

the VILLAGE CRIER

July 2022 Newsletter



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Cherry Hills Village welcomes
Police Chief
JASON LYONS



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CITY SAYS
Farewell
TO FINANCE
DIRECTOR,
Jessica Sager

After 17 years, Jessica Sager's last day with the City was Wednesday, May 25th. Jessica was recognized for her many roles and accomplishments at the City Council meeting on May 17th.



From Left: Councilor Randy Weil, Mayor Pro Tem Katy Brown, Mayor Russell Stewart, Director Jessica Sager, Councilor Al Blum, Councilor Mike Gallagher, City Manager Chris Cramer



NEW DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION **Doug Farmen**

Director Doug Farmen grew up in the Pacific Northwest just north of Seattle on the Puget Sound, attending Washington State University. He still attends 'Cougar' football and basketball games each year with college buddies.

Doug's marriage has paralleled his governmental finance career, which spreads over thirty years. They have two grown sons and his wife is now a Doctor of Education.

Doug has served as the Finance Director for the City of Edmonds and the City of Kenmore in Washington State; and the City of Littleton and the City of Centennial in Colorado. Doug's municipal career has also included serving on the national Government Finance Officers' Association of the U.S. and Canada's Budget and Treasury Management committees. He's enjoyed connecting with finance professionals all over the U.S. and Canada and sharing various initiatives and Best Practices.

In his spare time, Doug enjoys traveling with his wife, hiking (moderate trails!), biking, fitness, and watching sports of all types. Don't hold it against him, but he's a Seattle Seahawk fan!

Interested in running for **City Council?**

Attend the Candidate Information Session at City Hall on August 9, 2022 from 4-5pm. Learn about City operations, logistics of being on City Council, and steps to becoming a candidate. Find more information on the City website at cherryhillsvillage.com/elections.

For questions contact City Clerk Laura Gillespie at 303-783-2732 or lgillespie@cherryhillsvillage.com or stop by City Hall Monday-Friday 8-4:30.

POTENTIAL BALLOT MEASURE

The City is considering placing a Remote Sellers/Internet Sales Tax issue on the November 2022 ballot. If it goes on the ballot, the issue would ask voters to update the language in the City Code as relates to sales tax collection on sales of items delivered into the Village by businesses that are not physically located in the Village, including sales by online vendors.

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For more information visit the City website at cherryhillsvillage.com/remotesalestax. If your Homeowners Association (HOA) or community group would like to receive a presentation about the issue, please contact City Clerk Laura Gillespie at lgillespie@cherryhillsvillage.com, or 303-783-2732.

If City Council chooses to put this issue on the November 2022 ballot, they will do so in late-July or early-August.

**ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 8, 2022.**



MEET THE NEW EMPLOYEES OF CHV STREETS DEPARTMENT



FORREST MILLER

Forrest Miller joins the City of Cherry Hills Village Streets Department as a Crew Chief. He was previously employed by Wildland Construction and the Town of Avon. Forrest brings an enormous amount of experience to the table, focusing on asphalt maintenance, heavy equipment operations, snow removal, and earth working practicing. Forrest also holds his associates degree in IT Networking.

During his time off, Forrest enjoys camping on the weekends, learning about history, and spending time with his family and friends.



ANTHONY GUERRIE

Anthony (Tony) joins the City of Cherry Hills Village Streets Department as a heavy equipment operator. He was previously employed by the South Suburban Parks and Recreation Department for fifteen years. He has also worked a commercial truck

driver, driving across the country. Tony's experience in heavy equipment operations, snow removal practices, and commercial trucking will prove beneficial to the streets departments success. In Tony's free time, he enjoys off roading in his jeep, camping, riding his motorcycle, and traveling the state of Colorado.



DOMINIC GUERRIE

Dominic (Dom) joins the City of Cherry Hills Village Streets Department as a heavy equipment operator. He was previously employed by the South Suburban Parks and Recreation Department for fifteen years. During his time at South Suburban, he oversaw the departments irrigation

systems and turfgrass areas. Dom's experience in snow removal, equipment operations, and dirt work will provide beneficial resources to the Streets Department's needs. Dom also holds his bachelor's degree in communications. During his spare time, Dom enjoys spending time with his wife and daughter, skiing in the mountains, and camping in the summers.

**OUTDOOR MOVIE
NIGHT –
The Muppet Movie
Saturday, August 20th
John Meade Park
POPCORN!
ICE CREAM! DRINKS!**

**Magic Show at 7pm
Balloon Art at 7:30pm
Movie begins at dusk**



Join Us!
TUESDAY
AUGUST 2, 2022
4:30-7:30PM

On August 2, 2022, the Cherry Hills Village Police Department will host the annual National Night Out at the Joint Public Safety Facility from 4:30pm until 7:30pm. This nation-wide program takes place in all 50 states with over 16,000 communities and approximately 38 million neighbors participating. National Night Out is a way to enhance the relationships between neighbors and law enforcement in local communities.

The event will include officers giving tours of the Joint Public Safety Facility, showcase of police vehicles such as traffic cars, motorcycles, bicycles and community service vehicles, as well as the fire trucks from our partners at the South Metro Fire Authority.

Other parts of the festivities include

FACE PAINTING
PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA
KONA SHAVED ICE
 provided by the police department, and
FUN GIVEAWAYS!

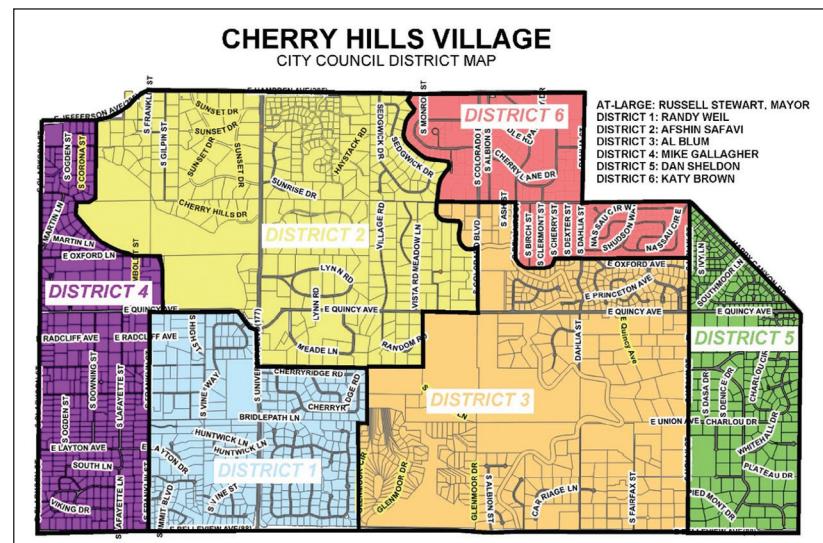
For more information about the CHVPD National Night Out activities, please contact Officer John-Norman Flaum at jflaum@cherryhillsvillage.com.

New City Council Boundaries Established Based on 2020 US Census Data

After reviewing several different options to adjust City Council District boundaries based on population data from the 2020 US Census, the City Council adopted a new Council District map at the May 17, 2022 meeting. The Village Charter requires the City Council to re-evaluate Council District boundaries after each federal decennial census to ensure that the Districts have approximately the same number of voters. The City uses ten percent as a best practices threshold, and the previous District boundaries resulted in a population difference larger than ten percent.

The only change between the previous and new District boundaries is to the southern border between District 3 and District 5, which was shifted to align with Holly Street.

Although all City Council members are elected at large, it is helpful for each Village resident to know who their main representative is on the Council. The new Council District map can be viewed on the City website at cherryhillsvillage.com under the City Council tab, along with contact information for each Council member.



MAYOR'S REPORT

This month a report on a possible change to City sales tax policy.

Possible November 2022 Ballot Question

Like virtually every similar municipality in Colorado, Cherry Hills Village has for many years imposed a 3.5% sales tax on purchases of tangible personal property. But unlike virtually every similar municipality, our Municipal Code levies a sales tax only on entities that *maintain a physical place of business* in the City, which in our Village are few indeed. The tax codes of most municipalities, by contrast, impose sales tax on entities *doing business in their city*, which includes internet retailers that mail or deliver goods into their jurisdictions.

The City is not proposing to change the 3.5% rate. The potential November ballot question would only expand the definition of sellers who must collect and remit sales tax to the Village.

As I described in Crier's April 2021 Mayor's Report, the Village Code sales tax provision was enacted by the Village when the United States Constitution **prohibited** cities from taxing mail order and other retailers that had no physical presence in the municipality. *See Nat'l Bellas Hess, Inc. v. Dep't of Revenue of State of Ill.*, 386 U.S. 753 (1967), which held that no state or city could impose the duty of tax collection and payment upon a seller whose only connection with customers in the state is by common carrier or the United States mail.

Four years ago, the United States Supreme Court in *South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.*, 138 S. Ct. 2080 (2018) executed a 180-degree reversal and ruled that cities like Cherry Hills Village can – consistent with the Commerce Clause – collect sales tax from sellers who do not have a physical presence within a municipality ("remote sellers").



The City Council is now considering asking voters this November to approve an amendment to the City Code that would extend the 3.5% sales tax to remote sellers and align our city with the *Wayfair* decision. **The proposed amendment would not increase the existing 3.5% sales tax rate.**

Instead, the approval of this amendment would authorize the City to apply the current sales tax to remote sellers using existing language in the City Code. Because this is a change in tax policy that will increase revenue to the Village, the Colorado Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) requires a vote of the people.

The Village now collects more than \$1 million each year in sales tax revenue from internet and other remote sellers who – despite our Code's language and staff's efforts at education – routinely collect and remit to the Village a 3.5% tax on sales of tangible personal property delivered to the homes of Village residents. The Village currently receives about 13% of its total revenue from payments remitted by remote sellers, and approval of this amendment is an important policy change to maintain operations and fiscal health. Because the Village must maintain an annual balanced budget, reducing City revenue by 13% would require cutting money spent on staffing and operations in Police, Public Works, and Administration Departments.

Sales tax revenue is also essential to the long-term financial health of the Village. As explained in the Crier's November 2020 Mayor's Report, in 2017 our Village borrowed about \$11.5 million to complete a new Public Works Facility, to build a new City Hall, and to improve John Meade Park. Each year the City pays about \$742,000 in principal and interest on Certificates of Participation (bonds) to pay for these building projects. The COP payments will continue through the year 2042. Today,

the total debt obligation of the Village (principal and interest due through 2042) is about \$14.8 million. Most of the funds used to pay the COPs are drawn from the Capital Fund monies set aside by past city councils.

The Capital Fund does not have adequate reserves to retire the COPs. The Village's 2022 Annual Budget explains that without sales tax revenue from remote sellers, the Capital Fund will be depleted by 2027, and the General Fund will be depleted by 2032:

The City's long-range financial plan is projected to 2042. This is because the City will have interest and principal payments for the Certificates of Participation that were issued in 2017. If revenues and expenditures increase as projected, the Capital Fund will be depleted in 2027 and the General Fund will be depleted in 2032. The long-range financial plan . . . assumes that there will be no remote or outside Cherry Hills Village sales tax beginning in 2023.

If voters decline to extend the 3.5% sales tax to remote sellers, the General Fund is forecast to fall below minimum reserve amounts within ten years. If voters approve extending the 3.5% sales tax to remote sellers, current levels of City services can be maintained, and the projected date of General Fund depletion will be pushed beyond 2035.

Council members and City staff have been meeting with residents for the last several months to explain these possible changes to the Code's tax policy. The Village website at CherryHillsVillage.com/RemoteSalesTax contains frequently asked questions (and answers) and much more information about the possible ballot question.

MONDAY MAYOR MEETINGS

I hold regular drop-in office hours at City Hall open to all Village residents on Mondays from 9 to 11, and at other times by appointment, 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 45 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 303-783-2732 or email lgillespie@cherryhillsvillage.com.

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- Events**
- Gardening/Landscaping**
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- Music/Instrument/**
 - Education/Repair
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- Professional Services**
- Real Estate**
- Tech Help/Services**
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Deadline: July 15

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Residential window washer in business for twenty-three years. Owner operated, insured and references available. Free in person estimate. I return calls in 10 minutes or less. Rick Otto at 303-613-0727. Specializing in ranch homes and houses with walkout basements.

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Education

FIRST PLYMOUTH LEARNING CENTER – Registration for the 2022-2023 school year begins January 19, 2022. 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

MATH TUTORING GRADES 7-12. For 30+ years and a decade online, my private math students earned the highest grades at school and top SAT & ACT scores. Please visit perdocere.com to learn more and read hundreds of testimonials with prominent named validations. Dr. George, Harvard Ph.D., MIT B.S. 833-MATH-833.

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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.

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

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MOUNTAIN HOUSE - Looking for long-term renters to split our mountain house on the Raven Golf Course in Silverthorne, CO. 6bed/6bath, 8,000sq ft, heated 3-car garage. Entertain friends & family or have it to yourself. Store your ski & summer gear. Please contact Amy 918-607-6500.

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 or adcwildlifespecialist@gmail.com

RALPH'S READING GARDEN

in John Meade Park

Project and Right-of-Way Manager Ralph Mason retired in March after 40 years with the City. To honor his extraordinary service to Cherry Hills Village, the Parks division has created “Ralph’s Reading Garden” within John Meade Park. Ralph often suggested creating a reading garden as a park improvement, so we are thrilled to be able to honor his idea!

Staff extends a special thank-you to the Parks, Trails, and



Recreation Commission for their support of this project.

The garden is located amongst the most mature trees in the southwest corner of John Meade Park, on a rise where the rest of the park can be seen. Our horticulturist on staff, Hans Kaufenberg, has designed a circular garden bed with a bench and seating rocks. The design includes a Colorado-themed section of plants, featuring a single boulder representing a mountain surrounded by ornamental cultivars of Colorado’s state plants—Blue Grama grass, Columbines, and a tiny dwarf Blue Spruce – as a nod to Ralph’s mountain-climbing adventures all over the state. It features a bench and plaque in honor of Ralph and his forty years of service. The garden is now complete, so families and children from the nearby schools can visit and enjoy the new space.

Check it out the next time you visit the park!



Join Us in the Creek and at the Farm!

- Green Thumb Club July 6, 9:00 – 10:30 am at Quincy Farm
- Creeks & Critters July 23, 9:30 – 11:30 am at Woodie Hollow Park
- Beekeeping Discussion July 26, 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Quincy Farm

Find out more at quincyfarm.org/chlp-programs



CHERRY HILLS
LAND PRESERVE

LEARN | EXPLORE | PROTECT

USE INDICATOR WEEDS FOR A HEALTHY LAWN

Pam Rosendal, Colorado Master Gardener

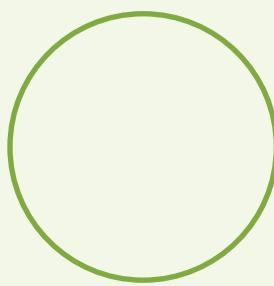
Summer is here. Trees are green and flowers are blooming, and so are those darn weeds! Every year homeowners fight weeds in their lawns and every year they come back. With a little detective work and some changes to your lawn care program, weeds can be kept at bay.

Of course, the best defense against weeds in the lawn is good maintenance. A thick healthy lawn will choke out most weeds over time. That means proper watering, fertilizing, and mowing.

Certain types of weeds in the lawn, called indicator weeds, can signal what may be going wrong. Prostrate spurge, knotweed, mouse-ear chickweed, or annual bluegrass can indicate that the soil is compacted. To correct this, core aerate in the spring and fall to break up the compaction.

Crabgrass, yellow wood sorrel, and white clover are a sign that the mower is set too low. Recommended mower height is 2.5 to 3 inches. Taller turf grass shades the ground so weed seedlings have a harder time germinating.

Insufficient water encourages dandelions, black medic, and bindweed. Check your irrigation system to make



Black Medic
Utahpests.usu.edu

sure it's properly covering all lawn areas. Use a catch-can test to determine if there is a coverage problem. If poor coverage isn't the problem, you may need to increase the amount of water. Programming your system with a cycle and soak setting can reduce water runoff.

On the flip side, overwatered lawns invite annual bluegrass, crabgrass, violets, and ground ivy. Make sure the sprinklers aren't running too long or too often.

Over application of fertilizer can encourage henbit, yellow wood sorrel, and annual bluegrass. Fertilize turf once in May to mid-June, once in September, and once in November, using the amount recommended for your turf type.

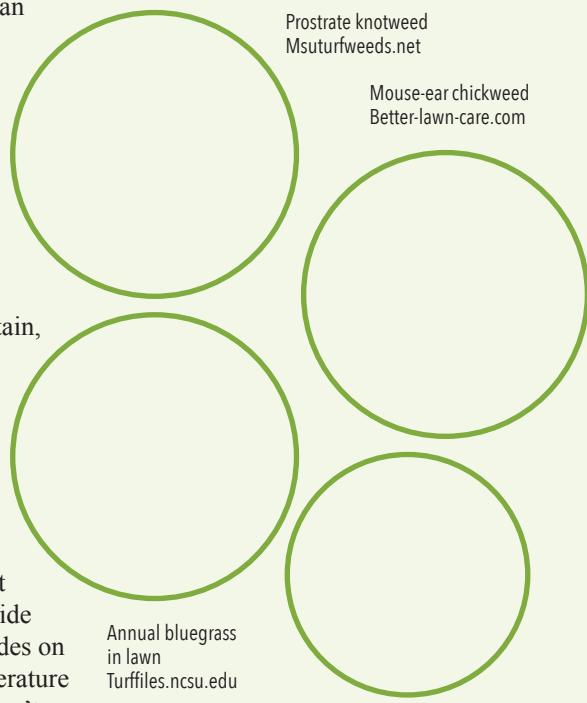
Insufficient fertilizer and too much water can create ideal conditions for black medic, plantain, and white clover. If these weeds are a problem, cut back on the water and fertilize.

Herbicides are an option for controlling weeds until the changes you've made to your lawn care take effect. If you have only a few weeds, spot treat them rather than applying herbicide to the entire lawn. Apply herbicides on a calm, clear day when the temperature is between 50 and 85 degrees. Don't apply if rain is predicted in the next 12

hours and don't irrigate for 12 hours after application. And most importantly, always read and follow all directions on the herbicide label.

With a little time and effort, you can have the best looking, nearly weed-free lawn in the neighborhood. If you need additional help, or have questions, call the Master Gardener volunteers at 303-730-1920 or e-mail mastergardener@arapahoegov.com.

Read more details on lawn care and indicator weeds at <https://extension.colostate.edu/>.



Prostrate knotweed
Msuturfweeds.net

Mouse-ear chickweed
Better-lawn-care.com

Annual bluegrass
in lawn
Turffiles.ncsu.edu

Yellow wood sorrel
Amazon.com

Seeking Members!

If you relish the beauty of blossoms, glory in the lushness of trees and lawns, and enjoy the company of others 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 nearly 60 years to serve Cherry Hills Village residents and has expanded to include Greenwood Village residents.

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

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



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. In an effort to protect the privacy of our babysitters, the Crier only prints names and phone numbers in the listing.

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

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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

Anjali Devagupta * ** 303-639-6110
Jessica Diamond 303-692-9475
Isabella Diamond 303-692-9475
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Presley Harding+ * ** • 720-984-9600
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Alexa Huguez+ * 720-244-4034
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Morgan Jones+ 303-910-9422

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Emily Markenson+ * 303-917-6138
Rachel Markenson+ * 303-917-3727
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Will Matthews* 303-781-6777
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Katie Mullen 303-803-8150
Claire Murphy* 307-351-9172
Emma Murphy* ** 307-359-5380
Molly Murphy* ** 307-359-2404
Eleanor Nielsen* ** • 720-884-7727
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(mentor in education)
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Elizabeth Schwartz 303-886-7431
Sander Sveen* 303-761-7757

Caitlin Vickers+ 303-756-3266
Margaret Vogelpohl+ * 303-320-0546
Sloane Wehrman+ * ** 303-870-6269
Davis Woodruff * ** 720-448-9330
Emory Woodruff+ * ** • ▲ 303-717-1904
(mentor in education)
Kingsley Woodruff 720-326-7429
(pet allergies)
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 Laura Gillespie at lgillespie@cherryhillsvillage.com.

A special "thank you" to those of you who have already contacted The Crier with updates.

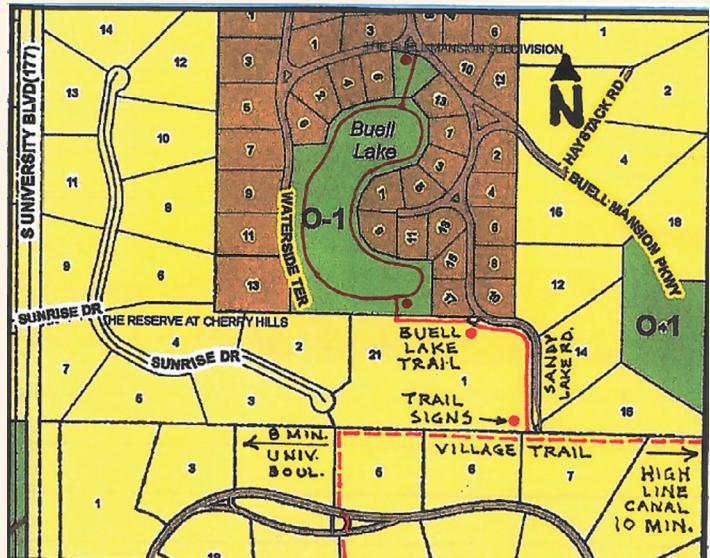
ON THE TRAIL

WITH PARKS, TRAILS, AND
RECREATION COMMISSIONER
FRED WOLFE

Cherry Hills Village contains approximately eighteen lakes or large ponds. These lakes or ponds are located primarily on private property. Only five of these lakes are accessible to the public. These five water bodies include the two ponds immediately adjacent to our village administrative offices, the two large lakes on the Kent Denver School property, and Buell Lake. Walkers and anglers frequently visit these lakes. Buell Lake is located within the Buell Mansion Property. It is also a large lake in a very peaceful setting. It takes about fifteen minutes to walk completely around the lake. Snow geese and ducks can be seen here nearly year-round.

Buell Mansion is a 116-acre exclusive residential community on the southeast corner of Hampden Avenue and University Boulevard. It was developed in the early 2000's and is named for noted American (and Denver) architect Temple Buell (1895-1990) who lived on this property for many years in the Buell Mansion which now serves as the community meeting center. Buell Lake was on this property prior to the residential development.

The trail around Buell Lake is very flat and contains three sitting benches and two trash can/dog bag stations. There are two



pedestrian entrances to the lake itself. The north entrance is off of Gooseberry Lane and is the primary lake entrance for Buell Mansion residents. The south entrance is located where Sandy Lake Road ends. The signed Village Trail proceeds east from this point to the High Line Canal (10-minute walk) or west to University Boulevard (8-minute walk). The round-trip walk from this south entrance around the lake and back takes about twenty-two minutes. The actual trail signs ("Buell Lake Trail") should be installed this summer.

checked weekly from Spring through September and treated with a biological larvicide as needed. This program was developed to help reduce the risk of mosquito borne diseases, like West Nile Virus, to the residents, visitors, and workers.

West Nile virus is a disease that can be transmitted to humans by mosquitoes. It first appeared in the U.S. in 1999 in New York and now is in Colorado. It is not common to get a severe case of this illness and most infected people will not get sick or will have only mild symptoms. However, West Nile virus can be fatal.

West Nile virus is carried long distances by infected birds and then spread locally by mosquitoes that bite these birds. The mosquitoes can then pass the virus to humans and animals, particularly horses. There is a vaccine for horses, but none for humans. House pets do not spread the illness.

You can help reduce mosquito breeding sites around your property by checking for items that might hold stagnant water including wheelbarrows, toys, garden equipment, pool covers, tarps, plastic sheeting, pipes, drains, boats, ponds, ditches, rain gutters, flowerpots, plant saucers, puddles, buckets, and cans.

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

The City of Cherry Hills Village has a Mosquito Control Program that has identified numerous potential mosquito breeding habitats in public areas maintained by the City. Only female mosquitos bite and can lay up to 250 eggs every week in still water, which hatch in 7 to 14 days. These sites are

Updated Bicycle Law: **SAFETY STOP**

As of April 2022, Colorado state law allows bicyclists to perform the “Safety Stop” at intersections. The Safety Stop gives people on bikes and other “low speed conveyances” the legal option to ride slowly through stop signs without stopping first, as long as they are yielding right-of-way to pedestrians and other road users who have the right-of-way. Bicyclists and users of low-speed conveyances may also proceed at red lights after coming to a complete stop, if there is no oncoming traffic. Bicyclists and low-speed conveyance users can approach intersections at a reasonable speed and choose to apply the Safety Stop or continue to perform a traditional stop at both stop signs and red lights. Only bicyclists ages 15 and over may perform the Safety Stop. Younger riders may do so when they are with a parent or legal guardian.

The Safety Stop is safer for bicyclists and motorists alike. Intersections are by far the most dangerous locations for bicyclists. According to Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) data, in 2017-2019, 72.2% of reported crashes between bicyclists and drivers took place at intersections or were “intersection related.” When bicyclists are able to get out of the intersection and away from that conflict zone before a potential crash can occur, their safety improves. Research shows that the Safety Stop:

- ▲ Reduces interactions between motorists and bicyclists in intersections.
- ▲ Reduces crashes in intersections.
- ▲ Increases the visibility of bicyclists in the intersection.
- ▲ Reduces the number of bicyclist-only injuries associated with starting and stopping on a bicycle

Colorado is the ninth state to pass a Safety Stop law; Utah, Oklahoma, and North Dakota passed similar laws in 2021.

Fishing at John Meade Park

Both ponds at John Meade Park are open for fishing. Two piers were installed in the park during the renovations – one at each pond. Both ponds were also dredged to remove muck and provide healthier habitat. The ponds were stocked with bluegill last year by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The ponds also have some bass and carp that have come down Greenwood Gulch. Anyone 16+ should have a valid license.



**CATCH AND
RELEASE ONLY,
PLEASE!**

Respect Equestrians on Trails

SAFETY REMINDER: *cyclists yield to pedestrians on trails, and all trail users yield to horses!* Horses are large, easily startled prey animals. Yielding keeps you, the rider, and the horse safe.

In addition to yielding, you should always announce your presence if you’re coming up on an equestrian along the trail. With horses in particular, please use your voice, not a bell! Bells can spook horses. (Sometimes they’ll even startle people!) Spooked horses might jump...onto you. Ouch.

Thank you for being respectful! Horses are a special part of the history of Cherry Hills Village, and your courtesy on trails allows riders to safely continue the City’s equestrian tradition.

**Who yields on
trails?
Cyclists yield to
pedestrians, and
all trail
users yield
to
equestrians.**



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Technology is advancing in every area of our lives, and soon you'll benefit from the new digital technology that will help bring you cleaner, safer and more reliable energy. As part of building the advanced grid, Xcel Energy will exchange your electric meters with smart meters. Xcel Energy will install smart meters over the next few months in your community.

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The smart electric meter exchange requires minimal to no action on your part. No appointment is necessary and homeowners don't need be home during the exchange. Customers will receive additional guidance through emails and postcards in advance of their smart meter exchange.

For more information about smart meters visit xcelenergy.com/SmartMeter.

FIRE HAZARD MITIGATION

South Metro Fire Rescue has many resources to help residents mitigate fire hazards.

Visit cherryhillsvillage.com/SMFR to view various handouts and articles. Request a home wildfire assessment by emailing ReducingRisk@southmetro.org or by calling 720-989-2000.