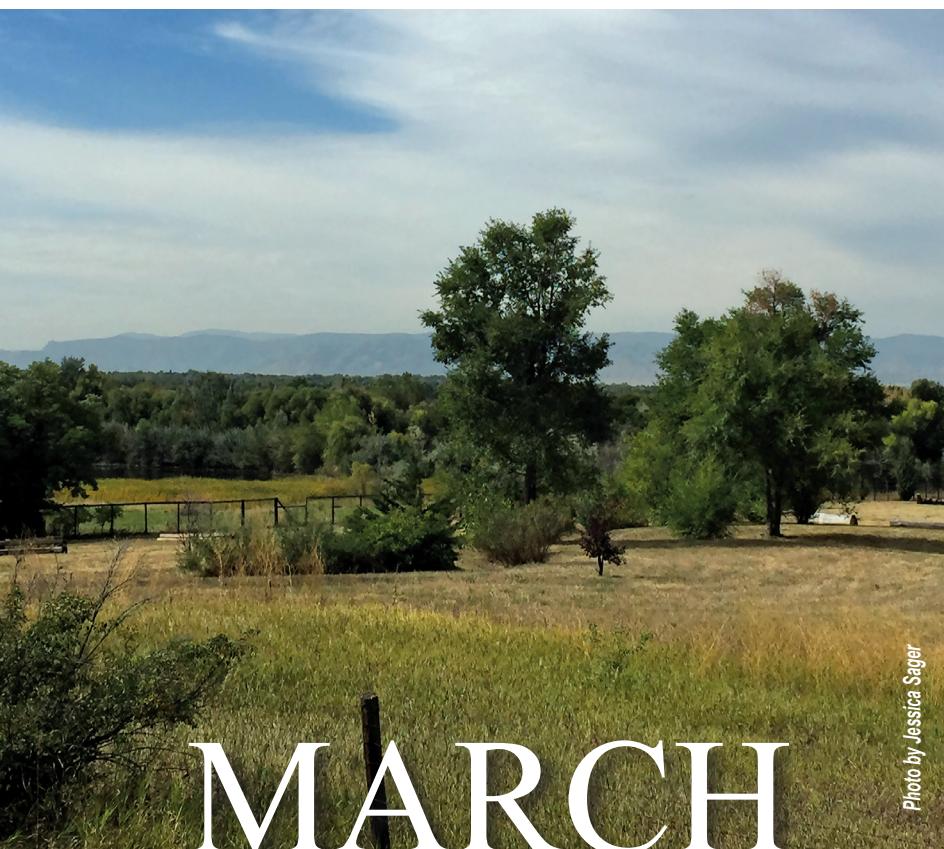


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2020 CENSUS INFORMATION

The 2020 Census is fast approaching and Arapahoe County wants to make sure you are counted! Census data informs the distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds to states and communities each year for critical programs such as:

- Schools
- Roads
- Health Care
- Housing
- Libraries
- Public Transportation
- Human Resources
- Community Resources
- Emergency Services

Arapahoe County relies heavily on these federal dollars to fund and supplement critical programs like Human Services, economic development, housing assistance, transportation improvements and more. Census counts also help determine the number of congressional seats and Colorado is poised to pick up one seat as a result of the 2020 Census. The Census helps shape the future so it is imperative that there is an accurate count in 2020!

When you receive an invitation to respond to the 2020 Census in mid-March, make sure to take a few minutes to complete the brief questionnaire. You will be able to complete the Census online, by phone or by mail and your data is kept confidential by law.

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CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place.



It's in the Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It's about \$675 billion.

The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on census data.

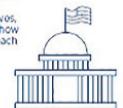


That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs.



It's about fair representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.



It's about redistricting.

After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty.

Completing the census is mandatory; it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



THE CHALLENGE OF BUILDING CITY BUILDINGS

— Written by Klasina VanderWerf, author of *High on Country*

This coming fall, as part of the Village's 75th anniversary celebration, renovated parks, John Meade and the Alan Hutto Memorial Commons, will be dedicated. This will mark the completion of a multi-year construction project to remake what has come to be called the Cherry Hills Village "Campus," an area that includes city buildings and parks.

The story of CHV's government buildings is a rich one, as much interesting for what doesn't happen as for what does. For those who have been observers during the long contemporary process of constructing new City buildings, this has been a lesson in how government works—and sometimes how it doesn't. It is also a window into what it is that Villagers care about most.

The book *High on Country* tells the first chapter of this story. When Cherry Hills Village was incorporated, government facilities were probably the last thing on anyone's mind. CHV has never boasted a huge and complicated infrastructure of any sort. Villagers are glad there are no highway cloverleafs to negotiate nor high rise towers within our borders. We're mostly delighted that some of our small waterways and gulches haven't been undergrounded and that one of the few things that can interfere with mountain views are mature and beautiful trees.

So, undertaking the design, financing, and execution of a new city building is, for citizens, a Big Deal, and many of us want to weigh in. Further, Villagers can probably be described as fiscally conservative. We're careful about spending money, including tax dollars, and we want to get our money's worth.

The events that took place leading up to our new City buildings share one thing with events that led up to our first Village Center. They were both a long time in coming.

The first zoning map for Cherry Hills submitted by the City's Planning and Zoning Commission in 1945, had a C-1 classification, or Community Center District that allowed for buildings such as



a public library, museums, a post office, and government buildings. The southeast corner of Quincy Avenue and University Boulevard has generally always been regarded as where a village center would go because of its central location.

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But, as might have been predicted, it was a while before the Village built its first city center. Reminiscent of many start-up non-profits, in the early days of the Village, official City business was conducted in unofficial locations. City Clerk Louisa Bromfield and, later Woodie Noel, worked out of their homes. Jeff Briddle used his car for police business, and Judge Fred Powell's back porch doubled as the City's court.

Cherry Hills Village conducted its official business for more than fifteen years without a city center. As was the case, those people who performed the work of the City, whether paid staff or citizen volunteers, saw

the need for a city building more clearly than did those who were farther removed from city business.

Bob St. Clair, who served as Village Mayor in the 1970's and again later in the 1980's, remarked once that a city manager was in order, but "The fact that we don't have one seems to indicate that only the mayors think we need one." He might have said the same thing about a city center.

The record doesn't indicate whether there was anyone lobbying for a city center building, but there may have been because in 1961, when an opportunity came the City's way—John Meade, who owned the four acres at the corner of Quincy and University, offered it to the City for the below market value of \$20,000—no one argued with the decision to move ahead. However, the City Trustees had to get creative to take advantage of the offer.

First the Trustees passed an ordinance allowing an expenditure of funds in excess of the annual budget based upon "an emergency due to an unforeseen contingency." The *Crier* carried a notice of the ordinance along with a hand-drawn map of the site's parameters saying, "We have a site for our village's center, and it is even a proper shape."

Unfortunately, something unforeseen at that time would later prove to be fairly problematic about the site. Although the city building itself would not be in the 100-year floodplain, a good bit of the rest of the property would prove to be.

The cost of the building and related expenses was \$75,000. The City had also

not budgeted this amount. A citizen, Edwin Kassler, Jr., financed the construction of the Center until a municipal election could be held to authorize \$75,000 in bonds to buy back Kassler's interest in the building.

Bob Davison was the CHV Mayor at this time. He called upon his neighbor and architect friend, Stanley E. Morse, of the firm Burnham, Hoyt to design the building. Stanley Morse is probably best known today for his design work on Red Rocks Amphitheater.

Morse's design for the Center was an unusual one, though perhaps not so much when one remembers that Frank Lloyd Wright's work was much celebrated during this time. The building Morse designed was an octagon.

Perhaps it says something about the size and tenor of the Village in the early days, but those who grew up in the Village remember the building best not as a place where city business was conducted, but where dances took place. Former Mayor Jeff Welborn remembers these dances as open to the adults in the Village, a place to see and be seen.

By 1982, just 19 years after the dedication of the first building, it was clear that the City had already outgrown its City Center. More subdivision had taken place within the Village, and there were more residents to serve. Members of the police force had long ago left its police-car-office in the dust. The force was now twenty-one persons strong (giving some idea how much the Village had grown). In an election, voters approved a \$450,000 general obligation bond. There is no evidence that the vote was a contentious one. The same could not be said the next time around.

The original Village Center building got an addition, and half of the octagon got subsumed into the addition and carved up into offices and reception areas. There would also be small meeting spaces and a dedicated space for City Council, City Court, and neighborhood association meetings. Four sides of the original octagon were preserved by way of the shape of the walls on one side of the Council Chambers. Perhaps more important, this addition now encroached into what would be determined to be the floodplain.

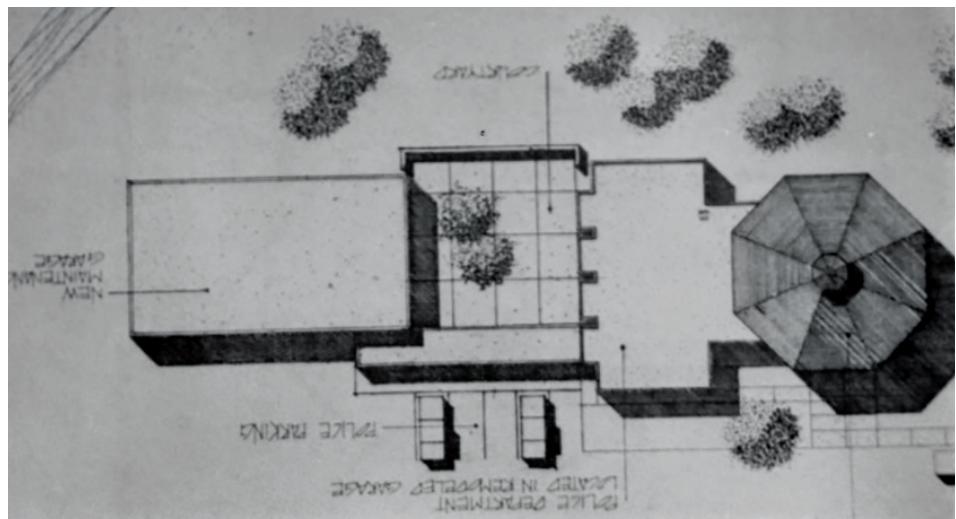
Less than two decades later, the "pinch" of inadequate space once again felt by those making use of the space. The City

finalized its exclusion from South Suburban Parks and Recreation District in 2005. This effectively gave Cherry Hills a new parks department and the necessary staff. Further, technology changed in ways that no one could have foreseen.

Jay Goldie, CHV's Deputy City Manager and Public Works Director, is one of the few staff members who has witnessed the myriad events the City has undergone to try to accommodate new needs and more staff. He came to work for the City in March 2004, a time when City employees had word processing computers but only one that could access the internet, and this one was located in the City Clerk's office. Jay explains: "You had to go up to the front of the building if you wanted get on the internet."

At this point in time, everyone was operating under the assumption the current property would still accommodate all of the City's myriad functions: police, public works, municipal court, community development, and administration. The City put some financial constraints on the project. It had about \$5 million to put toward the building. So, Deepwater Point began referring to the project as one with a \$4.5 million price tag.

In December 2004, a parcel of land adjacent to what the City already owned, came on the market. The City purchased it for \$1,320,000. While this purchase would later prove to be an important step in staging the project and offer more flexibility and more options; at the time, the City Council got pushback from



By the time all departments had their own computers, it became clear the building could not fully accommodate advances in the technology. Exposed cables snaked along the ceiling through the building, creating an eyesore. Further, it had become apparent that much of the building was in the floodplain, and that any major renovation or addition to the building would need to address that issue.

The complexities of these challenges led the City to hire a consultant to manage the project as it moved forward. And so, in April 2004, Tim Leonard of the firm Deepwater Point was brought on board for the flat fee of \$167,500. He and the architect chosen for the project, Davis Partnership, began to steer the City through the process of planning to build a new Village Center.

citizens who questioned the cost of the purchase. If the budget for the entire project was actually \$4.5 million, the City had just sunk about a third of that total into the purchase of new land.

In March 2005, Tim Leonard had drilled down on the number that reflected the actual cost of realizing the current plan. The Village Center plan and design Davis Partnership had developed, based on the City's needs, was a 28,000 square foot building with a projected cost of \$7 million, including the necessary site work for floodplain mitigation and recent land acquisition. This number began to make some Council members uncomfortable.

But then things really got complicated. While Hurricane Katrina wreaked immediate havoc on many coastal cities like New Orleans, the total damage it

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brought the country was more far-reaching. When Tim Leonard stood before the CHV City Council at an August 2005 meeting, he referred to the recent weather events as the “perfect storm.” Because of the massive demand for building supplies due to Katrina, costs of supplies had increased at least 15% seemingly overnight. The project’s cost was now estimated to be a whopping \$11 million. The sticker shock was palpable at that Council meeting. Tim Leonard’s firm’s name, Deepwater Point, seemed like a fitting name for where plans for a new city center now stood.

Council members spent some time agonizing over what to try to cut from the building, but their options were mostly limited to cosmetic changes, when what was needed were wholesale changes to bricks and mortar, perhaps even to the overall design. These efforts lowered the cost by about \$200,000. Not enough to make a real difference.

The numbers led to a rift among Council members, those who wanted to put the project on hold and those who wanted to forge ahead. The public, for its part, began to refer to the 28,000 square foot building as the “Taj Mahal,” and found the design of the building more elaborate than was necessary for a City of 6,000 people.

The disagreement may have put the project on the back burner, but it was still heated to a rolling boil when the April 2006

election came around. The City Council election ended up being in large part a referendum on whether the building, as it was designed, would see the light of day.

When the ballots were counted, Cherry Hills had a new Mayor, Mike Wozniak, and three new City Council members (two outgoing members had not been on the ballot). There was also one open seat created by Wozniak’s election to Mayor, that would later be filled by appointment. So, much of the Council would be brand new.

One of the first actions the newly-elected Council took was to put the Village Center on hold and approach the entire project as though it were a fresh start. The next step was a strategy that was a somewhat unique one to Cherry Hills at that time, but that subsequently came to be used again. After some discussion and input from other residents, the Council appointed citizens to serve on a committee to study the issue. The committee was known as the Citizen’s City Center Committee, or the “4-C.”

Cherry Hills Village had just gone through another process that had tapped into the expertise and preferences of Villagers to study whether and how to increase the City’s open space. But open space was not the highly-charged issue the Village’s City Center had become. It was hoped a citizen committee was better able to address citizen concerns, because members of the community would perceive their neighbors were representing their own interests, and it would be fresh sets of eyes looking at the project. The members of the 4-C were citizens with impressive credentials: Alex Brown, Bill Cook, David Cooper, and Richard Diecidue. Scott Roswell and Russell Stewart served the Committee as Council liaisons.

Now, fourteen years later, I spoke with Bill Cook as he looked back on those 4-C meetings he remembers as very productive. Cook was a Stanford-trained architect who had worked as an architect for a short time before going on to run a noted Denver business. “As luck would have it, I actually worked for Davis Partnership fifty years ago.”

Cook remembers when the Committee first looked at the Davis plans, there were

a couple of problems that immediately jumped out. One was that the plans called for moving all the utilities—“a very expensive undertaking,” he says. “I also wasn’t in favor of certain architectural features. Things had gotten out of hand. They were a bit chippy.” (Read this last comment as a reference to a design that incorporated expensive—and unnecessary—architectural features.)

The Committee delivered their report in May 2007. They had been under some pressure to move as expeditiously as possible. The South Metro Fire Department was ready to replace its facility, Station No. 38, for some of the same reasons CHV wanted to replace its city building: they had outgrown an outmoded space. Both South Metro Fire and Rescue and Cherry Hills Village wanted to keep South Metro within the City, so both were keen on finding a solution.

The 4-C report pretty much eliminated the option of remodeling the city’s existing Village Center. The cost of doing so was comparable to new construction, they concluded, because the existing facility was not handicapped accessible and had no fire sprinklers. Retrofitting the building to meet these kinds of standards would prove prohibitively expensive, not to mention in the floodplain. The Committee also noted that building in the present location meant tearing down the existing building and paying to erect temporary ones to house staff during construction. Paying attention to the staging of each step of construction would become important in sequencing the construction and in holding down costs.

Among the other 4-C recommendations was one to re-locate the City’s Public Works Department and functions to a more industrial site outside of the Village. Another was to combine South Metro Fire and Rescue and the City’s Police Department under a single roof, something South Metro had done previously in other communities with great success.

In 2009, the City hired Norris Design to analyze the City’s options for constructing new facilities. Norris Design would look at options for making use of the available land, taking into account any constraints. They would also prepare cost estimates to accompany the options. It was no surprise to anyone that the longer the City waited to construct a facility, the higher the cost.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

This month several updates on Public Safety, High Line Canal Collaborative, and a current list of State-Wide Ballot Questions.

Public Safety

The 2019 year-end statistics are good news for our Village, which thanks to the efforts of our Police Department remains one of the safest cities in Colorado. The number of reported crimes decreased by 39%, from 266 in 2018 to 161 in 2019. The number of arrests, including DUI, fell from 115 to 100. The number of reported traffic accidents fell from 325 to 274. The number of traffic tickets issued, 2300, was the same as 2018.

Notable arrests in 2019 included a juvenile and four other suspects in connection with the 2018 home invasion robbery and shooting of Officer Cory Sack. We are delighted to report that Officer Sack made a full recovery and recently returned to regular duty status. The juvenile suspect will soon face trial as an adult in Arapahoe County District Court. Other notable 2019 arrests include suspects alleged to have committed sex assaults, burglaries (including one person believed to have entered three Village homes in September and October), heroin and unlawful narcotics possession, and felony theft involving approximately \$130,000.

Last year the Police Department initiated the LexisNexis Community Crime map showing the location of reported criminal activity in the Village. Here is the link to the crime map: <http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=100>. The Department also installed a new records management system, which required the manual entry of 7500 cases and 1500 evidence items, and is currently implementing an eCitation application that automates and expedites traffic violation ticketing.

High Line Canal Collaborative

In January the High Line Canal Working Group met to discuss the creation of a



voluntary High Line Canal Collaborative to work together to manage the High Line Canal as it moves from a water delivery system to Colorado's premier linear park and open space. The Collaborative will be comprised of three parts: (1) the Canal Collaborative Forum (CCF); the Canal Collaborative Leadership Team (CCLT) and (3) the Technical Advisory Committee.

The CCF will have 14 participations – one elected official each from Aurora, Arapahoe County, Douglas County, Denver, Cherry Hills Village, Greenwood Village, Centennial, and Littleton; one board member from South Suburban Park District, Southwest Metro Stormwater Authority, and Highlands Ranch Metro District; and one appointee from Denver Water, Mile High Flood District, and the High Line Canal Conservancy. The Forum will meet several times each year and recommend strategic directions and priorities. The CCLT, whose members will be appointed by the CCF, will develop budgets and implement the goals, projects, and programs of the Collaborative. The TAC will be staffed with stormwater engineers and natural resource management experts. Mile High Flood District will serve as the chair of the TAC.

The principles guiding the Collaborative are: (1) Denver Water will retain ownership of the Canal and all rights and uses; (2) local jurisdictions like the Village will retain all existing regulatory and land use authority; (3) no money dedicated by a local jurisdiction will be spent in other jurisdictions unless authorized by the jurisdiction spending the money, (4) the Collaborative will advance the community vision for the Canal as presented in the High Line Canal Framework Plan; and (5) funds raised by the High Line Canal Conservancy through private philanthropy will be prioritized for improvements and maintenance according to agreements struck in the Collaborative's work plans.

If adopted by the jurisdictions during the March meeting of the High

Line Canal Working Group, the members of the CCLT will convene this spring to create operating documents. The final meeting of the Working Group to ratify the operational documents, is planned for this summer.

2020 State-Wide Ballot Questions

As of February, three questions will appear on the 2020 November ballot.

Citizenship Qualification for Voting

This voter-initiated Constitutional Amendment will, if approved, prevent the state, counties, and municipalities from allowing non-U.S. citizens to vote in state and county elections. The authors of the amendment, curiously, did not address the authority of home rule municipalities to establish election qualifications for purely municipal elections.

Referendum on National Popular Vote

Currently in national presidential elections Colorado voters chose a President and Vice-President slate, and the slate that receives the most votes is awarded nine delegates who in turn elect the President at a meeting of the Electoral College. The General Assembly referred to voters a proposal to require the nine delegates to be awarded, not based on the preference of Colorado voters, but instead based on the "National Popular Vote Total" for each Presidential slate for every state of the United States and the District of Columbia.

Reintroduction of Gray Wolves

This statutory initiative would require Colorado to create a plan to reintroduce and manage gray wolves on lands west of the continental divide. If approved by voters, the Parks and Wildlife Commission would compensate owners of livestock for losses caused by the introduced wolves.

MAYOR MONDAYS. I keep regular drop-in office hours on Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m. at City Hall. To reserve a time, schedule a different date, or just talk contact me at: rstewart@cherryhillsvillage.com or 303-607-3688.

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Norris Design also looked at how best to enhance the John Meade Park space. And perhaps most importantly, Norris would host public meetings where the public could let their preferences be known.

Although Norris looked at numerous sites outside the City, yet at a reasonable distance, for a public works facility, they could not recommend any available property that would meet the City's criteria.

By this time, staff and Council's thinking was to approach construction work in stages. The obvious choice for the first stage was a building that would house both fire fighters and police officers because it would ensure that South Metro Fire and Rescue Station No. 38 would remain in the Village and because the financial cost of the building would be shared by both South Metro and the City.

This launched the City on a strategy to complete construction of new facilities in stages. As luck would have it, the first would be the most straight forward. The building would be constructed on the property the City had purchased in 2005, one that didn't require floodplain mitigation. Once police officers moved

out of the old building into the new, and fire fighters moved into their new digs, the City's administrative and public works staff could move into the open offices and public works could store vehicles in the old fire house.

Ground for the Joint Public Safety Facility (JPSF) was broken in March 2012. The building was designed by Roth Sheppard Architects and built by contractor Adolfson and Peterson Construction. Costs for the project were budgeted at \$6.6 million and CHV would use cash reserves to cover its share. Jay Goldie managed the project for the City.

South Metro had 10,000 square feet of the 20,000 square foot building, room for South Metro fire fighters to have individual bedrooms, a workout area, and storage for equipment.

Cherry Hills Village had 7,500 square feet for its 22 police officers and five civilians. The other 2,500 square feet was for a window and counter to serve the public, and a community room to be used for police force meetings as well as a community and administrative meeting room.

The JPSF was dedicated in December

2012, on time and at budget. Villagers signaled they liked the building. Building materials gave it a natural look, and its form matched its function. So, stage one of replacing the old City Center with new buildings was a success.

Summer 2013, another event occurred that affected what had come to be referred to as the City Center campus. The park area increased substantially through what was essentially a gift to the City. Frank and Holly Hutto and Peter and Linda Niederman offered a 2 1/2-acre property to the City to the south of the JPSF. This park would be named the Alan Hutto Memorial Commons after Frank and Holly's son who, during his short life, showed a love for the performing arts. The new space would include a small performance area for the community's benefit. This gift gave the City much more park space and would be a key element when the City launched a renovation of John Meade Park.

The JPSF had been smooth sailing. Replacing the Public Works offices and yard would not prove as easy.

(This narrative will be continued in the April Village Crier.)



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UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HAVING THE UTILITY LINES BURIED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

The City completed a resident initiated project within the Charlou Park subdivision to bury their utility lines. The residents requested assistance from the City after having the trees surrounding utility lines in their neighborhood severely trimmed. They also wanted improved views, increased reliability and to enhance the look and feel of their neighborhood. One resident commented, "We were tired of our trees getting butchered. Undergrounding utility lines is not an easy undertaking and will require commitment, perseverance and most of all patience." The process is time consuming, expensive and could take more than a year to complete. While the benefits would be undergrounded utility lines, the cost would be increased property taxes and potential disputes between neighbors as the General Improvement District requires cooperation and majority approval during the election.

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The idea for the Charlou Park General Improvement District (GID) was first conceived by an individual building a new home in 2016. He explored the option of having the power lines on his property undergrounded with Xcel Energy while the house was under construction. After discussing the issue with neighbors, he discovered that others were also interested in have their lines undergrounded. Charlou Park residents worked closely with Xcel Energy before reaching out to the City to discuss the option of forming a General Improvement District. Once involved,

City staff met with representatives from Xcel and residents from the neighborhood to discuss the project and funding options. The City is committed to helping residents that would be interested in a similar project in their neighborhood, but before the process can start, there are a few items to consider:

1. Where would the boundaries for the General Improvement District fall? This area must be defined before you begin to circulate a petition. You should talk to your neighbors prior to defining these boundaries to get a feel for the amount of support you can expect. This area will need to be big enough to make the endeavor worth taking on and not so big that you are unable to manage the effort. Request a meeting with City staff so they can help coordinate with Xcel to define boundaries that make sense. Call your City Council representative, they might know someone in your area that would be willing to help you with the effort. They can also inform the rest of City Council about the project, so it is not a surprise when you introduce this concept to the City.

2. You must be willing to talk to your neighbors. The person or people that are going to be the advocates of this effort will need to be prepared to put in a lot of work. You are going to have to sell the idea of increasing property taxes to your neighbors in order to finance the effort. This is a difficult task as you will not know the real cost of the project at this point. The City and the utility companies can provide some rough estimates, but until design and construction documents are prepared it is difficult to know the actual costs.

3. If you feel you can get the support of those who will be impacted by the project, you can circulate a petition asking City Council to put the initiative on the ballot. The petition shall be signed by not less than 30% or 200 of the "electors" within the defined boundaries, whichever is less. It is recommended that you get at least 50% to demonstrate that it may have a chance of being successful when put to a vote, but it is not required. Once you have

the necessary signatures and the required escrow funds, you can submit your request to the City. The required escrow amount will be determined by the City. It is based on the size of the proposed boundaries and the number of residences that would be included. The escrow is used to pay all City expenses directly related to the effort including attorney and bond council fees and underwriting costs. In the case of the Charlou Park General Improvement District, the escrow funds were collected from the petitioner by going door to door and asking for donations. Everyone that contributed was reimbursed through the bond after the vote was successful. If the vote is unsuccessful only the unexpended portion of the escrow deposit would be returned.

4. With the petition and escrow in place, City staff will now work directly with the utility providers to get construction plans and final costs developed. Why doesn't City staff work with the utilities earlier in the process to get a final cost? The utility companies will only perform the design and bidding of the project one time at no charge. If the project area changes, then the petitioners must pay for these services. Once the City has the cost for the project, the bonding company can put together an accurate finance package; which is based on assessed values of the homes within the proposed district. This means the because the actual costs per household are based assessed property values, the costs are not evenly distributed between all participants. It would be a good idea to talk to your neighbors again so they understand how much their property taxes will increase before it is time to vote. Neighbors should be aware that once the initiative is approved during the election, all residents within the GID MUST participate, even for those neighbors who voted against it.

If the vote is approved by the majority of electoral voters within the defined boundary, Xcel may require all property owners in the newly formed district to grant an easement for lines that are buried on private property. The petitioner will be required to collect easement documents

prior to construction. This is best explained to your neighbors while gathering signatures for the petition. City staff can provide you with a copy of this document, so homeowners can see what is expected.

The City will manage the project and coordinate with the utilities for permitting, surveying and the actual construction. The petitioner will still need to be involved during construction as the liaison and contact point with their neighbors when needed. This can be difficult as the construction process will be intrusive and disruptive as it proceeds through yards and landscaping. Some property owners will have large transformers and utility pedestals on their property as a result of removing the poles. This can be difficult for some homeowners to accept and another thing to bring up when asking your neighbors to participate.

In the case of the Charlou Park project, undergrounding the poles did not include the cost of removing the wire from the transformer to the house. That cost was paid by each homeowner individually. It may be possible to include these costs in the bond issue, although a private contractor may be brought in to bid and perform this work. When converting a home from overhead power to underground power, some modification or replacement of the service panel will be required. If this work is not included in the bond and a homeowner does not elect to have the line buried from the transformer to the house, a shorter pole will be left in place on their property.

Dave Charles, the petitioner for the Charlou Park undergrounding, said of the process:

“So, was the process difficult? I could make a wise comment about simultaneously working with the government and three large bureaucratic corporations but, they were all easy to work with and professional. They all tried hard to make this project work and bent over backwards to help. The City of Cherry Hills staff was exceptional, Jay Goldie is without peer, and helped every step of the way.”

In summary, the City is pleased to see citizens accomplish big goals such as undergrounding of utility lines. Just remember that while this GID is a useful tool, the process is significant and should not be taken lightly. Please contact Jay Goldie, Director of Public Works at jgoldie@cherryhillsvillage.com for further information.

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 in an attempt 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.

An identity thief may also use your Social Security Number (SSN) to get a tax refund or a job. This is tax-related identity theft. You may not know it has happened until:

- The IRS sends you a letter by mail saying they have gotten a suspicious tax return that uses your SSN, or
- The individual tries to eFile their tax return, but it is rejected as a duplicate because a return has already been filed using that SSN.

If the IRS sends you a notice or letter saying that someone used your SSN to get a tax refund, or saying there is another problem, respond quickly and follow the instructions in the letter.

- Call the IRS using the telephone number given in the letter. The letter and a copy of the prior year’s tax return will help to verify your identity during the call.

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:

- Do not give out any information, hang up immediately!
- If you have questions, contact the IRS agents directly at 1-800-829-1040
- Report an IRS Identity Theft go to <https://www.identitytheft.gov/> and complete an IRS Identity Theft Affidavit (IRS Form 14039)



CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE ART COMMISSION ■

WISHES A FOND FAREWELL TO MEMBER

- Submitted by CHVAC Chair Ann Polumbus

The Cherry Hills Village Art Commission (CHVAC) thanks Elaine Asarch for her service on the Commission. Elaine was instrumental in finding our valued Art Consultant, Kendall Peterson, and has added a thoughtful voice to whatever issues the

Commission has considered. She and her husband, Richard, also generously hosted the Art Commission's annual event in 2017. Elaine is a talented artist herself and her art can be viewed on her website elaineasarchpainting.com. Thank you, Elaine, for your service and commitment to art in Cherry Hills Village.

With Elaine's departure and a few other terms coming to an end, the Cherry Hills Village Art Commission has a few seats to fill. Serving on the CHVAC is a joy and requires a 3-year term commitment. If you are interested in art and are willing to attend monthly meetings, as well as support an annual fundraising event, please consider applying. One of the many benefits of serving on the CHVAC is you learn about art in Colorado and the surrounding states.

You may even surprise yourself and expand what types of art you enjoy.

The Cherry Hills Village Art Commission has been busy planning rotating art events in the new City Hall. A few other projects the Commission is working on include art for John Meade Park, art on loan projects and any other educational ideas the group comes up with. Last year the CHVAC supported the House Concert series organized by Tory Leviton and held at the home of Dave and Antonella Brenman.

The application for Committee appointment can be found on the City's website at <https://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/237/Cherry-Hills-Village-Art-Commission> or City Hall (located at 2450 East Quincy Avenue) Monday-Friday from 8:00-4:30.

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 and is also utilized to fund projects at Quincy Farm.

A total of \$3,895.00 was donated throughout 2019.

We thank you all for your support!

Rachel and Oscar Aguirre

Krishnan and Radhika Anand

Matthew Autterson

Kenneth Barrow

Kathryn Beggins

Katy Brown

Jason Crawford

Susan Cudahy

Hunaif Dar

Martha Davis

Margaret Emmerich

Kathy Farrell

Kathleen Finley

Adele Gelfand

Catherine Groene

Larry Harmsen

Mark Honnen

Jennifer Jacobsen

Karen Kafadar

Jerry Kashinski

Lynn Kelly

Meg Kindsfater

Rogaer Kinney

Chiara Kline

Lisa Kornfeld

Joseph Kovarik

Lori McDermott

Lynda McNeive

Kathleen Parker

Ralph and Kelly Pickett

Maureen Sabo

Janet Sacks

Sarah Scott & Kevin Kearney

Brian Smith

Russell Stewart and

Mary Laird Stewart

Camille Stokes

Garrett Tuttle

Eileen Weiss

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP

The 2020 Spring Cleanup will be held on **May 14th, May 15th and May 16th**. The Spring Cleanup event will be held at 2101 W Quincy Avenue, Sheridan, CO 80110 (the Public Works Facility located in Sheridan). Please note the following schedule:

Thursday, Friday and Saturday (May 14th, 15th and 16th)

Dumpsters will be available all three days from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PAINT AND ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED ALL THREE DAYS FROM 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 16th only from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Community Shred Event

THE COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT IS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY. NO BUSINESS SHREDDING WILL BE ACCEPTED!

This program is for residents only and City staff will be checking ID's. Please be prepared to show your driver's license with a Cherry Hills Village address. Appliances, 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 cherryhillsvillage.com or call (303) 783-2744.

CHERRY HILLS GARDEN AND HOBBY CLUB

If you relish the beauty of blossoms, glory in the lushness of trees and lawns... The Cherry Hills Garden & Hobby Club is for you. Gather to socialize with neighbors, learn with friends who share your interests and willingly volunteer information about what works. You needn't have a large garden or be a master gardener to fit in. The club has been in existence for over 55 years to serve Cherry Hills Village residents, and recently expanded to include Greenwood Village residents.

Our programs cover a variety of topics from antiques to zinnias, and include a holiday luncheon social. Dues are \$35/year. Meetings are held March through December, on the 4th Tuesday, from 10 am to noon, in members' homes. We invite you to attend a meeting as a guest.

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



THE CITY IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR A VACANCY ON THE CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE ART COMMISSION

Village based on the Public Art Master Plan. The Cherry Hills Village Art Commission consists of seven members that serve for three-year terms and meet on the last Monday of every month at 9:30 a.m.

If you would like to apply for the vacant position, please complete an application and return it to City Clerk, Laura Gillespie. The application can be found on the City's website at <https://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/237/Cherry-Hills-Village-Art-Commission> or at the Village Center (located at 2450 East Quincy Avenue). The deadline for all application submittals is Friday, March 27th.

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

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.

- * Indicates pet and plant care
- Indicates the babysitter can drive
- ** Indicates housesitting
- + Indicates Red Cross babysitting certified
- ▲ Mentor in Education

Arianna Aalami+* 917-334-9673
Sophia Antonopoulos* 720-296-8091
Ellie Bauer 303-808-5185
Bridget Brown+ 303-765-4470
Emerson Damiano+* ** 303-918-8402
Chelsea Davidson 303-520-9727

Maryanna Deline+* • 720-448-6097	Alexa Huguez+* 720-244-4034
Anjali Devagupta * ** 303-639-6110	Lauren Huttner+* 303-759-2054
Jessica Diamond 303-692-9475	Lexi Levin+* ** 720-375-5506
Isabella Diamond 303-692-9475	Emily Matthews* 303-781-6777
Kristin Douglass 303-762-0080	Will Matthews* 303-781-6777
Emma Duymelinck+* 720-525-5388	Aydan Metsch+* 720-483-0527
Lizzie Elliott+* ** 720-550-3777	Katie Mullen 303-803-8150
Sibel Fite* 720-568-0880	Claire Murphy* 307-351-9172
Jayne Fraser+* • 720-556-2240	Emma Murphy* ** 307-359-5380
Jessica Garofalo+* ** 720-431-1651	Molly Murphy* ** 307-359-2404
Abby Goodrum+* 303-475-0979	Eleanor Nielsen* ** • 720-884-7727
Emma Goodrum+* 303-475-0979	Lexi Pavlakis 303-761-6183
Isabel Gutrich+* • 303-909-2086	Elizabeth Schwartz 303-886-7431
Presley Harding+* ** • 720-984-9600	Sarah Shelton+* 720-476-9643
Caroline Hashimoto+* 303-321-6155	Ellie Sullivan+ 303-777-5206
Stone Heyman* 303-809-8791	Sander Sveen* 303-761-7757
Nicole Honnen* 303-819-4841	Caitlin Vickers+ 303-756-3266
Tylor Hopkins* 720-300-4625	Margaret Vogelpohl+* 303-320-0546

Annabel Wall 303-765-0620
Juliette Watkins* ** • ▲ 303-955-5223
Sloane Wehrman+* ** 303-870-6269
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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MARCH 2020 Newsletter

PHOTOS WANTED!

The Village Crier is looking for photos of Cherry Hills Village for the front cover. If you have a scenic photo you would like to submit, you can email it to Jessica Sager at jsager@cherryhillsvillage.com. When you email the photo, please provide

the name of the person that took it so proper credit can be given. Please send a large, original, jpeg file so it can be sized accordingly. By submitting the photo, you are providing permission for the Village Crier and the City of Cherry Hills Village to use, re-use, publish and republish the image in whole or in part, in any medium (including electronic web site media and social media platforms) for City public relations, promotion and advertising without monetary gain or compensation. The Village Crier reserves the right to reject any photo that is submitted due to content or quality.

HISTORIC VILLAGE PHOTOS AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION STORIES WANTED

The 75th Anniversary Committee is looking for personal stories about Cherry Hills Village and to recognize residents' significant contributions to the City. If you would like to share a personal story about the Village or would like to recognize a significant contribution, please email Jessica Sager at jsager@cherryhillsvillage.com. These stories will be included in future issues of the Village Crier, added to the 75th Anniversary page and posted on the City's Facebook page. Submittals must be under 250 words and will be reviewed by staff prior to posting. If you have photos you would like to submit for consideration, please email them to Jessica Sager or you can drop them off at City Hall (office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00-4:30 p.m.).



CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE WELCOMES NEW PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

Michael Wolterman joins the City of Cherry Hills Village Streets Department after moving across the country from Cincinnati, Ohio. Prior to working at Cherry Hills Village, he owned his own construction company, was a demolition superintendent, and an apprentice electrician. This experience has given him a strong, diverse background in construction. He moved to Colorado to pursue his passion of snow skiing, mountain biking, and to enjoy an active outdoor lifestyle. Michael is looking forward to contributing to the Streets Department, serving the City Of Cherry Hills Village and its residents.

