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SNEAK PEAK OF NEW CITY HALL

Before the January 15th City Council meeting, the Board, Commission and Committee members for the City, as well as family members that gathered for the Council meeting, were invited to attend a tour of the new City Hall. While the building is not quite finished, the attendees were able to view staff offices, front counter desk space, Council Chambers, meeting rooms, etc. Staff is expecting to move back into City Hall by the end of February; which means all City services will move from the temporary location at the firestation back to the new City Hall. The City will hold an Open House so all residents will be able to view the building as well in the near future. More information on the move will be posted on the City's website at www.cherryhillsvillage.com and information on the Open House will follow in future issues of the Village Crier.



Photo Left:
Former Mayor Christman leads the group on a tour while describing the security of the front lobby bi-fold windows.



Photo Below:
View of the Administration front counter area.

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Photo Above: Hallway to Staff offices



Photo Above: Council Chambers back view



Photo Above: Council Chamber dais front view

NEW MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS SWORN IN



Photo Above (L to R): Afshin Safavi, Mike Gallagher, Katy Brown, Mayor Russell Stewart, Dan Sheldon and Al Blum (not pictured Randy Weil).

City Manager Jim Thorsen presented both outgoing Mayor Laura Christman and Council member Earl Hoellen with a framed photo of Three Pond Park taken by City employee, John Reynolds, at the January 15th City Council meeting in honor of their time on City Council and dedication to the City.

Laura Christman was elected Mayor in 2014 and again in 2016. As Mayor, she was the Council liaison for the Quincy Farm Committee and various outside agencies such as DRCOG, Arapahoe County Mayor & Managers Group, Arapahoe County Transportation Forum and has also been an advocate on behalf of the City against the FAA's plan to redesign the Centennial Airport airspace. Prior to the election for Mayor, Laura was the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission and was also on the Quincy Farm Visioning Committee. Several members of Council noted that Laura's knowledge in a multitude of areas that are heard before Council would be missed and they hoped they could use her as a resource in the future.

Earl Hoellen was elected to City Council in 2014 and became Mayor Pro Tem in 2017. Earl was the Council liaison to both the Police Department and the Finance Department and a back-up liaison for the Mayor's outside agencies. Prior to his election on Council, Earl was a former Chair on the Board of Adjustment and Appeals and was also a member of the Utility Line Undergrounding Study Committee. City Manager Jim Thorsen noted during his presentation that Councilor Hoellen taught him not only to read "the really fine print, but to read the really really fine print".



Photo Above: City Clerk Laura Gillespie swears in newly elected Mayor Russell Stewart at the January 15th meeting.



Photo Above: Councilors Katy Brown, Mike Gallagher and Afshin Safavi were also sworn in during the January 15th meeting.



MAYOR'S REPORT

HAPPY 2019 TO ALL!

The new Council was sworn in and held its organizational meeting on January 15, 2019. I immensely enjoyed speaking with voters during the campaign. I took from all my conversations a deep and renewed appreciation for this extraordinary place where we live. We are very lucky to have so many smart, capable, and accomplished friends and neighbors who care very much about our community.

I'd like to extend a sincere, heartfelt thank you to all the candidates who stepped forward and engaged in discussions of the issues during the campaign. We are fortunate to have citizens willing to volunteer to serve on Council. All of the incumbents and candidates who ran for office possess the highest character and integrity. They sacrificed enormous amounts of personal time and energy to make sure that our trails, parks, schools, police, and recreational opportunities remain the very best in Colorado.

We owe special thanks and gratitude to Mayor Laura Christman and Councilor Earl Hoellen, who have given decades of volunteer service to our Village in many different public roles. Laura and Earl exemplify the best our Village has to offer. When you see them please thank them for all they have done for our Village.

The following are some of the matters that are likely to be taken up by your Council in 2019:

NEW CONSTRUCTION.

In February the Village will inaugurate the new \$5MM City Hall which along with the adjoining Joint Public Safety Facility now completes construction of bricks and mortar on the City Center Campus. The Council plans to begin construction on improvements to John Meade Park and Alan Hutto Memorial Commons later this year.

FISCAL.

For the first time the Village took on substantial long term financial obligations (\$11.8MM) to finance new capital projects. The Council may consider formalizing long-term financial planning by a budget committee with citizen representation to oversee debt repayment and budgeting within constraints of the City's current revenue sources, while exploring possibilities for funding other Master Plan recommendations such as undergrounding utilities.



BUILDING & ZONING.

The Village, led by Councilors Dan Sheldon and Al Blum, is in the process of clarifying and reorganizing its municipal code to remove conflicting definitions and other ambiguities to make our regulations easier to read, use and enforce. Possible substantive changes to zoning regulations include modifying conditional and special uses and re-examining procedures for minor and major site modifications.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

The Village has joined with Arapahoe County and surrounding municipalities to go live in 2019 with a new records management system that should provide substantial cost savings and enhance public safety by allowing different agencies to share real time information on cases and reducing police officer time to process and book criminal charges.

PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE.

Quincy Farm is a 17.5-acre historic jewel in the heart of the Village dedicated to open space preservation, education, and agriculture uses. Master planning with public input for staffing, programming ideas, and fundraising options is in process.

The Village is also partnering with the City of Denver & Arapahoe County for construction of the High Line Canal underpass at Hampden/Colorado - a long-planned enhancement to connectivity and safety of the 71-mile trail. The Village is also collaborating with the High Line Conservancy and adjacent municipalities on Phase II of the framework/vision plan, and with Urban Drainage on storm water modeling.

TRAFFIC.

The Village, Glenmoor HOA and Glenmoor CC have partnered with Greenwood Village to fund and install a long needed traffic light at the intersection of Bellevue Avenue and Glenmoor Drive to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety. The Village will seek input from the P&Z Commission and citizens to implement the strategies for improving safety, and minimizing cut-through traffic on residential streets.

MASTER PLAN.

The Village's Comprehensive Master Plan, last updated in 2008, will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission to determine what revisions are needed and forward its recommendations to City Council.

CELL PHONE COVERAGE.

The Council would like to see the Village enjoy reliable cell phone coverage over all of its neighborhoods. The Village will be discussing with cell phone carriers, plans to install small cell 4G/5G antennas for increased internet speed connectivity.

I'm delighted and honored to have the opportunity to serve as your Mayor for the next two years and work with Council on these and other projects to preserve what brought us all here - a safe and beautiful place to raise our families.

Russell

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Village Crier Editor

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CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE RESIDENT EARNs SPECIAL DESIGNATION



Cherry Hills Village resident and well-known orthopedic surgeon, Art Heller, recently completed the requirements to earn the Registered Piano Technician designation. To most in the medical community, the designation "RPT" would represent Registered Physical Therapist, but not when it relates to Art Heller, MD (who has recently retired and is now enjoying life as a piano tuner/technician).

Dr. Heller has become one of the less than 2,000 people in the world to complete a series of three exhaustive examinations covering all aspects of piano technology. The examination process includes a written test, covering general knowledge of pianos and piano

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technology; a technical examination, which includes action regulation and adjustment; and a standardized tuning examination. "In an era when people are rediscovering the value of quality work," said Paul Brown, RPT, President of the Piano Technicians Guild, "Heller demonstrates that competence, professional

growth and dedication to service are hallmarks of those who earn the title of Registered Piano Technician."

Dr. Heller learned to tune pianos while in medical school many years ago. His orthopedic residency was at the University of Colorado Medical Center. After retirement from 45 years of orthopedic surgery at Swedish Medical Center, Porter and Little Adventist Hospitals, he returned to school in piano technology. He is now a member of the Denver Chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild and is enjoying his second career as a piano technician. Having been trained in violin and trumpet, he has now returned to music with his piano work. Heller always treats his pianos with surgical precision-no anesthesia required!



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The City of Cherry Hills Village is pleased to announce that the 8th Annual Tree Planting Program is right around the corner. There will be approximately 40 trees available to Cherry Hills Village residents (maximum of 2 per household). The types of trees that will be available for purchase are:

- Maple, Hot Wings Tatarian
- Northern Catalpa
- Redbud
- American Yellowwood
- Turkish Filbert
- Hardy Rubber Tree
- European Green Beech
- Spring Snow Crabapple
- Chanticleer Pear
- Amur Corktree
- Bur Oak
- Tree Liliac China Snow
- Linden, Sterling Silver

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4th WEEK OF
FEBRUARY!!!**

The tree order form will be posted on the website once registration begins and Trees offered will be available on a first come first served basis – **SO REGISTER EARLY!**

Additionally, all tree pricing and descriptions will be posted on the City's website by the 3rd week of February. For more information, please call (303) 783-2744 or email Pamela Broyles at pbroyles@cherryhillsvillage.com.

PLEASE NOTE: This program is for Cherry Hills Village residents only.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE **TAX SCAMS** PREVENTION TIPS

Aggressive and threatening phone calls by criminals impersonating Internal Revenue Service (IRS) agents remain a major threat to taxpayers. Every year these schemes continue to adapt and evolve to catch people off guard as they are preparing their tax returns. Many of these scams leave "urgent" callback requests through phone "robo-calls" that include issuing threats to intimidate a victim into paying to prevent being arrested.

The scammers often alter their phone numbers to make it look like the IRS or another agency is calling. The callers use IRS titles and fake badge numbers to appear legitimate and they may use the victim's name, address or other personal information to make the call sound official.

The Cherry Hills Village Police Department hopes the following tips will assist in keeping everyone safe during the upcoming tax season. You can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware.

THE IRS WILL NEVER:

- Call to demand immediate payment over the phone, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you several bills.

- Call or mail you to verify your identity by asking for personal and financial information.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone or e-mail.
- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying

IF YOU GET A PHONE CALL FROM SOMEONE CLAIMING TO BE FROM THE IRS AND ASKING FOR MONEY OR TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY, HERE'S WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

1

Do not give out any information, hang up immediately!

2

If you have questions, contact the IRS agents directly at 1-800-829-1040

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FEBRUARY 2019 Newsletter

W COMMISSIONERS JOIN THE CHERRY HILLS PARKS, TRAILS, & RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission's (PTRC) newest members are Stephanie Dahl, Aron Grodinsky and Kate Murphy.

STEPHANIE DAHL was born and raised in Englewood, Colorado. Stephanie has a B.S. degree in Finance and Management from University of Colorado Leeds School of Business and Management and a J.D. degree from University of Denver School of Law. Stephanie is the founding member and managing partner of Dahl Fischer Wilks, a Criminal Defense and Civil Litigation law firm. Stephanie is married to Cory Dahl and has 2 boys, David and Michael. When she isn't chasing her little boys around, Stephanie enjoys reading, spending time with friends and is an avid Denver Broncos fan.

ARON GRODINSKY was born and raised in Montreal, Canada. Aron has a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from

McGill University. Aron earned his MBA from the Darden Business School at The University of Virginia. Aron is the Executive Director of Perella Weinberg Partners' Outsourced CIO division, Agility. Prior to joining Perella Weinberg Partners in September of 2014, he was at George Washington University from 2013-2014, where he served as a Senior Investment Officer responsible for investment oversight of the University Endowment. Aron and his wife Lauren reside in Cherry Hills Village with their three children, Sadie, Gabe and Bodie. Aron loves to ski, travel, play hockey and golf.

KATE MURPHY was born in Denver and raised in Sheridan, Wyoming. Kate has a B.S. degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Colorado State University. Kate earned her D.D.S. degree from Creighton University School of Dentistry in Omaha, Nebraska. She completed a General Practice Residency at Stanford University and the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Palo Alto, CA. Kate practiced dentistry in the state of Wyoming from 1997-2011, at which point her family moved to Cherry Hills Village where she currently works for the non-profit, KIND; Kids in Need of Dentistry. Kate and her husband Mark have three daughters, Molly, Emma and Claire. Kate loves to ski, play tennis, hike and bike the local trails with her golden retriever, Quinn, and travel with her family.

Stephanie, Aron and Kate all serve on the PTRC along with existing commissioners Josh DiCarlo, Peter Sutherland, Fred Wolfe and PTRC Chair Robert Eber. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:30pm and are open to the public.