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**Master Plan
Update**

Open House

On behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission, City staff and the project consultant (RICK Engineering), will host the second open house for the City's Master Plan update. The exact day and time have not yet been determined, but it will occur sometime in late February or early March. Due to the rising COVID-19 cases from the different variants, the City wants to ensure that this meeting is held in-person and in the safest way possible. Once a final date and time is determined that information will be publicized via the City's different platforms. Subjects at this open house will likely include options for different topics covered in the Plan and some information related to visioning.

The Master Plan is a critical document that the City uses to help make decisions

about a variety of things. From funding capital improvement projects to making decisions on land use applications, the Master Plan is the City's guide. Per Colorado state law, every jurisdiction is required to have a Master Plan (sometimes called a Comprehensive Plan). The Master Plan is a long-range policy document that generally looks at time horizons of 20 to 30 years. It is standard practice for communities to update their Master Plan every five to ten years. The first Master Plan in the City of Cherry Hills Village was adopted in 1970 and was updated in 1993. The current Master Plan was adopted in 2008. For more information on the Master Plan you can contact Paul Workman, Planning Manager, at pworkman@cherryhillsvillage.com or 303-783-2729.

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ON THE TRAIL

Submitted by Parks, Trails and Recreation member Fred Wolfe

Cherry Hills Village contains approximately 44-miles of walking dirt trails and paved bicycle paths. The most well-known

and most widely used trail is the High Line Canal. This former irrigation Canal is one of the longest linear parks in the United States. The multi-use trail/maintenance road next to the Canal winds through the Village for 3.75 miles beginning from the north at Hampden Avenue and ending at Bellevue Avenue on the south. Two underpasses at Hampden and Bellevue provide safe crossings for Canal trail users beneath these two high-volume highways.

The High Line Canal is a 71-mile-long manmade irrigation ditch that was originally designed to transport water by gravity from Waterton Canyon on the southwest to ranch properties northeast of Denver. Canal construction began in 1881 and was completed in 1883. It cost \$650,000. Although the Canal was projected to carry nearly 750 million gallons of water per day, it actually averaged only 71 million gallons. This Canal was also known as "The Ditch." Denver Water acquired the Canal in 1924 and still manages it today. Very little water can be seen in the Canal now as 60% to 80% of the released water is lost to seepage or evaporation before it reaches Aurora, so it is rarely used to deliver irrigation water anymore.

Even though Canal water is intermittent, the adjacent trail in Cherry Hills Village provides a unique recreational experience. This 12-foot-wide trail was only opened for public use in 1970. Six pedestrian bridges over the Canal allow walkers, runners, bicyclists (not E-Bikes), skiers, and snowshoers access to the Canal Trail throughout the year from many neighborhoods in the Village. Three Pond Park is the exact halfway point (35.5 miles in each direction) for the 71-mile long High Line Canal. Future trail columns will address trail usage on the Canal.

RECREATION REIMBURSEMENT POLICY CHANGE

The City is excited to announce a policy change to the Recreation Reimbursement Program for youth activities. The policy currently requires all eligible recreational facilities be a non-profit 501(c)3 youth sports organization. The City will now reimburse all non-profit youth sports activities. The policy for private youth sports organizations and school sports is not changing and they do not qualify for reimbursement. This policy change went into effect January 1, 2022 and will only be valid for 2022 receipts. If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Broyles at 303-783-2744.

The 2022 City of Cherry Hills Village

TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Tree reservations begin at the end of February!!!

The City of Cherry Hills Village is pleased to announce that the 11th Annual Tree Planting Program is right around the corner. There is a maximum of two trees per household. This program is for Cherry Hills Village residents only.

The types of trees that are available for purchase are listed below. The order form can be found on the City's website at

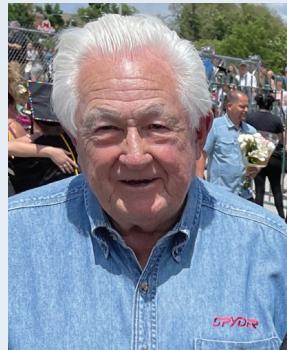
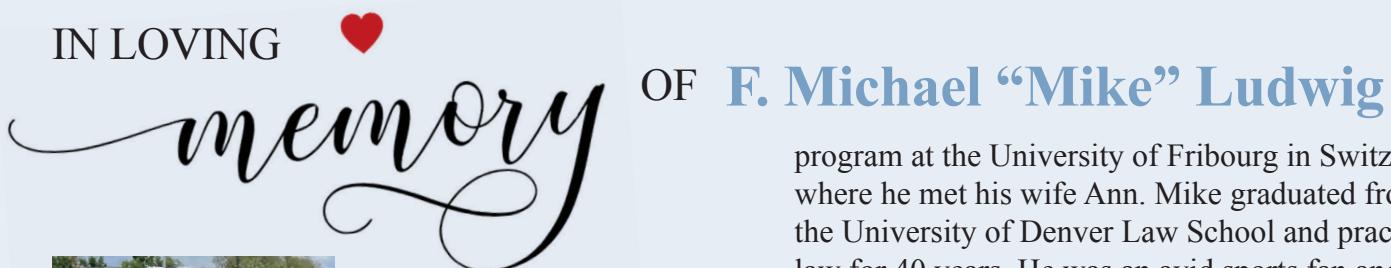
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For more information, please call (303) 783-2744 or email Pamela Broyles at pbroyles@cherryhillsvillage.com.



F. Michael "Mike" Ludwig was born in Denver to parents Frank and Madge Ludwig. He attended Steck Elementary School and Christ the King before graduating from Regis High School in 1957. Mike went to college at Georgetown

University earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and philosophy. In his junior year of college, Mike participated in a year abroad

program at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland where he met his wife Ann. Mike graduated from the University of Denver Law School and practiced law for 40 years. He was an avid sports fan and outdoorsman. His family would take annual trips to a ranch on the Little Snake River near the Wyoming border. Mike also loved watching and playing tennis. He and Ann took many trips to watch professional tennis in person. Throughout his varied interests and activities, Mike has been blessed with many lifelong friendships. Mike is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ann (Cunningham) Ludwig; his four children, Peter (Debra), Kathryn (Hilary), Karen Lafferty (Tom) and John; his three grandchildren, Gregory Ludwig, Allison and Christopher Lafferty; his nephew, Mark Kulish, and his niece, Claudia Kulish.

MAYOR'S REPORT

This month: information on the history, progress, and future of undergrounding overhead utility lines in Cherry Hills Village



The Past: Village Undergrounding Efforts In Public Rights-of-Way

There about 50,000 linear feet of overhead lines located along arterial roads and state highways in Cherry Hills Village. Xcel Energy uses about 35,000 feet of these lines, CenturyLink another 15,000 feet.

One of the objectives identified in the 2008 Village Master Plan is enhancement of the design and character of streets and streetscapes. The Master Plan directs Council to "Evaluate possible methods and financial resources for the burial of above-ground utility lines on public land."

Placing overhead lines underground will (1) enhance public safety by eliminating traffic hazards and removing a cause of storm-related power outages; (2) eliminate aggressive pruning of the Village's maturing tree canopy along street rights-of-way; and (3) enhance the visual appearance of the community. Village residents have consistently ranked utility undergrounding as a top priority public project.

In January 2014, City Council created the Utility Line Undergrounding Study Committee. The Study Committee was charged with surveying existing above-ground lines, providing a priority ranking for the sequence of undergrounding lines, and predicting the overall cost for undergrounding overhead lines in public rights-of-way.

On May 1, 2015, the Study Committee issued a final report. The cost of undergrounding all overhead lines in public-rights-of way along arterial roads and state highways was estimated at \$14 million. The report identified priority streets such as Quincy, Colorado, Mansfield, University, Happy Canyon, Clarkson, and Hampden, in that order. The study is available at <http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/309/Utility-Line-Undergrounding-Study-Committee>.

The Present: Xcel 1% Fund and Current Undergrounding along Quincy

The Village's existing franchise agreement with Xcel Energy requires Xcel to allocate

1% of the preceding year's gross revenues from Village residents to bury overhead distribution lines in the public rights-of-way. The fee collects about \$100,000 every year from Village taxpayers.

By 2019, the amount available to the Village was about \$1,259,000. On

August 6, 2019, Council directed staff to begin engineering design work for undergrounding utility lines along Quincy Avenue from Happy Canyon to Holly Street. On September 1, 2020, Council approved the expenditure of \$1,136,500 for Xcel's portion of the project, and \$69,803 for the cost of undergrounding CenturyLink's lines.¹

In 2021, construction commenced and is now nearing completion of burying overhead utility lines along Quincy Avenue from Happy Canyon Road to Holly Street.

The Future: Elimination of the Restriction on Public Utility Competitive Bidding

The 2014 Study Committee reported that industry professionals suggested expenses could be substantially reduced if undergrounding projects were let for competitive bidding either by the municipality or Xcel. The Study Committee reported costs per linear foot exceeded those in the private sector and expressed concern about a lack of transparency in the process by which Xcel estimated its construction costs. The Study Committee "recommend[ed] that the City continue to pursue a most cost-effective arrangement with Xcel [if] undergrounding is to be completed with public funds."

Following the direction of the Study Committee, the Village revisited state legislation that prohibits competitive bidding for removing overhead facilities and replacement by underground facilities. Section 29-8-132, C.R.S. currently states:

1. The public utility has the duty to maintain, repair, and replace all underground facilities installed under this article. *There shall be no competitive bidding as to the construction of the converted facilities [from overhead to underground]* since existing facilities are owned, maintained, and operated by the public utility and the continuity of service of the utility

is essential, both of which make construction work by third persons impractical.

This 1973 law is obsolete, as public utilities now routinely contract for undergrounding overhead utilities. The anti-competitive bidding provision is also fundamentally inconsistent with best practices for fiscally responsible expenditures of tax-payer money.

In late fall 2021 the Village approached the Policy Committee of the Colorado Municipal League for support to revise the statute to bring competitive bidding, transparency, and fiscal accountability to public undergrounding projects. The Policy Committee voted to recommend that the CML Board initiate legislation, and the CML Board unanimously approved the Policy Committee recommendation.

This CML proposed statutory change would delete the italicized language that prohibits competitive bidding and require, whenever public funds are used, the public utility to itemize the work and costs to be paid by the municipality. For undergrounding work contracted to third parties, public utilities must seek competitive bids and provide bid documents and results to the municipality.

Funding for complete undergrounding of lines in the public rights-of-way poses a challenge for our Village, as 1% tax provides inadequate funding. The 2015 Study Committee also recommended that the Village seek voter approval for a building material use tax of 3% that would be applied to 50% of the project valuation of all construction permits for new builds and renovations. This would, if approved by voters, align the Village's taxing policies with those of Greenwood Village, Centennial, Englewood and other metro jurisdictions.

MAYOR MONDAYS. I have resumed regular drop-in office hours on Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m. at City Hall. I'm also available by appointment other days and times. You can reach me to schedule a meeting at rstewart@cherryhillsvillage.com or 303-607-3688.

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¹ Comcast also uses public rights-of-way to deliver cable service to residents. In November 2021, the Village renegotiated its franchise agreement with Comcast to provide that if other (Xcel or CenturyLink) above ground utilities are placed underground, Comcast must underground its lines at its own expense.

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) 783-2730 or email jsager@cherryhillsvillage.com.

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ANNUAL & FALSE ALARM PERMITS

The Cherry Hills Village Police Department will mail security alarm permit invoices in February. All alarm permits can be paid on the City's website at cherryhillsvillage.com using a checking account or any type of credit card. Click on the "PAY & REGISTER ONLINE" button to the right and select the Sewer or Security Alarm Invoice link. Instructions for paying the permit will also be printed on the invoice. If you have set up your Xpress Bill Pay account as an "auto pay account," you will receive a notification that an invoice is ready. Xpress Bill Pay will

automatically debit the payment type that was originally attached the account so you will not need to respond to the invoice, it is for informational purposes only. For any questions regarding the 2022 invoices or if you would like assistance setting up an Xpress Bill Pay account, you can email Terri Littleford at tittleford@cherryhillsvillage.com or call (303) 761-8711.

Security alarm systems can help prevent burglaries; however, false alarms divert police resources from other important duties. Most false alarms can be prevented through both the proper maintenance and careful operation of the alarm system. In order to promote the responsible usage of alarm systems, the City of Cherry Hills Village Municipal Code (Chapter 6, Article IV) regulates the operation of security alarm systems. The key provisions of the Code are as follows:

- An annual security alarm permit is required to use a security alarm system. (The fee for this permit is \$25.00.)
- The City Code establishes the following false alarm response service charges:

RESPONSE CHARGES ARE PER CALENDAR YEAR

FIRST Response – **No Charge**

SECOND Response – **No Charge**

THIRD Response - **\$100.00**

FOURTH and Subsequent

Reponses - **\$200.00 each response**

- It is unlawful for an alarm to be in use without a valid permit.
- Violation of the City Code could result in the user being cited into Cherry Hills Village Municipal Court.

If you receive a security alarm invoice, but you are no longer using the security alarm system, please email Police Clerk, Terri Littleford at tittleford@cherryhillsvillage.com the following information so your account can be deactivated:

1. The homeowner's name
2. Mailing address
3. Customer number
(not the invoice number)

“Colorado Landscapes” WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT

The Cherry Hills Village Art Commission's "Colorado Landscapes" watercolor exhibit is available to view at City Hall and will hang until the end of May. The exhibit contains paintings from both professional and amateur artists, all with a "Colorado Landscape" related theme. Stop by City Hall to view the exhibit before it comes down. City Hall office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00-4:30. Most paintings are still available for purchase!

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DOG LICENSE RENEWAL....REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE.... **IT'S QUICK AND EASY**

The Cherry Hills Village Municipal Code requires every resident that owns a dog six months of age or older to obtain a City dog license. Licenses are valid for the calendar year and must be renewed annually. Dogs are required to wear the license any time they are off their own property and a rabies vaccination is required to obtain the license. A dog license helps reunite lost dogs with their owners, allow Animal Control officers to regulate dangerous dogs and encourage dog owners to vaccinate their dogs against rabies.

Residents can obtain a dog license online at cherryhillsvillage.com; the cost is \$10.00 for every dog over six months of age, per year. Click the button on the right that says "Pay and Register Online" and then click the dog license link to complete the dog license application. Once the dogs have been registered and the payment has been processed, the Cherry Hills Village Police Department will mail the tag(s) to the address that was provided. Dog licenses are also available in person at the Joint Public Safety Facility located at 2460 East Quincy Avenue, Monday-Friday from 8:00-4:30 p.m. For questions regarding the dog licenses, you can contact (303) 761-8711 or email doglicensing@cherryhillsvillage.com.

CITY EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS @

One of the features of the City's website is an integrated email notification system, called **NotifyMe**. With NotifyMe, residents can be more specific in choosing which email notifications they would like to receive. If you only want to receive notification about important Police alerts, you can sign up for Police alerts only. Do you want to read the latest issue of the Village Crier online instead of receiving a paper copy? Only interested in receiving Board and Commission or City Council minutes and agendas? NotifyMe allows you to customize the types of notifications you receive from the City and the

Police Department so you only receive the emails that are most important to you. NotifyMe is also the fastest way for City staff to notify residents of important City information, events and emergency alerts.

To sign up for NotifyMe, you can visit the City's website at cherryhillsvillage.com. Click the link in the middle of the home page that says "Email Notifications." Once you click the link, you can enter your email address and select any type of notification you would like to receive via email (the website can send text messages too).

Alternative ways to stay informed of City events, meetings, emergency notifications and other important information is to follow the City of Cherry Hills Village on Nextdoor or like the City's page on Facebook.