

# the VILLAGE CRIER

December 2020 Newsletter



## DECEMBER

### CITY HALL CLOSED TO WALK-IN TRAFFIC

To be consistent with CDPHE's direction for Level 3 Safer at Home, Cherry Hills Village City Hall closed to walk-in traffic on Thursday,

November 12th. Public entry is allowed by appointment only. Please contact specific departments to make an appointment or call 303-789-2541. Because staff is working remotely, same-day appointments may not be available. We ask that you contact staff at least one day prior to the preferred appointment.

## CHV CELEBRATING 75 YEARS!

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The City will still be available for all business, and encourages everyone to conduct business through the City website ([www.cherryhillsvillage.com](http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com)) or by phone (303-789-2541) whenever possible. Many services are available through the City website such as building permits, right-of-way permits, municipal court fines, sales tax payments, dog registration, alarm bill payments, public works and parks service

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requests, housewatch requests, and code enforcement requests.

In addition, the City is holding public meetings electronically rather than in-person. At their November 3, 2020 meeting City Council adopted a policy regarding electronic participation in City Council, Board, Commission and Committee meetings. Electronic meetings are allowed when the City Manager has declared a local disaster emergency and when it is determined that meeting in-person is not practical or prudent because of matters related to the local disaster emergency. The City Manager declared a public health emergency and disaster related to COVID-19 within the City as of March 19, 2020.

Members of the public must follow the instructions on each meeting agenda to participate in electronic meetings. Each meeting agenda includes the deadline and method of registration for electronic participation. Meeting agendas are available on the City website at [www.cherryhillsvillage.com/AgendaCenter](http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/AgendaCenter) and you can sign up at [www.cherryhillsvillage.com/NotifyMe](http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/NotifyMe) to receive notifications when agendas are posted. City meetings are live streamed and recorded on the City's website at [www.cherryhillsvillage.com/MeetingVideos](http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/MeetingVideos).

## CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE TURNED 75 IN 2020, here is the official toast to the 75th Anniversary of the City of Cherry Hills Village!

Cherry Hills Village 75th Anniversary Toast  
By Dino G. Maniatis, 75th Anniversary Committee Co-Chair

'Tis the season that we ponder 'bout what's come afore;  
and a time to look forward to what comes hither more.

Almost a century ago, in Nineteen Twenty-Two;  
a golf club was founded, it made its debut.

The founders chose wisely, but decided on Flynn;  
many the world over, have played there to win.

A neighborhood grew around it, a spectacular enclave;  
country homes and mansions, residences anyone would crave.

Not long after, in Nineteen Forty-Five;  
Cherry Hills Village was founded, it's now seventy-five.

A dusty, arduous journey, and not without great cost;  
rode the trail less traveled, like the one described by Frost.

The City fought development and thwarted Pyrrhic victories;  
but kept it all pristine and ensured its legacy.

Sorting through the decades, what an extraordinary place;  
the residents, the lifestyle, the abundant open space.

Here live mere humble kinfolk and the giants of time;  
they are all who've made this city, perfectly sublime.

During our lifetime, we oft travel and roam;  
but will undoubtedly not find a better place to call home.

There is another milestone coming, in case you have wondered;  
it will be at the Country Club, which is soon to be one hundred.

Despite this time of chaos, confusion, and malaise;  
the darkness shall fade, and yield to brighter days.

So be mindful of this, lest you not lament;  
share happiness always, always beckon content.

Let's appreciate before us, this bounty of plenty;  
and hail a toast to Cherry Hills Village!  
in the year Twenty-Twenty.

*Thank you to the 75th Anniversary Committee  
members for all of your efforts in this celebration!*

Thomas Barry (Co-Chair)  
Dino G. Maniatis (Co-Chair)  
Laura Christman  
Michael Robb  
Doug Tisdale  
Nancy Wyman

# SNOW, ICE AND STREET SWEEPING OPERATIONS

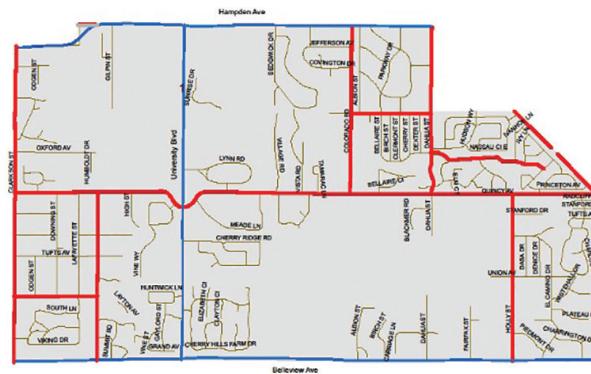
The Cherry Hills Village Public Works Department is responsible for snow, ice and sweeping operations of approximately one hundred lane miles of City streets and approximately eight miles of paved trails and sidewalks. The department provides snow removal and sweeping services to all City streets, paved trails and sidewalks on a priority basis. It is the department's goal to have all City streets, paved trails and sidewalks maintained within twelve hours after the snow has stopped falling. This time frame estimate is based on an average snow event of four inches. The department will not plow residential streets for snow events of less than three inches as determined by staff. Sidewalk/paved trail sweeping is done on an as needed basis. When conditions allow, street sweeping and sidewalk/paved trail sweeping operations directly follow any snow and ice control operation where sand is used. Street and sidewalk/paved trail cleaning is provided for community safety, health, environmental and aesthetic purposes.

The Public Works Department utilizes many resources to determine when and how snow and ice control operations should begin. Use of the National Weather Service, local news television, web and phone based applications and the City's own weather station with a live feed camera are utilized by the Public Works Department to obtain the most current and accurate weather forecast information. Additionally, communication with the Police Department is maintained to ensure prompt response is available for emergency situations.

The City's priority is to keep primary intersections and collector streets safely maintained to permit emergency vehicles to reach all parts of the City without delay and to facilitate resident traffic on those streets. This priority has been determined by the City. These main streets are where traffic numbers and safety demands are the greatest within the community. The second priority is to safely maintain all remaining residential streets. The third priority is to safely maintain all remaining paved trails and sidewalks.

Primary intersections and collector streets will be the first to receive snow and ice control measures. The length and severity of the weather event dictates when the department will start snow and ice control on all secondary streets and paved trails and sidewalks. Typically, this operation begins immediately after the pinnacle of the storm event and the majority of the snow has stopped accumulating. The City is divided into four sections and snow removal and street sweeping operations are performed on a rotating basis. Each section contains approximately the same street lane miles. This rotation is maintained throughout the winter so that all parts of the City have the same opportunity to be maintained first and no area is always last. Streets are swept in the same priority they are plowed.

The map below illustrates the City limits and the streets maintained by the Cherry Hills Village Public Works department. The red lines show primary intersections and collector streets. These streets and intersections provide emergency vehicle access to all locations of the City during a snowstorm. The blue lines on the map are the streets maintained by the Colorado Department of Transportation. Only during extreme conditions and by the request of the Police Department does the City assist with plowing the streets maintained by CDOT.



**Section 11-1-20** of the Cherry Hills Village Municipal Code requires that residents remove snow and ice from sidewalks on or adjacent to their property within twenty-four hours of accumulation, whether the property is occupied or not. To report any snow related issues, please call (303) 783-2744 during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30). For snow emergencies, after hours or on weekends, you can contact Arapahoe County Dispatch at (303) 795-4711.



## HAVE YOU SEEN...

Have you seen the "wishing tree" along the High Line Canal approximately 100 yards north of mile marker 75? Someone has tied a ribbon around the trunk of the tree with a sign inviting passers to post their wish. This tree is the same one featured on the front cover of this issue. Thank you to Village residents, Kevin Collins and Tracy James, for sending in the photos.

# HOLIDAY SEASON SAFETY TIPS

The Holiday Season is a special time of year, and often this is also a time when busy people can become 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 closed and locked.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave your home.
- Never leave your keys under doormats, in flower pots, mailboxes or any other “secret” hiding places. Thieves know where to look for hidden keys.
- An alarm system is excellent for home security. If you own an alarm system, make sure it is activated. Also, provide the alarm company with an emergency contact.
- 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 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 services 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.
- Be cautious of individuals going door-to-door asking for donations for charitable causes as it is a common scam used by criminals.

## SHOPPING

- Shop during day time hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or a family member. If you are shopping alone during the evening hours, you can ask mall or store security for an escort to your vehicle.
- 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, credit cards or wallet 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. 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.

## E-SHOPPING

- Share payment information only with known or reputable vendors.
- Use a credit card instead of a debit card.
- Don’t shop at public hotspots.
- Use strong passwords.

## HOUSEWATCH PROGRAM

The Cherry Hills Village Police Department offers a housewatch program for all residents. It is a community program that allows residents to request additional police patrol of their unoccupied residential property when they are on vacation or any other absence of the residence. To request this additional housewatch patrol, you can contact the Police Department at (303) 761-8711 during normal office hours (8:00-4:30 p.m.) and provide the following information:

- Name, address and telephone number
- Dates of departure and return
- Names and telephone numbers of housesitter and emergency contacts
- 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
- Any other information that will assist officers in monitoring your property

To fill out the housewatch form online residents can go to the following website [www.cherryhillsvillage.com/housewatch](http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/housewatch).

# MAYOR'S REPORT

*This month a look at what voter approval of Amendment B means for our Village, and a first look at 2021 state legislation supported by the Colorado Municipal League.*

## Gallagher Repeal

This November Colorado voters, by a 57% to 43% margin, approved Amendment B removing the Gallagher Amendment from the Colorado Constitution. As a result, property tax revenue for cities, counties, and special districts will increase as residential property values increase.

Property taxes in Colorado are calculated by multiplying the actual value of the property by the Residential Assessment Rate and then by the local mill levy. For example, a \$300,000 residential property, in a jurisdiction imposing 100 mills, would owe \$2,145 as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \$300,000 \text{ (appraised value)} \times .0715 \\ \text{(Residential Assessment Rate)} \times .100 \\ \text{(mill levy)} = \$2,145 \end{aligned}$$

Gallagher fixed the non-residential assessment rate at 29%, and also allowed no more than 45% of all state property tax revenue to come from residential property. The Residential Assessment Rate was adjusted every several years to meet the 45% requirement. Since 1983 the Residential Assessment Rate has fallen from 21% to 7.15%, reflecting an increase of residential property values relative to non-residential property values.

In 1983 residential property comprised \$35 billion of the state's total property value; non-residential comprised \$31 billion. In 2019 the value of residential property rose to \$873 billion while non-residential increased to only \$225 billion. By 2019 non-residential property, which comprises 20% of the total state property value, paid 55% of the state, county and municipal property taxes. This increasing inequity in the burden of property taxation between residential and non-residential property was the principal reason for the repeal effort.

The non-residential assessment rate will now remain at 29%, but all residential assessments will be frozen at 7.15%. These rates cannot be increased

without a TABOR (Taxpayer Bill of Rights) vote of citizens. Municipalities, school districts, and special districts will soon see an increase (or decrease) in total revenues that corresponds with the increase (or decrease) in residential property values.

The Cherry Hills Village mill levy is 14.722. An owner of a \$1 million Cherry Hills residential property will owe the Village \$1,053 in property tax calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \$1,000,000 \times .0715 \times .014722 = \\ \$1,053 \text{ (City Property Tax)} \end{aligned}$$

Cherry Hills Village's 14.722 mill levy is more than most of our neighbors. Mill levy rates for neighboring communities include: Aurora 8.605; Bow Mar 15.112; Centennial 4.982; Columbine Valley 9.313; Englewood 5.88; Greenwood Village 2.932; Littleton 2.0; Lone Tree 0.0; Parker 2.602; and Sheridan 5.974. Residents in Bow Mar, Centennial, Columbine Valley, Littleton, Lone Tree Sheridan are also taxed by the South Suburban Park and Recreation District for an additional 7.417 mills. Denver's general mill levy is 13.618, but Denver imposes an additional 5 mills or so for public welfare, pensions, and affordable housing.

Cherry Hills Village residents also pay about 50 mills to the Cherry Creek School District, 13 mills to Arapahoe County, 9 mills to South Metro Fire District, 5 mills to Arapahoe Library District, and smaller amounts to an assortment of other taxing districts. Thus, the total mill levy paid by most Village residents is 95.433.

A Village resident who owns a \$1 million residential property will pay about \$ 7,000 in property taxes to all taxing entities, calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \$1,000,000 \times .0715 \times .095433 = \\ \$6,824 \text{ (Total Property Tax)} \end{aligned}$$

Gallagher's formula kept the Villages property tax revenue at a roughly constant nominal level since 1983. Now property tax revenue will increase in proportion to increases in home values. The Village's annual \$5.4 million in property tax revenue (about half of the Villages' \$10 million total revenue from all sources) will in future years increase along with Village residential values.



## Colorado Municipal League 2021 General Assembly

I serve on the Executive Committee of the Colorado Municipal League (CML) which supports and advocates for the interests of Colorado towns and cities. This time of year, CML prepares for the new Legislative Session; here are several priorities for 2021:

**On Site Renewable Energy.** State law adopted 15 years ago limits the size of a renewable energy system allowed on a customer's premises to no more than 120% of the energy use of the building. CML supports legislation that will eliminate the 120% limitation.

**Utility Regulation – Investor Owned Utility Review Study.** CML is supporting legislation making funds available to examine "Community Choice Energy" to allow communities to purchase electricity at wholesale through suppliers other than local investor-owned electric companies. The study would consider potential financial savings and flexibility to meet renewable energy goals by disrupting regulated utilities' sole supplier status.

**Single Use Plastics.** A state law passed in the late 1980s blocks local prohibition of plastic products: "No unit of local government shall require or prohibit the use or sale of specific types of plastic materials or products or restrict or mandate containers, packaging, or labeling for any consumer products." CML is supporting legislation to strike this language and allow local municipalities to enact, if they wish, local prohibitions on use or sale of plastics.

**Open Meeting/Open Records.** CML is supporting legislation clarifying that e-mail communications between elected officials related to scheduling and availability, forwarding information, responding to an inquiry from a person who is not a member of a public body, or posing questions for later discussion, are not "meetings" for purposes of the Colorado Open Meetings Act.

I've suspended, once again, my regular Monday office hours until the current COVID-19 wave passes. Residents can still reach me anytime at [rstewart@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:rstewart@cherryhillsvillage.com) or 303-607-3688.

*Russell*

# 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](mailto:jsager@cherryhillsvillage.com).

## Categories

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

## ADVERTISE in the next Crier Classifieds

Email your information to  
Jessica Sager at  
[jsager@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:jsager@cherryhillsvillage.com)

**Deadline: Dec 15**

## Contract Work/Handyman

**A+ RATED BBB ROOFER** – High Impact Roofing & Exteriors, 720-515-4672 or [info@highimpactco.com](mailto:info@highimpactco.com). Free estimates on asphalt, shake or more. [highimpactco.com](http://highimpactco.com)

**BLUE SKY PLUMBING, HEATING, COOLING & ELECTRICAL** – 4th generation, family owned and operated, licensed and insured. Furnace and boiler tune-up, water heaters, plumbing repairs, hot tub installation and whole-home air purification. Mention this ad and we will waive your dispatch fee 720-253-1716 <https://blueskyplumbing.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](mailto:pgerlits@comcast.net)

## RODGER THE WINDOW WASHER

You won't find anyone better. Someone your friends and neighbors trust. Policy information for liability, medical, disability and auto insurance supplied with all bids. Call Rodger with any questions or just to say "hello" 303-474-4494 or email [rodgerboggs@outlook.com](mailto:rodgerboggs@outlook.com)

## Education

**FIRST PLYMOUTH LEARNING CENTER** has openings for the 2020-2021 school year. We accept children 15 months-5 years old. We have added many new options. We are located on the corner of Hampden and Colorado. Call 303-762-9355 for information or visit [fplc.org](http://fplc.org)

**MATH TUTORING** - For over thirty years and a decade online, my private students have earned the highest grades at School 7-12 and top SAT & ACT scores. Please visit [perdocere.com](http://perdocere.com) to learn more and read hundreds of parent and student testimonials with prominent named validations. Dr. George, 833-MATH-833.

## Gardening/Landscaping

**BALES CUSTOM GARDENING SERVICES** – Proudly tending CHV gardens since 2004. Now offering 2021 garden care contracts including weekly/bi-weekly maintenance, seasonal clean ups, perennial/shrub plantings, food crops management. Local references, insured, member of BBB. Free consultations, Amy & Clint Bales 303-507-2586 or [BalesCustomGardening.com](http://BalesCustomGardening.com)

**FAIRBAIRN TREE & LANDSCAPE SPECIALISTS** - Designing, building & maintaining landscapes in CHV since 1993. Call for a free consultation 303-722-5043.

**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 & BBB MEMBER.

## Health and Wellness

**CLUB GREENWOOD** - 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.

**KERSHNER PHYSICAL THERAPY** will help you overcome aches and pains so you can return to the activities you love! We now come to your home for your convenience and safety. Call today for a free consultation. (720) 588-3690 [stu@kershnerpt.com](mailto:stu@kershnerpt.com)

## Music/Instrument Education/Repair

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

## Pet Services/Accessories

**DOG GROOMING - MOBILE - I COME TO YOU - THE POOCH**  
**MOBILE DOG WASH** - All breeds, large or small, welcomed and loved. Pooch Mobile is fantastic, low stress for both you and your dog(s). You'll love it! Please call Robert anytime at 720-480-1560.

## Professional Services

**ANIMALS LIKE ME AND SO WILL YOU** - Do you need an extra pair of hands? I can help with errands, light cooking, pet walking, pet sitting or housesitting. Insured, bonded and first aid certified. CHV references available. Call Lana 303-898-0479 or [lksppear@comcast.net](mailto:lksppear@comcast.net).

**LIFE IS BETTER** when everyone feels connected engaged & appreciated. At Homewatch Caregivers we know how to make that a priority in our care. Our caregivers bring smiles to the people you love best! Call Today 720-344-4700. [homewatchcaregivers.com/southwest-denver](http://homewatchcaregivers.com/southwest-denver)

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**SENIOR PLACEMENT** – We help families through the entire process to find the most suitable senior living community. Independent Living, Assisted Living, or Memory Care. Our services are free to families. Please contact Betsy Huguez. 303-886-6749. [Betsy@hoyerseniorplacement.com](mailto:Betsy@hoyerseniorplacement.com)

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## Wildlife Service/Removal

**ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL** for wildlife problems of all sizes. Licensed and insured. We have been servicing Cherry Hills Village for over 28 years. Professional, ethical and humane, we don't use gasses, poisons or pesticides. 303-884-9100. [wildlifedamage.com](http://wildlifedamage.com) or [adcwildlifespecialist@gmail.com](mailto:adcwildlifespecialist@gmail.com)

# VILLAGE CRIER DONATION\$

If you would like to submit a donation to the Village Crier for 2020 and haven't had the chance, please consider doing so by the end of the year. Your name will be featured on the "2020 Donation List" in the February 2021 issue of the Village Crier. **Please make your check payable to The Village Crier and mail it to:**

The Village Crier  
2450 East Quincy Avenue  
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

You can also make your donation online using a credit card or checking account by going to: <http://cherryhillsvillage.com/414/Online-Payments> and clicking the Donate to the Village Crier link.



## COLORADO THROUGH THE LENS PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

Due to the revised health restrictions from Tri-County Health Department and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Cherry Hills Village Art Commission cancelled the reception for the "Colorado Through The Lens" photographic exhibition. Unfortunately, with City Hall closed to walk-in traffic, the only way to view

## A SUCCESSFUL TAKE BACK

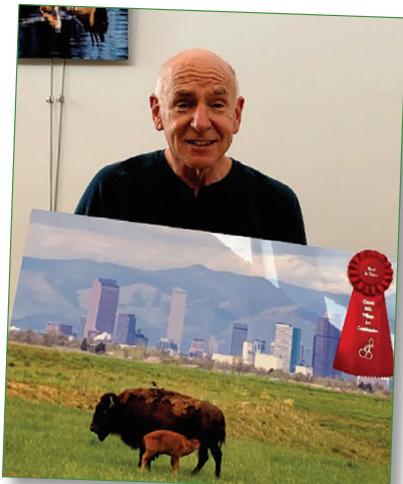
**O**n October 24th the Cherry Hills Police Department provided residents with an opportunity to dispose of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Cherry Hills Village residents turned in almost 140 pounds of prescription drugs during the Prescription Drug Take Back days facilitated by the Cherry Hills Village Police Department.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of

prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

This event is usually held in the Spring and Fall so watch the City's website at [www.cherryhillsvillage.com](http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com) for collection dates in 2021.

the exhibition is by calling or emailing to schedule an appointment with a staff member. You can call (303) 783-2732 or email [lgillespie@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:lgillespie@cherryhillsvillage.com) to schedule an appointment for thirty minute increments. Because staff is working remotely, same-day appointments may not be available. We ask that you contact staff at least one day prior to the preferred appointment. The exhibition will run from November 6th to April 30, 2021. The Commission hopes to reschedule the reception when it is safe to gather. Event information will be published in the Village Crier and on the City's website ([www.cherryhillsvillage.com](http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com)).



"Best in Show" ribbon winner  
Alan Lipkin – Nursing Bison and Calf



"The Village Award" ribbon winner  
Julie Bennett – Cherry Hills fence



"Honorable Mention" ribbon winner  
Mark Boulding – False Horizon Series #2



"People's Choice" ribbon winner  
Midge Roosevelt – Along the Colorado Trail



*Photo by Evan Anderman Photography*

## A YEAR IN REVIEW AT THE HIGH LINE CANAL CONSERVANCY

**T**he High Line Canal is where hundreds of thousands of Coloradans retreat to connect with nature and themselves.

This is a resounding theme of 2020 that has inspired and sustained efforts to preserve and enhance the High Line Canal. Throughout this challenging year, trail users have emphasized how essential the Canal has been for their health and wellbeing.

While this year brought unexpected challenges, with the support of the Canal community, the High Line Canal Conservancy has moved forward with implementation of The Plan for the High Line Canal, advancing many critical projects to improve one the region's most treasured resources.

Thanks to your support, the Conservancy, along with local partners, continues to advance the transition of the Canal to a green infrastructure for stormwater management and champion new, unified signage along all 71 miles. In addition, the Conservancy led COVID-safe stewardship programs throughout

the summer, removing over 7,000 lbs of trash with over 200 volunteers and launched the first-ever Walk FOR the Canal to raise over \$200,000 for the Conservancy with over 350 participants walking thousands of miles.

To learn more about active and ongoing projects along the Canal, visit the Conservancy's Trail Updates page and interactive map at [highlinecanal.org/trail-updates](http://highlinecanal.org/trail-updates). In addition, the Conservancy would love to share the story of the Canal's transformation with the community. Email [hello@highlinecanal.org](mailto:hello@highlinecanal.org) to set up a presentation for your neighborhood or community group.

As the Conservancy reflects on the past year, it has been most inspiring to see many using the Canal while finding a sense of solace in its restorative company. Thank you to all who participated, volunteered and donated in support of the High Line Canal this year.

### *In Memory of Joy Steelman Burns*

**Born in December 1927 in Currie, Texas, Joy came to Colorado from Houston with a business degree to work for an oil company.** Two years later she met Franklin L. Burns, then one of Denver's premier homebuilders, and they were married until his death in 1997. Her passion and commitment to the University of Denver began in 1972 when she started volunteering for the Women's Library Association. In 1990, she became the first woman to chair the University's Board of Trustees. Her leadership, impact and generosity can be seen and felt across the campus. She received many well-deserved honors and awards over the years including induction into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame, Colorado Tourism and Travel Hall of Fame, Colorado Women's Hall of Fame and the University of Denver Athletic Hall of Fame. She is survived by her niece Elaine Gwathmey, longtime and dedicated friend Diane Wendt, godson Scott Coors and a host of other close friends and associates who will miss her greatly.

## CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE RECREATION REIMBURSEMENT FORM

**DEADLINE:** All reimbursements are due by January 15th for the previous year's submissions. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*First* \_\_\_\_\_ *Last* \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

List your receipts one activity at a time in the lines below. **Attach your original itemized receipt(s)** that include the participant's name, address, name of agency, name of activity, activity fee(s) and activity date(s).

I would like to donate

\$25       \$50       \$75       \$100       Other \_\_\_\_\_

of my reimbursement to the Cat Anderson Fund for the acquisition and protection of parks, trails and open space lands in Cherry Hills Village.

We appreciate your donation. Your donation is tax deductible. The City will send you a tax receipt.

Participant's Name	Relationship to Applicant	Name of Agency	Activity Name	Activity Fee	Office Use

I hereby affirm that I am a resident of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado and the aforementioned recreation expense(s) listed above have been used and paid by myself or a member of my household.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ PAID \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

## **CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE RECREATION REIMBURSEMENT RULES**

Residents of Cherry Hills Village (primary residence only) who participate in a recreation program, activity, class or event offered by a municipal or special district recreation department, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) youth sports organization or any municipal golf course located within the seven-county Denver metropolitan area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson) may be eligible for a partial reimbursement of certain costs from the City of Cherry Hills Village. For purposes of this program, “youth sports organization” shall mean a sports organization whose primary purpose is to provide recreational activities for primary or secondary school students.

### **REIMBURSEMENT PROVISIONS**

Each primary household in Cherry Hills Village is eligible for a maximum \$500.00 annual reimbursement when participating in an activity that qualifies for reimbursement. The amount of reimbursement shall be 50 percent of the cost incurred by the resident; however, reimbursement costs shall not exceed a maximum of \$50.00 per single activity, per resident to include memberships and passes. The purchase of a monthly membership, or multiple use pass is considered a single activity. The amount of reimbursement for an annual membership or pass shall be 50 percent of the cost incurred by the resident; however, reimbursement costs shall not exceed a maximum of \$500.00 annually per household. An annual membership is intended to designate a year-long membership and includes such facilities as Greenwood Athletic and Tennis Club and municipal recreation centers such as South Suburban. Seasonal sporting activities such as soccer, baseball, lacrosse, swimming, hockey, gymnastics, etc., are considered single activities.

### **REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE**

1. Obtain an itemized receipt that includes the participant’s name, address, name of agency, name of activity, activity fee(s) and activity date(s). Receipts must be for the year in which they are paid, not the year in which the activity takes place.

**Note:** The following will not be accepted as receipts: bank statements, cancelled checks, non-itemized credit card receipts, handwritten receipts and registration forms. Initiation fees, rentals, tax charged, national dues, merchandise, child care, travel, uniforms and golf carts do not qualify for reimbursement.

2. Complete the Recreation Reimbursement Form, attach all itemized receipts and mail or deliver this information to the Village Center by January 15<sup>th</sup> for the previous year’s reimbursements. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**It is the resident’s responsibility to ensure that all recreation reimbursement applications have been received by the City prior to January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

All of the information above will be required and residency will be verified. It is the obligation of the City staff to ensure against abuse of this program and final authority will rest with the City Manager to suspend or eliminate reimbursement requests determined to be in violation of the terms of this program.

**Submit completed forms and receipts to (please make sure you have enough postage on your submittal, all postage due submittals will be rejected):**

The City of Cherry Hills Village  
Attn: Recreation Reimbursement  
2450 E. Quincy Avenue  
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113



## QUINCY FARM UPDATE

In July, the City received a letter of interest regarding a possible transfer of the Quincy Farm property to the Anderson family. Upon recommendation from the Quincy Farm Committee, City Council voted on September 1, 2020 that the City suspend activities related to the Quincy Farm Master Plan and fully explore this opportunity. Natalie Anderson submitted a draft Management Plan for the farm for consideration at the October 20th City Council meeting. Before the City proceeds in exploring options, City Council is interested to hear from residents about their opinions regarding the future of Quincy Farm. A strategy for public outreach is being developed. Once it is finalized, the information will be posted on the City's website and social media pages and included in the Village Crier. If you would like to sign up to receive emails about Quincy Farm updates, you can sign up at [www.cherryhillsvillage.com/NotifyMe](http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/NotifyMe). Questions can also be sent to [quincyfarm@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:quincyfarm@cherryhillsvillage.com).

# Cancelled.

## WINTER CELEBRATION CANCELLED

The City will not hold its annual Winter Celebration this year - **WE WILL MISS SEEING YOU ALL AND CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS AS A COMMUNITY.** Let's look forward to playing games, going on a hayride, and being together in 2021. From our families to yours, *have a safe and happy holiday season!*

Cherry Hills Land Preserve is celebrating the season with you and your family. We have an exciting 2021 planned. Go to our website to learn about how you can be a part of it today.

[cherryhillslandpreserve.org](http://cherryhillslandpreserve.org)



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## HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLE

The holiday tree drop off will be located in the parking lot of John Meade Park on Meade Lane. Trees can be dropped off December 26, 2020 through February 2, 2021. There will be signs directing residents where to place the trees. Please remember to remove all ornaments, decorations, tinsel and any wire that may be left on the tree. If you have any questions, please contact the Parks Division during normal business hours (Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at (303) 783-2744 or email Pamela Broyles at [pbroyles@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:pbroyles@cherryhillsvillage.com).

The lockdown orders have caused record unemployment and placed great stress on food bank supplies across Colorado. The Food Bank of the Rockies anticipates their needs to double this year because of the loss of jobs caused by the Stay-at-Home and Safer-at-Home public health orders.

Several of our neighbors established a virtual food drive to benefit the Food Bank of the Rockies. Residents interested in helping can visit the Facebook site — From Our Village to Yours. Donations can also be made directly at <https://bit.ly/FromOurVillage> and will be credited to Cherry Hills Village.

### *In Memory of Kay Black*

**Kay Black, born in Denver, a third generation Coloradan, died peacefully at home in San Francisco.**

She leaves behind her daughters, Debby Black, Kate Black and Courtney Carpenter and their spouses, granddaughter Ann Carpenter, her spouse and grandson Ross Carpenter. Predeceased in 2010 by her husband Andrews D. Black (Andy), co-founder of Denver Country Day school, later Kent Denver School, Kay had 92 years of an active, interesting life. She was one of the first western women to hike the base camp of Mount Everest, a pilot who raced airplanes in national and international women-only races, earned her master's degree in Asian Art history and a published author.