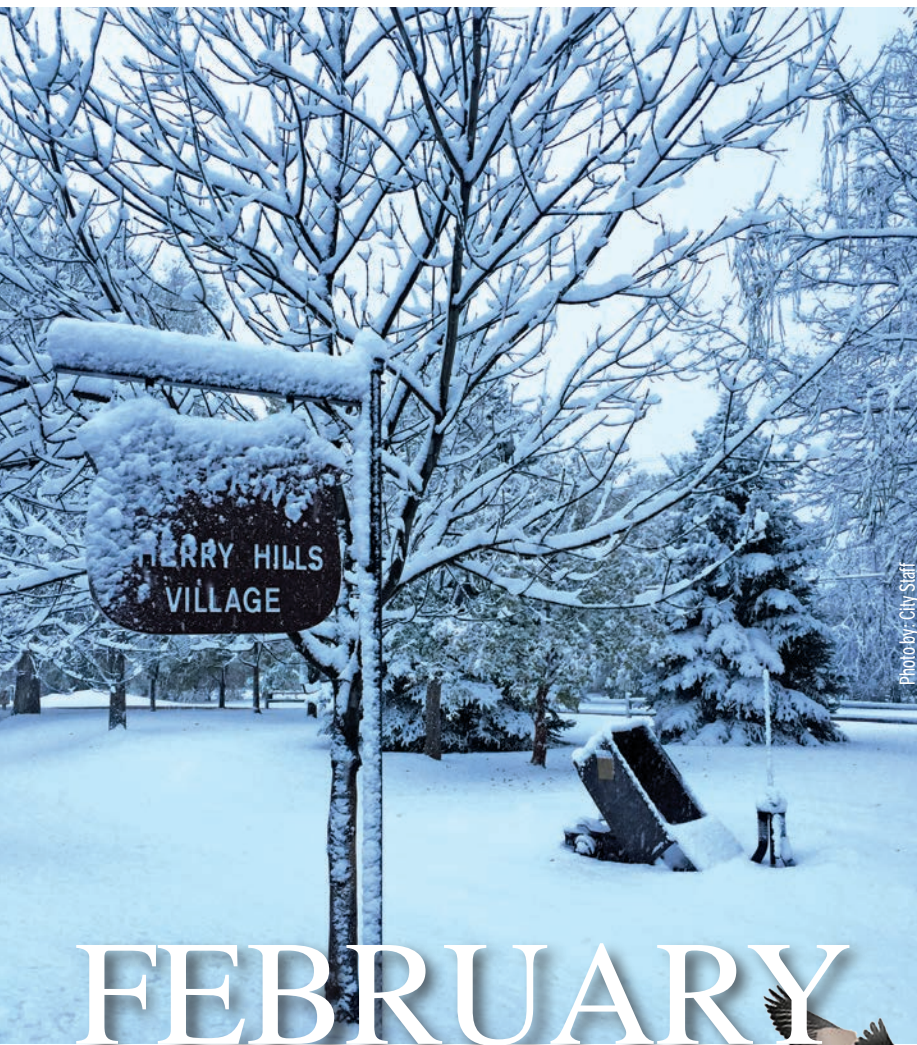


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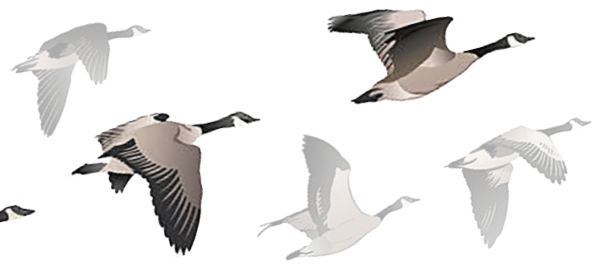
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## GEESE AT JOHN MEADE PARK

As anyone with a large lawn knows, managing the effects of Canada geese is a constant struggle. When John Meade Park was redeveloped, it was important to protect the city's investment in the newly-planted vegetation. Staff had considered many goose deterrent options in the past, including coyote decoys, sound control, and even special lights that claimed to disrupt goose sleep patterns.

One strategy that hadn't been tried was a dog service. These companies provide specially trained dogs, usually border collies, to chase the geese off a property. The dogs are trained not to harm the birds. The handler brings the dogs daily, at varying

times, to eventually teach would-be resident flocks of geese that this is not a friendly habitat.

HPM, Inc., the contractor for John Meade Park, originally hired goose dogs to keep geese out of the park as much as possible while the grass became established. The city has found that the goose dogs are a worthwhile investment and has continued to use this service. Migrating flocks might still land in the park, but there are fewer numbers of non-migratory geese filling the ponds and grass areas as they've done in the past. The result is a cleaner park and a better visitor experience.

For questions about parks, please contact Parks Project and Operations Manager Emily Black at [ebblack@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:ebblack@cherryhillsvillage.com) or 303-783-2742.



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## HELLO FROM YOUR NEW MAYOR!

*I am excited to take on this role and honored by the trust you, the citizens of Cherry Hills Village, have placed in me. I will constantly strive to be worthy of it.*

I want to start by saying thank you to Mayor Russell Stewart and Councilors Mike Gallagher and Afshin Safavi, who all retired this year. These gentlemen have given unselfishly of their time and talent for a collective 24 years of volunteer service to our community. We are forever indebted to them for their lasting contributions.

I'd also like to welcome our newly elected Council members Rob Eber, Earl Hoellen, and Susan Maguire. These new members bring an unparalleled amount of experience to the job allowing them to hit the ground running. And it's a good thing because there's no time to waste!

In December, the previous Council adopted the 2022 Master Plan ([cherryhillsvillage.com/MasterPlan](https://cherryhillsvillage.com/MasterPlan)). The new Council's job is to implement it. This plan represents thousands of hours of volunteer and staff time and feedback from hundreds of residents. We owe thanks to those who took the lead on this project – our staff, Planning and Zoning Commission, the Citizen's Advisory Taskforce, and the Technical Advisory Committee – as well as every citizen who participated in community surveys,

open houses and meetings. The Master Plan defines the community's vision for the future of the Village as, "A safe, serene, low-density residential community. It is the desire of the citizens of Cherry Hills Village to maintain and enhance the established character of the community through the implementation of the City's planning goals and actions, regulations, and decisions."

I ran for Mayor on a commitment to preserve the unique character of Cherry Hills Village. As I walked neighborhoods and spoke to residents, I heard loud and clear that Villagers love our community as it is. I often replied that it can take a lot of work to keep things the same. That statement could not be more true right now. The state legislature and governor are considering legislation that would undermine our ability to shape our own community. Several legislative proposals will seek to preempt local government and home rule in critical areas such as public safety, zoning and land use, putting the cornerstone of our community, as expressed in that vision statement, at risk. Colorado's Constitution entitles citizens of home rule municipalities (like Cherry Hills Village) to maximum flexibility and discretion in determining community goals and implementing local policy, including land use policy, local police powers, and labor relations. Rest assured that I, the City Council, and city staff are actively engaged in these issues and are prepared to defend your rights, as citizens of Cherry Hills Village, to control the future of our city.

Another message I heard from many of you was the need for better cell phone coverage in the Village, particularly now that fewer people have access to land lines and more people are working from home. This issue also rose to the top during the Master Plan process. Based on this feedback, we are already in the process of selecting an expert

consultant to help us develop a plan for improving cell phone coverage. I know that improvements can't come soon enough, but it will take some time - if it were easy, we would have done it already. But know that this is a top priority for the new Council.

Another immediate priority for Council and staff is the implementation of referendum 2A – the ballot issue to update the city's sales tax code to allow collection of sales tax from remote vendors. Now that you, the citizens, have approved this change, the City is at work implementing the changes. This process requires updates to code, implementation of tracking systems, and enrolling in the state sales tax collection system. Full implementation will most likely not take effect until Q3 of this year, so if you have any big purchases to make...

The good news is that we finished 2022 in a very strong fiscal position. As usual, we had a surplus of approximately \$1.7 million, which will be rolled into the Capital Fund. Capital projects for 2023 include replacing police vehicles and High Line Canal stormwater improvements, among others. Beyond keeping up with rising costs, the 2023 budget includes highlights such as an additional school resource officer, police wellness program, community safety cameras, and improvements/maintenance at Quincy Farm. The 2023 budget is available on the City's website ([cherryhillsvillage.com/Budget](https://cherryhillsvillage.com/Budget)).

In addition to our regular budget, the City has access to one-time American Rescue Plan Act funds, which were part of Federal COVID relief programs. A small amount of these funds has been used to provide employee bonuses for dedicated service through very difficult times, and to develop a plan to address cell phone coverage issues. In 2023 we will engage the community for guidance as to how to prioritize and spend the bulk of these funds.

Finally, your elected City Council is committed to the highest levels of transparency and communication. We will continue to post all meeting materials on the City's website ([cherryhillsvillage.com/AgendaCenter](https://cherryhillsvillage.com/AgendaCenter)), and to live-stream Council meetings ([cherryhillsvillage.com/MeetingVideos](https://cherryhillsvillage.com/MeetingVideos)). We encourage you to sign up for email and text alerts on the City's website to receive the latest updates and meeting notices ([cherryhillsvillage.com/NotifyMe](https://cherryhillsvillage.com/NotifyMe)). I will continue Mayor Stewart's practice of holding regular office hours Mondays from 9:00-10:00. And, of course, you are always welcome to reach out to any City Council members. We want to hear from you.

*Katy Brown*

kbrown@cherryhillsvillage.com  
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# OUTGOING and NEW City Council

The City said farewell to Mayor Russell Stewart, Councilor Mike Gallagher, and Councilor Afshin Safavi at the January 17th City Council meeting. City Manager Chris Cramer presented the outgoing members with plaques in appreciation for their service and dedication to the community. Newly elected Mayor Katy Brown, Councilor Earl Hoellen, Councilor Susan Maguire, and Councilor Robert Eber were sworn in by City Clerk Gillespie.



The City says farewell to Mayor Russel Stewart, Councilor Mike Gallagher and Councilor Afshin Safavi.



Mayor  
Katy Brown



Councilor  
Earl Hoellen



Councilor  
Susan Maguire



Councilor  
Robert Eber

Mayor Katy Brown gets sworn in by City Clerk Gillespie.

The City welcomes newly elected Council.



## Emily Black Named Parks Project & Operations Manager

**CONGRATS!**



Emily has been with the City for six years, beginning as the Special Projects Coordinator in the Community Development Department in October 2016. She then became the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Coordinator in October 2017. Beginning January 1st Emily is now the Parks Project & Operations Manager.

As Parks Coordinator Emily secured and managed over \$1M in grant funding and private donations for parks & open space; managed the redevelopment of John Meade Park to construct a new playground and restore pond and wetland habitat; and managed the High Line Canal Trail realignment and bridge installation to connect to the new Hampden underpass.

Emily can be reached at [ebblack@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:ebblack@cherryhillsvillage.com) or 303-783-2742.

## Paul Workman Named Community Development Director



Paul was hired by the Village in August of 2020 as the Senior Planner. In January of 2022, Paul was named the Planning Manager and Floodplain Administrator for the Village. As of January 1, 2023, Paul is the Community Development Director. Prior to joining Cherry Hills Village, Paul worked for the Town of Parker as their Senior Planner in charge of development review and managed the

development review processes and staff. Before working for the Town of Parker, Paul worked for the City of Commerce City beginning in 2008. Paul has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Metropolitan State University and a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado at Denver. When not at work Paul enjoys spending time with his wife Katy, his four-year-old son (Nolan), and his two-year-old daughter (Audrey) in the garden. Paul can be reached at [pworkman@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:pworkman@cherryhillsvillage.com) or at 303-783-2729.

*"I am tremendously honored to be named as the Community Development Director for this community. I look forward to building on the success of the adoption of the 2022 Master Plan and keeping Cherry Hills Village the special place that it is."*



*The east side of Quincy Farm is now open to the public!* Between sunrise and sunset, visitors are welcome to take a walk through the barnyard. The site is accessible from the High Line Canal trail by crossing the bridge over the canal, or from walking up the bike path along Quincy Avenue. The street address is 4450 E. Quincy Ave. Besides one accessible parking space, there is no parking available on site. Please abide by all posted rules:



Buildings are not open to the public except for scheduled programming.



Bicycles may not be ridden on the Farm. Please lock bikes to the provided rack.



Children should be under adult supervision at all times.



Dispose of all trash and recycling in the designated containers.



Alcoholic beverages and smoking are prohibited.



Do not feed wildlife.



Dogs are not permitted at Quincy Farm.



Creating public access to the East side of the Farm is part of the 2023 Annual Plan for Quincy Farm, developed by the Cherry Hills Land Preserve last year and approved by City Council in September 2022. Each year, a Quincy Farm team comprised of CHLP board members and staff and city staff will create an Annual Plan for the Farm.

The entire 2023 Annual Plan for Quincy Farm is available on the City's website at [cherryhillsvillage.com/quincyfarm](https://cherryhillsvillage.com/quincyfarm). The Cherry Hills Land Preserve has information about upcoming programming and how to get involved at [quincyfarm.org](https://quincyfarm.org).

For questions, please email the City at [quincyfarm@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:quincyfarm@cherryhillsvillage.com) or the Cherry Hills Land Preserve at [info@cherryhillslandpreserve.org](mailto:info@cherryhillslandpreserve.org).



## 2023 TREE PLANTING Program

Parks staff is pleased to announce that the 12th Annual Tree Planting Program is right around the corner. Residents can order trees for their homes at-cost through this program, and Parks staff will deliver trees to each homeowner in April. 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 this year include:

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| ♦ Eastern Redbud                 | ♦ Chinkapin Oak   |
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| ♦ Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry | ♦ Chokecherry     |

Detailed tree information is available on the City's website at [cherryhillsvillage.com/TreePlantingProgram](http://cherryhillsvillage.com/TreePlantingProgram). The order form will be posted on the website at 9am on February 24th. Trees are available on a first come first served basis – so if your heart is set on one species, send in your form right away!

For more information, please call (303) 783-2744 or email Monica Castillo at [mcastillo@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:mcastillo@cherryhillsvillage.com).



### Cherry Hills Land Preserve is Seeking an Executive Director for Quincy Farm!

We're hiring! This is an exciting opportunity for a creative individual to join our team and guide our organization forward by overseeing all operational, technical, and program design aspects.

The Cherry Hills Land Preserve is a non-profit educational organization working in partnership with the City of Cherry Hills Village to operate Quincy Farm, a 17.5-acre natural and historic property in the heart of Cherry Hills Village.

#### You have...

- Excellent Interpersonal Skills
- Strong Leadership Qualities
- Exceptional Organizational Skills

#### We offer...

- Flexible Schedule
- Full-time Preferred
- Salary: \$55,000-\$70,000., Commensurate with Experience. No benefits included.



Quincy Farm

**Visit [quincyfarm.org](http://quincyfarm.org) for more information!**

Please contact Linda Behr at  
[Linda@thebehrteam.com](mailto:Linda@thebehrteam.com)



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## SNOW REMOVAL

Every municipality in the northern portion of the nation hears the same complaints after every major snowstorm: *City plow trucks push big piles of snow right back in front of my driveway just after the driveway is cleared.* Public Works staff would like to address this issue and provide some insight into how plowing operations take place.

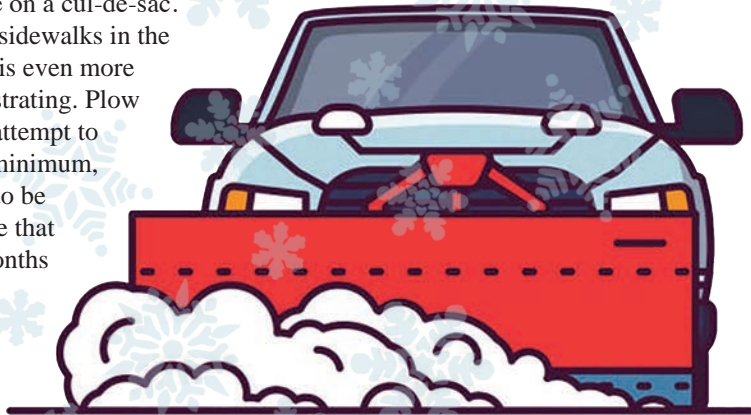
The primary goal of plowing is to remove snow from streets so that the road is open and safe for vehicular traffic. Plowing pushes snow to the side from the middle of the street naturally, and, unfortunately, this results in snow piling up in front of driveways. Snowplow operators do not place snow in driveways on purpose. There is no practical way for the snowplow operator to cut off the windrow of snow that slides off the plow when crossing each driveway. This problem is especially acute in cul-de-sacs because of the space limitations. The driver cannot stop or raise the plow at each driveway as this would leave a pile of snow in the roadway.

If possible, plow drivers will try to prevent excessive blockages at driveways but at times this is not possible. Please remember that the clearing of driveway and mailbox areas is the responsibility of each resident. This issue is only

magnified if you live on a cul-de-sac. With the absence of sidewalks in the Village the problem is even more exaggerated and frustrating. Plow drivers make every attempt to keep this issue to a minimum, and we ask citizens to be patient and recognize that during the winter months there will be some inconveniences.

If the plow comes through and you must clear snow again from your driveway or mailboxes, please do not shovel snow into the road. For safety and travelability this snow will be plowed back to the side of the road to remove the hazard from the street. Residents are advised to wait until the plow has been through their road prior to cleaning their driveway and mailbox area. If drifting or more snow occurs, the plows may have to make multiple passes on a road at a later time to keep the road clear.

City snowplow drivers will continue to do everything they can to avoid this problem. If you believe there is an "excessive" amount of snow in your driveway, call or email the Public Works Department and a work order will be generated. After the snowstorm is over and after all City streets have been cleared of snow, staff will investigate all snow-related work orders. If the amount



of snow in the driveway or in front of the mailboxes is determined to be excessive, meaning significantly more than all the other driveways/mailboxes in the City for a particular storm, staff will remove the excess as best they can. Residents may still need to shovel and clean up the remaining snow. If the amount of snow is not excessive as determined by staff, the snow will not be removed. The City does not have the resources to clean out private driveways and mailboxes that have an ordinary amount of snow deposited in front of them. Homeowners are responsible for access to their driveways and mailboxes.

To contact the Public Works Department, please call (303) 783-2744 or email [jgoldie@cherryhillsvillage.com](mailto:jgoldie@cherryhillsvillage.com).