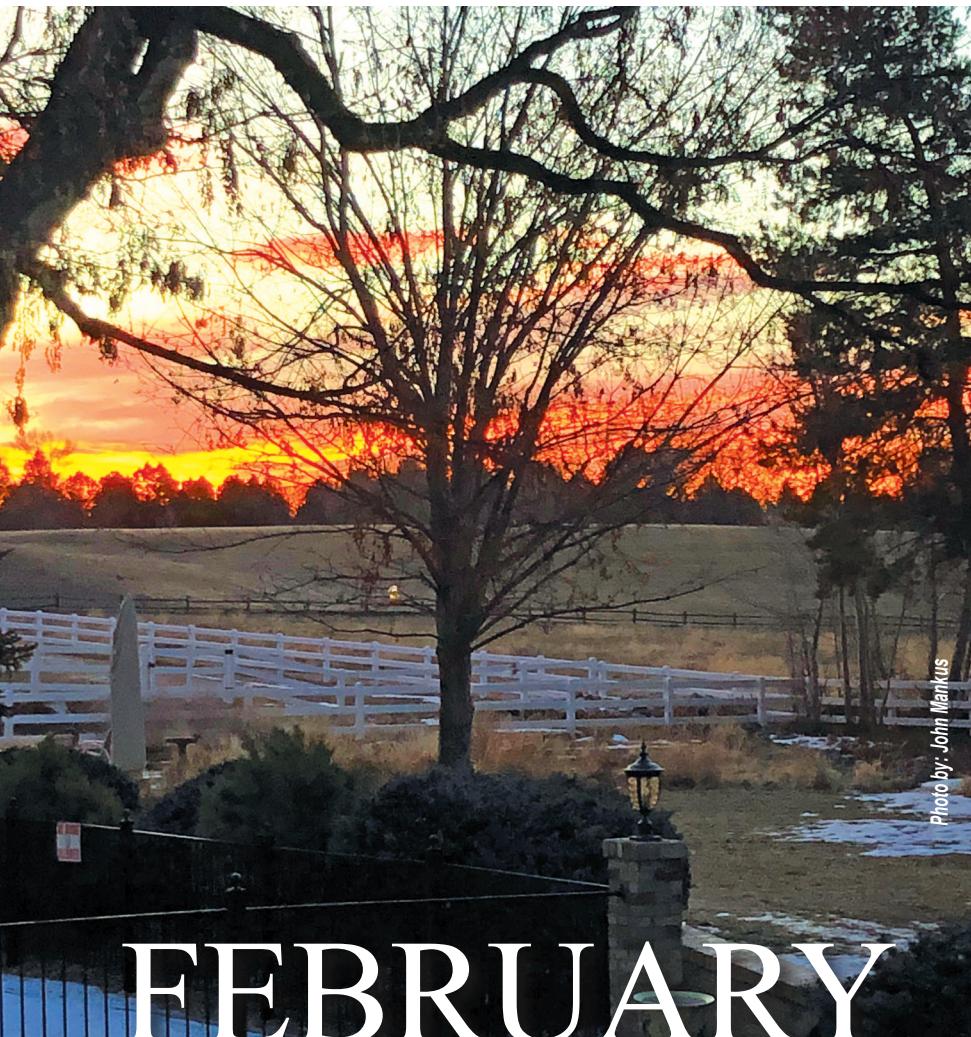


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E-BIKES: PTRC WOULD LIKE YOUR FEEDBACK

The Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission is considering changes to the Municipal Code regarding the use of motorized vehicles on trails, particularly regarding E-Bikes. The

Municipal Code currently prohibits all motorized vehicles (including e-bikes) on all trails within the city. The Commission would like to specifically invite public comment at the February 11th meeting, scheduled for 5:30pm. The discussion will continue through the March 11th PTRC meeting as well.

All meetings are currently being held virtually. To speak at the meeting, please sign up in advance by emailing Parks and Recreation Coordinator Emily Black at ebblack@cherryhillsvillage.com by 5pm the day of the meeting. Written

comments are also welcome in advance (sent to the same email address). Written comments can be shared with the Commission by email or read during the meeting if you prefer. Agendas and packets are posted the Friday before each meeting on the city website at www.cherryhillsvillage.com/agendacenter. City meetings are live-streamed and recorded on the city website at www.cherryhillsvillage.com/MeetingVideos.

To receive email notifications when new agendas are posted go to www.cherryhillsvillage.com/NotifyMe.

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CITY HALL REMAINS CLOSED TO WALK- IN TRAFFIC & *How to* *Participate in Electronic* *Meetings*

Cherry Hills Village City Hall remains closed to walk-in traffic due to the high number of COVID-19 cases. 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, so we ask that you contact staff at least 1 day prior to the preferred appointment.

The City is still available for all business, and encourages everyone to conduct business through the City website (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 requests, housewatch requests, and code enforcement requests.

In addition, the City continues to hold public meetings electronically rather than in-person. City meetings are live streamed and recorded on the City's website at www.cherryhillsvillage.com/MeetingVideos. You don't have to sign up to watch a meeting. To speak during audience participation or a public hearing, members of the public must follow the instructions on each meeting agenda. 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 and you can sign up at www.cherryhillsvillage.com/NotifyMe to receive notifications when agendas are posted.

Cherry Hills Land Preserve is sponsoring a virtual class with Master Beekeeper to the Broncos, Joe Komperda. Registration is open for *Bee Engaged: An Average Joe's Guide to Honey Bees - Why We Need Them & How to Keep Them*.

The class will take place on March 10, 2021, at 7pm. Limited virtual seating.

Go to our website to learn more about the 2021 Bee Project and to register for Joe's virtual class.

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Sincerely,
Jessica Sager, Village Crier Editor

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CHLP INVITES YOU ON
**A NEW
ADVENTURE!**

When Cherry Hills Village resident Goca Weis was a little girl, she spent most of her time outside. Growing up on a farm, she and her siblings had endless opportunities to tinker in nature. They cropped corn, soybeans, harvested hay, and had 3,000 chickens, along with sheep, cows and bees. Her dad housed ten beehives on the far end of the property, and every weekend the whole family extracted and jarred honey. Goca learned at an early age to handle the smoker and care for the bees.

Goca realizes her childhood experiences were somewhat extraordinary, but it doesn't stop her from imagining a nature-filled life for her own family and neighbors. With a background in marketing and a passion for getting outside, she joined Cherry Hills Land Preserve to foster her ideals. The Land Preserve's board and its members share a like-minded vision to promote and safeguard the open spaces of Cherry Hills Village.

Cherry Hills Land Preserve is a local, nonprofit organization that was founded in 2005 by local residents who recognized the importance of our community's open spaces and shared a desire to protect and preserve these lands, now and for future generations. The Land Preserve focuses on preserving natural landscapes, connecting people to nature, and helping nature thrive in our community. Like a beehive, we're all in this together!

This year, the Land Preserve kicks off our sixteenth year of operations in Cherry Hills Village. We are thrilled to offer our community another season of exceptional educational programming, including our new Summer Series, featuring speakers, music and art inspired by nature. Bring the kids and grab the grandparents to be a part of our first Annual Environmental Initiative, the 2021 Bee Project.

The 2021 Bee Project offers educational opportunities from home with a Master Beekeeper and a pilot study with People and Pollinators Action Network and the University of Denver. In partnership with DU, the Land Preserve is organizing a baseline study this spring that will bring together academia and local residents to collect, collate, and report beehive activity and changes at Quincy Farm. This project will create and foster healthy habitats for native bees in Cherry Hills Village.

We invite you to stay abuzz with our current happenings, subscribe to our monthly newsletter, and sign up to become a member on our website at cherryhillslandpreserve.org. Join us to create sweet memories of your own, connect to nature and our community.

MAYOR'S REPORT

This month an update on historic Quincy Farm and 17.5 acres of open space in the center of our Village.



City Council Direction for Requests For Proposals

In my August 2020 Crier column, I described the permanent, extensive restrictions that Cat Anderson placed on the Quincy Farm property through a Deed of Conservation Easement. The restrictions assure that the property remains as open space and is used only for preservation, agriculture, and limited light recreational uses that instill an appreciation and respect for the natural and human history of our community.

In my September 2020 Crier column, I reported on Catherine Anderson's family's proposal to assume title to the property from the City and to manage the Farm subject to the existing legal restrictions. A copy of the Anderson Family plan is here: <https://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/DocumentCenter/View/3912/Natalie-Anderson-Proposed-Management-Plan-October-2020>

Following discussion and citizen comments at its January 5, 2021 regular meeting, City Council directed staff to draft a Request For Proposal (RFP) that would allow interested persons or entities, in addition to the Anderson family, an opportunity to submit proposals to preserve and manage the property. Here are several frequently asked questions and answers:

Question: Wouldn't conveying title to a public or private entity give away valuable open space? **No.** The Conservation Easement preserves the 17.5 acres as open space forever, regardless of who owns the title. The owner of title to the property cannot erect any new structures. The open space will remain protected *in perpetuity*, regardless of who owns the title.

Question: Isn't the title to Quincy Farm a significant City asset worth tens of millions of dollars on the open market? **No**, because the property is permanently encumbered by the Deed restrictions.

The title owner cannot subdivide, develop, or construct any improvements on the property and may use the property *only as permitted by the express terms of the Conservation Easement*. For example, the title owner may not build a new private residence. It is the *Conservation Easement* that is Cat Anderson's bequest to our community. The Conservation Easement prevents development and guarantees that the property will be permanently preserved as open space. The owner of *title to the property*, by contrast, owes substantial legal and financial duties to the easement holder. Among other things, the title owner must maintain the Big Barn and Hopkins House according to standards established by the Secretary of the Interior, and pay all operational and capital costs necessary to maintain and preserve Quincy Farm *forever*. Colorado Open Lands has the right and duty to sue if the title owner fails to comply with Deed restrictions. The Conservation Easement is an invaluable community asset; the title to the property is a financial liability.

Question: Why would anyone accept title to the property given the financial obligations of the Conservation Easement? Several persons and entities with a conservation focus might assume the obligations. The Conservation Deed itself names three – The Conservation Fund, the City of Cherry Hills Village, and Cat Anderson's heirs and beneficiaries. Often historic properties like Quincy Farm are owned by single purpose 501(c) (3) entities that exist to fundraise and manage properties in perpetuity. Gifts like Quincy Farm often are accompanied with endowments, something that the Anderson family was not able to provide when title passed to the City.

Question: Can't the City of Cherry Hills Village meet the financial obligations arising from holding title to Quincy Farm? As discussed in my column in the November 2020 Crier, under existing long-range financial forecasts the General Fund balance will fall below minimum thresholds by 2031 and will be depleted by 2035. Substantial expenditures for Quincy Farm or any other new projects are

not currently feasible until after the City's Certificates of Participation (bonds) used to finance construction of City Hall, the Public Works facility, and improvements to John Meade Park, are retired in 2041.

Question: Is taxpayer funding of Quincy Farm an existing Master Plan priority?

No, the existing Master Plan does not address Quincy Farm. When the Master Plan is updated the Village must balance limited revenues with needs for Quincy Farm, police protection, sewer repair and consolidation, road maintenance, cellular service, existing public parks and trails, undergrounding utilities, and other municipal demands.

Question: Will the repeal of the Gallagher Amendment and de-Brucing from TABOR provide substantial additional revenue that could be used for Quincy Farm? **No**. While the Gallagher repeal means that property tax revenue can gradually increase along with increasing property values, the City's long-range forecasts already assume a fixed residential assessment rate, increasing property values, and an increase in overall revenues. There are also discussions of a possible state-wide ballot proposition asking voters to further reduce the residential tax rate. See my column discussing the repeal of the Gallagher Amendment in the December 2020 Crier.

Question: Would conveying title to Quincy Farm close the High Line Canal to the public? **No**. The Conservation Easement provides that "Public use of the Canal Area is permitted subject to the terms of the Denver Water Easement." For many decades the public has enjoyed access to the High Line Canal segment through Quincy Farm because of the Denver Water easement. Denver Water plans to continue to hold and enforce that easement. If Denver Water's easement rights were to terminate for any reason, public access would continue to be assured by the express terms of the Quincy Farm Conservation Easement.

MONDAY OFFICE HOURS:

My regular Monday office hours will resume when the State Health Department lowers the risk level for COVID-19 transmission. Residents can reach me anytime at rstewart@cherryhillsvillage.com or 303-607-3688.

Russell

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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.

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The 2021 City of Cherry Hills Village TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

THE CITY WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING TREE
RESERVATIONS ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH.

There will be approximately 46 trees available to Cherry Hills Village residents (maximum of 2 per household). The types of trees that will be available for purchase are:

❖ Norwegian Sunset Maple	❖ Robinson Crabapple
❖ Hot Wings Tatarian Maple	❖ Common Hackberry
❖ Eastern Redbud	❖ London Planetree
❖ Northern Catalpa	❖ Chinkapin Oak
❖ Serviceberry Autumn Brilliance	❖ English Oak

**TREE RESERVATIONS BEGIN FRIDAY,
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All tree descriptions and prices are posted on the City's website: cherryhillsvillage.com/TreePlantingProgram.

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.

Cherry Hills Village Parks Department WELCOMES TWO NEW PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKERS



Dustin Bishop

has joined the City of Cherry Hills Village Parks Department as a maintenance worker. Although Dustin is new to Cherry Hills Village, he has experience in the Parks and Open Space field. Prior to Cherry Hills Village, Dustin worked for the City of Aurora Open Space Division for two and a half years as

a maintenance worker maintaining open spaces, parks, and trails; including 11 miles of the High Line Canal. Before the City of Aurora, he worked at Bass Pro Shops in Denver as a special events employee. Dustin greatly enjoys the outdoors, whether that is taking a walk on a nice trail, a trip to the mountains, kayaking, canoeing, camping, hunting, fishing, or spending time at the park. He enjoys Colorado's outdoors most when accompanied by his wife and two sons. Dustin is excited to join a great group of Parks workers and serve the community of Cherry Hills Village.

Ryan Outinen joins the

City of Cherry Hills Village Parks Division after recently moving to Colorado from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He worked for six years as a maintenance technician taking care of a commercial building and the surrounding greenspaces. He enjoys spending time in his garage working on vehicles or exploring the mountains of Colorado with his girlfriend and two huskies.



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FRAUDULENT UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

The Cherry Hills Village Police Department has received several reports of fraudulent unemployment claims and would like to make you aware of this scam and what you can do if you are a victim.

If you did not file an unemployment claim and you receive a letter regarding an unemployment claim from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, and/or a U.S. Bank Reliacard and a PIN number for Colorado unemployment benefits, you can submit a fraud report at <https://cdle.colorado.gov/>, and call 1-855-282-6161 to deactivate the card.

It is recommended that you contact the three credit bureaus and put a fraud alert on your name and Social Security Number (SSN). These may be automated systems and you may have to leave your SSN and date of birth.

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285

Experian: 1-888-397-3742

TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289

As a reminder, check your monthly bank and credit card statements for fraudulent activity to protect your credit and avoid identity theft.

SNOW REMOVAL ON SIDEWALKS

As more residents utilize the City's streets, sidewalks and trails, the Public Works Department would like to issue a friendly reminder that residents are responsible for shoveling/removing snow and ice from sidewalks on or adjacent to their property. 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 State highways on a priority basis. 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.

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