued \$11.8 million in Certificates of Participation for the purpose of funding the relocation of the Public Works facility to Sheridan, the construction of a new City Hall and the redevelopment of Meade Park which includes Alan Hutto Memorial Commons. Neither

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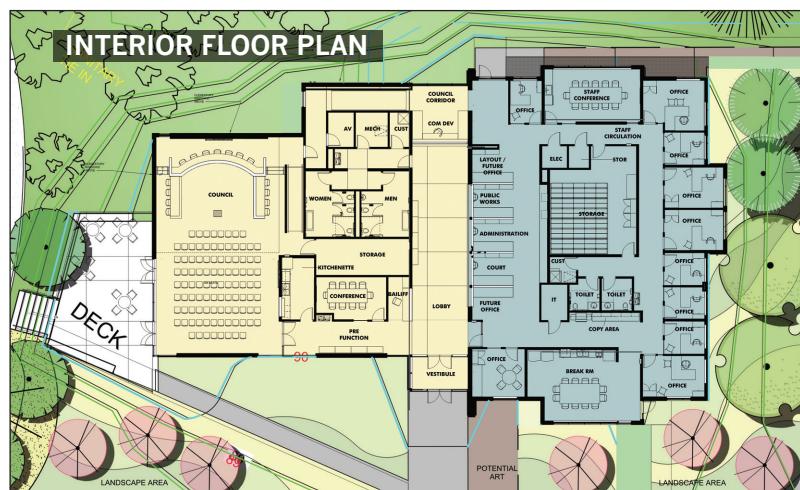
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the redevelopment of Meade Park nor the construction of a new City Hall can be commenced until the Public Works facility, located in the center of the City, is successfully relocated. The Public Works facility in Sheridan is progressing on budget (in fact below budget) and on schedule. Any cost savings will be applied to the funding of the remaining capital improvements. Budgeted costs overall remain within the amounts projected. The Village has received grants from Urban Drainage and Flood Control District for the purposes of drainage improvements associated with City Hall and Meade Park. Lastly, the City anticipates applying for several grants from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), Arapahoe County Open Space and Colorado Parks and Wildlife which will be used for completion of Meade Park and Alan Hutto Commons, consistent with the design approved by PTRC.

The proposed City Hall exterior site plan and interior building floor plan are shown below. The green portion of the City Hall floor plan shows the administrative offices and the yellow portion depicts the "public" areas. The bifurcation between



ABOVE: Proposed City Hall interior building floor plan.

public and administration reflects the desire of City Council that the new City Hall be an amenity with dual purposes, serving as a Courtroom/Council Chambers on weekdays and as space for City events in the evenings or weekends.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEE



The Cherry Hills Village Public Works Department welcomes a new Heavy Equipment Operator. Andrew Feigenbaum joined the Public Works team in January. He has lived in Colorado since he was two years old and currently lives in Littleton with his wife and two kids. They are an active family and enjoy going up to the mountains on the weekends. He also enjoys football and loves riding his mountain bike every chance he gets.

# babysitter's 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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Maryanna Deline+ \* ..... 720-448-6097

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Phoebe Nielsen\* ..... 303-758-8702  
Lexi Pavlakis ..... 303-761-6183  
Elizabeth Schwartz ..... 303-886-7431  
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Ellie Sullivan+ ..... 303-777-5206  
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Annabel Wall ..... 303-765-0620  
Natalie Watkins\* \*\* ..... 303-955-5223  
Gabriella Zane\* ..... 781-513-6451  
Caden Zimmerman ..... 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](mailto:jsager@cherryhillsvillage.com). A special "thank you" to those of you who have already contacted The Crier with updates.

In an effort to protect the privacy of our babysitters, the Crier will only print names and phone numbers in the listing going forward. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

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Village Crier Editor

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**FEBRUARY 2018**  
**MAYOR**  
**MUSINGS**

**R**eal property taxes are not a popular topic of discussion, but I have been on the receiving end of a great many questions regarding taxes in Cherry Hills Village.

State law provides that the counties must conduct the assessment of real property consistent with the provisions, rules and regulations promulgated by the State of Colorado. Once properties are assessed, the county is responsible for collection and disbursement of the real property tax monies. The cities located within a county have no input on assessment or collection unless, like the City and County of Denver, they are one and the same. Denver too must comply with the State of Colorado rules and cannot create its own system. The City of Cherry Hills Village lies entirely within Arapahoe County.

Every county assesses property within its jurisdiction every two years. Based upon those assessments and mill levies for each district and/or city, the county sends tax statements to all record owners of property. By now you should have received your tax statement from Arapahoe County and, if you look, it identifies the various taxing entities including library, school and fire districts to which your property is subject. (I know this sounds like legalese, I apparently cannot stop myself, so please bear with me.)

One could reasonably assume that each resident of Cherry Hills Village would pay the same level of taxes for comparably assessed property, but no, this assumption would be wrong because district boundaries can wander in and out of both county and city borders. For example, in Cherry Hills Village some properties fall within the Cherry Creek School District and others within the Littleton School District; each with its own and different mill levy. To make matters more confusing both city and district boundaries can change over time. Cherry Hills Village receives from



Arapahoe County only that portion of the monies identified on your tax statement as going to the City of Cherry Hills Village. All other tax money goes directly to the other districts.

I can sympathize with problems citizens may have with the Arapahoe County assessor's office, but I have no authority to impact their decision making. I can, and have, imparted to our elected Arapahoe County Commissioners the concerns of our citizens. The Commissioners do listen, but their responsibility is to the entirety of Arapahoe County and thus, my voice is not always persuasive (as hard as that is for me to believe).

Below we have set forth an explanation of the breakdown of taxes on your real property tax statement. The bulk of Village revenue comes from real

property taxes. Taxes paid to the Village General Fund comprise approximately 7% of your annual tax payment. I hope that you find it helpful to see how the Village spends the revenues it receives. For those who would love more detail, the annual budget can be found on the Village website.

This is a meager attempt to simplify an increasingly confusing real property tax system cobbled together under state laws over more than a hundred years. I expect with the changes in Federal tax laws and the applicable restrictions in our state constitution, the cobblers will be kept very busy cobbling.

Next month I will write about the exit of Cherry Hills Village from South Suburban. I have been conducting research on this matter and it is very interesting.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Laura Christman, Mayor*

**For every dollar on your Property Tax Bill, it goes to the following sources:**



**Cherry Hills spends the Property Tax General Fund Revenue on the following:**

# 2018 CAUCUSES AND PRIMARY ELECTION

Colorado's Democratic and

Republican parties will hold precinct caucus meetings on

**Tuesday, March 6, 2018.**

Voters interested in participating in a caucus must have been affiliated with one of the major political parties by January 8, 2018.

## FOR INFORMATION ON YOUR PRECINCT CAUCUS MEETING CONTACT YOUR POLITICAL PARTY (listed alphabetically):

- Colorado Democratic Party: 303-623-4762, [www.coloradodem.org](http://www.coloradodem.org)
- Colorado Republican Party: 303-758-3333, [www.cologop.org](http://www.cologop.org)

This year's Primary Election will be held **Tuesday, June 28, 2018.** The Primary Election will determine which candidates will appear on the General Election ballot in November to vie for local, state and congressional seats. All active registered voters will receive a mail ballot for the Primary Election. Voters affiliated with a political party may cast a ballot for candidates of the party they are affiliated with. Unaffiliated voters may cast a ballot for any one political party. If an unaffiliated voter returns a ballot with more than one major political party, the ballot will be rejected and none of the votes will be counted.

## MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAUCUSES CAN BE FOUND AT:

- <https://www.arapahoevotes.com/news/2018-precinct-caucus-7-things-you-need-to-know>
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## MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRIMARY ELECTION CAN BE FOUND AT:

- <https://www.arapahoevotes.com/on-ballot>
- <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/FAQs/primaryElectionsFAQ.html>

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

## The theft of mail can lead to other crimes including fraud and identity theft...

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, you can contact Cherry Hills Village Police Department at (303) 761-8711 during normal business hours (Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).

## 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.

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## CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE WELCOMES NEW PARKS EMPLOYEE

The Parks Department welcomed Sydney Rose Scruggs as their newest Parks Maintenance Worker in December. Sydney Rose comes to Cherry Hills Village after working for the City of



Lakewood for the past six years as a seasonal worker. She is thrilled to work around and for people who own horses, as she has a 9 year old Mustang which she has trained from the ground up. In addition to spending time with her horse, she also enjoys hiking and time with her husband and family. Sydney Rose is excited to offer the best possible experience to all parks, trails and recreation users in Cherry Hills Village!

# 2018 SEWER CONSTRUCTION

**T**he City of Cherry Hills Village is served by multiple sanitary sewer districts with eleven separate providers operating within the City's boundaries. The City owns and operates a small sanitary sewer system that services 141 homes along with the Cherry Hills Country Club. A portion of the City owned main trunk line runs to the Englewood waste water treatment plant that also serves three other districts. Cherry Hills Village has been working for a number of years to raise the funds necessary to rehabilitate the main trunk line so that it continues to run safely and efficiently.

The funds have been raised through a series of fee increases to collect the necessary capital to fund these improvements. The system is run as an enterprise, which means that only the users

of this sewer system pay for these services; the City does not use tax dollars to operate the sanitary sewer system. Additionally, through a series of Intergovernmental agreements the other districts that benefit from the City's trunk line are required to pay for a proportional share of these improvements.

In 2018, the City will begin improvements on the trunk line, which will have an impact on a number of private residences that have sewer line easements through and around their properties. The trunk line runs from Bellevue Avenue north almost to Hampden Avenue and roughly follows the path of Little Dry Creek to the treatment plant. The line also impacts a number of the City's trails and roads in the area. This will mean that there will be some temporary closures of these amenities as the work progresses.

Prior to the start of any construction, all impacted property owners will be notified by mail. In areas where the pipe

needs to be dug up and replaced, there will be some disturbance to landscaping and other improvements that have been built into the existing easements. The City will work closely with individual residents on proper restoration after the project is complete.

The project will be going out to bid in early 2018, with construction planned for the summer and fall months. (Please see the map to the left showing the work zone area in green.) The section through the Cherry Hills Village Country Club was completed a number of years ago when the golf course was being renovated, saving time, money and minimizing disruption to the Club's operation.

If you have any questions about this project please contact Jay Goldie, Deputy City Manager and Public Works Director for the City at [jgoldie@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:jgoldie@cherryhillsvillage.com) or 303-783-2731.

## CONGRESSWOMAN Diana DeGette COMMUNITY MEETING

**C**herry Hills Village residents are invited to attend a Community Meeting that will include Congresswoman Diana DeGette and members of the Cherry Hills Village City Council on Friday, March 23rd from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The Community Meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Joint Public Safety Facility (located at 2460 East Quincy Avenue).

Some of the topics that will be discussed are the Denver MetroPlex airspace redesign, updates on transportation and infrastructure and legislative updates that impact Colorado and/or the Denver Metro area.

**PLEASE CHECK THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT: [www.cherryhillsvillage.com](http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com) as the meeting date gets closer for any updated information.**

## City Sanitary Sewer Lines



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## **2018 SPRING CLEANUP**

**T**he 2018 Spring Cleanup will be held ONE DAY ONLY on May 19th; this includes electronic and paint recycling, large dumpsters and the Community Shred Event. **PLEASE NOTE:** the Spring Cleanup event will be held at **2101 W. Quincy Avenue** (the new Public Works location in Sheridan) as the Village Center is scheduled to be under construction during that time.

The Community Shred Event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The rest of the Spring Cleanup will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 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. Televisions, up to 19 inches only, will be accepted; unfortunately 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](http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com) or call (303) 783-2744.