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# **Cherry Creek Village North**

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#### Cherry Creek Village North Just Keeps Getting Progressively Better

About 45 residents joined in the fun of our Annual Progressive Dinner this year. Held at four different homes, the food was exceptional, the hosting homes lovely and the visiting with old and new friends most welcoming. A great big THANKS to our hosting families including Amy and John Stevens,

Paul and Sharon Oppegard, Shelly and Dean Goss and Gary and Katie Kleeman. This

is just one of the several opportunities that our Village offers to get acquainted with new neighbors and catch up with old friends. Also a big THANKS to Rick and Daphyne Reiff for hosting our Holiday Party, Kevin and Lesley Geraci for hosting the Hayride and Mimi Hackley for hosting our Cookie Exchange. These events and open-hearted hosts help make our Village the warm and welcome neighborhood that it is.





#### Cherry Creek Schools Excellence in Art Showcase

Cherry Creek Schools will be hosting an ongoing art exhibit of the enormous talent generated by its students from April 7-28 at the Curtis Arts & Humanities Center at 2349 E. Orchard Rd. The hours are 10-5 M-F. The show highlights sculptures, paintings, mixed media and photo-

graphs from students around the district. It provides a wonderful opportunity to showcase the abilities and visions of our kids. Stop by if you can and be WOWED!

#### **ALL HOA Board Meetings**

HOA Board meetings are generally held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on May 10th at 7:30pm at the home of Paul Oppergard. Any resident is welcome to attend meetings and new board members are always welcome!



#### Our New District #4

#### **Council Member**

The City Council appointed Tom Bishop on January 24th to the vacant District #4 Council position created by the appointment of Ron Rakowsky to Mayor. Tom has been a Greenwood Village resident with his wife, Trinda, and two now grown children for over twenty years. Tom is active in local community affairs

including:

- 2000-2008 Member of the Greenwood Village Planning and Zoning Commission
- Member of the Greenwood Village Citizens Budget Committee in the 1990's
- Board member and officer of the Autumn Hills HOA over the last fifteen years

Tom and Trinda are also very involved in their church, almamaters and various non-profit organizations.

Tom's professional career over the last thirty years focused on providing sound public finance and underwriting services to local governments of Colorado. This professional knowledge has given him unique insight into the financial composition of local governments.

Tom's formal education includes a Masters of Science Degree in Health Finance from the University of Colorado and a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Goshen College. His hobbies include travel, garden railroading, golf, skiing and playing trains with his grandchildren.



## Ramble with Ron

Our new Mayor, Ron Rakowsky is offering opportunities for us to share our questions, comments, thoughts and concerns by holding "Ramble With Ron" walks. The first two dates are Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:30 AM. The

meeting place is at the Swim Club Parking Lot at Tommy Davis Park. Thanks, Mayor Rakowsky, for finding one more way to be accessible to GV residents!

#### Remodeling? Re-landscaping?

Don't forget that our covenants require you to have any changes approved by the HOA architectural committee. The form is on our website at covillagenorth.org and requests can be mailed to:

Cherry Creek Village North HOA 9000 E. Tufts Ave. Greenwood Village, CO 80111

For more information, contact Alan Saltzman at 303-773-6950.



**Upcoming Spring Gatherings** 

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Hosted by Doug and Kathy Heppola at 4461 S. Yosemite Ct. at 3 PM on Sunday, April 17th.

*Springtime Gardening Event* Hosted by Corrina Fenton at 3:30 PM on Saturday, May 14th. Bring some cuttings or clumps of your most successful or cherished plants from your own garden to share and plant a beautiful spring container garden (plantings supplied) with friends.



*Bi-Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale* We will be placing ads and posting signs, so anyone who wants to clear out their basement or garage and make a bit of extra cash, this is a good day to do it. The Sale usually runs from 9-5.

We are still looking for a host for our 4th of July Parade. If you can help out with this great tradition, please call Jenny Mancini at 720-529-6602. Thanks!



#### **MAC's Not Telling**

Where in the Village was Mac?

Mac went missing for well over 8 hours while visiting his new home. Mac is the little, bite-size, Terrier shown in the photo with his owners, Fred & Ling Tomasino.

Fred and Ling are the newest residents in the Village and quickly learned that they had moved into a really great neighborhood as neighbors gladly helped join efforts as The Village Mac Search Team was formed! We searched well into the dark hours of the evening, calling it quits after a final search throughout the neighborhood and Village Greens Park to no avail. The Tomasino's returned to their apartment that evening with not too much hope of finding their little dog; after all, they had not even moved into their new home yet; how would Mac ever find his way back to his home. Mac got lucky that night as he sat shivering in his "new" front yard. A neighbor had heard about Mac's disappearance and drove by the Tomasino's new home at mid-night, hoping that maybe the dog might have found his way back to the house. As soon as the neighbor drove up, Mac leaped into his arms and was very, very happy to see someone, anyone. By this time, lots of neighbors knew about missing Mac; the Village Mac Search Team had organized quickly, a neighborhood alert email was sent and signs were posted at the entrances-All Points Alert was in place~~Village Style!! The Tomasino's were very grateful and appreciative for everyone's effort as they gladly rushed back to the neighborhood that evening well after mid-night to retrieve their little Mac! I received several emails the next morning, inquiring about Mac and was so happy to report a happy ending.

Fred and Ling moved into 9153 E. Stanford Avenue from Highlands Ranch. Stop by and meet the infamous Mac and to say hello to Mac's owners, Fred & Ling.

SUBMITTED BY SUSIE ROY



#### **Police Updates**

Lieutenant Dave Fisher at the GV Police Department informed us that suspects in recent burglaries including the rash of burglaries throughout Greenwood Village last summer have been appre-

hended and arrested. Thanks to Greenwood Village Police Dept. for their hard work and commitment to keeping us all safe!

Volunteers in Greenwood Village also held a very successful fundraiser on March 16<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for GV's K9 police dog unit. Over \$50,000 was raised! Last year, canine officer "Max" was retired, and the police department has been "interviewing" new candidates. They have just "hired" Tag and Magnum as our newest doggie detectives. These dogs go through extensive training and can be essential in helping out their human counterparts. GV police hope to have a "Meet the K9" type of event this summer so residents can meet their new "officers". Stay tuned! WOOF!

Photo courtesy of K9 Connection

#### **Red Light Cameras**

As many of you know, Greenwood Village is one of nearly 100 communities nationwide that utilizes red light cameras for enforcement of traffic laws at certain intersections. In Greenwood Village, we have several locations of these lights including Belleview and Yosemite, Belleview and Quebec, Quebec and Orchard and Yosemite and Arapahoe roads. These are high traffic intersections where a large number of accidents have occurred. Studies have shown that the use of these cameras has reduced accidents where used by 10-40%.

These cameras use buried sensors and are connected to the traffic signals. As vehicles pass over the sensors, cameras are triggered after the signal has changed to red. Two photographs are taken of the offending vehicle. Traffic citations are then mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle. Recipients may challenge the ticket if they were not the driver of the vehicle at the time of the citation.

Although many people have been up in arms about this system, studies show a majority of people do favor their use and it is hard to dispute their effectiveness. So, as we travel from our neighborhood, let's all be a bit more aware of traffic signals. It will keep us safer, and we can avoid those annoying "tickets in the mail".

A Big Welcome! We have had some new additions to our neighborhood and we want to welcome them all! Fred and Ling Tomasino at 9153 E. Stanford Ave Bill and Michele Lueck at 4450 S./ Alton St. Christian and Gen Cutler at 9158 E. Tufts Pl. Trevor and Amber Hays at 9152 E. Radcliff Pl. Joel (David) and Mary Jane Rapport at 4506 S. Yosemite Ct. Douglas and Kathy Hepola at 4461 S. Yosemite Ct. Larry Gnuse and Deb Bell at 4567 S. Yosemite Ct. Some of these folks are brand new and some have been here for a bit, but let's try to stop by or make an effort to make them feel a part of our neighborhood. We are glad that you are here!

### **Village Greens Park Update**

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Councilman Gary Kleeman

The Master Plan is currently in the approval process. Construction of phase one should begin later this year if the master plan is adopted by city council. A public input meeting was held on March 2, 2011 and those residents who attended

voiced positive feedback about the plans. The Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission reviewed the plan and unanimously approved it on March 22, 2011. It will be presented at a study session for city council discussion on April 18 and is on the agenda for approval at the May 9 council meeting.

Additions to this natural area will include a single-track mountain bike trail, Frisbee golf course, enlarged pond and climbing features in addition to other amenities. The project had to be put on hold for one year while the Corps of Engineers made recent improvements to the drainage below the dam.





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# Home Security Checklist – Don't Tempt Any Burglars

Greenwood Village posts this checklist on their website, but we thought it was so excellent that we should include it in our Newsletter as well. Most residential burglaries occur during daylight hours. By reviewing and utilizing this checklist, we all can improve our home security and deter one of the most common crimes in our neighborhood.

	YES	NO
SIDE OR REAR ENTRANCE (Burglars typically enter through side or rear doors) 1. Is the door itself made of metal or solid wood construction?		
2. Is the door-frame strong enough and tight enough to prevent entry?		
3. Are door hinges on the inside?		
4. Are door windows more than 40 inches from door locks?		
5. Is the door secured by a deadbolt lock at least 1-inch long?		
6. Is the strike plate adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screws?		
7. The locking mechanism cannot be reached from a mail slot or pet entrance.		
8. The doorway is visible from the street and/or neighbor's view.		
9. Does the doorway have a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?		
10. If the door is sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of the track?		
11. Is a "charley-bar" or key-operated lock used on the sliding glass door?		
12. Is the entrance lighted with at least a 40-watt light?		
ENTRANCES FROM GARAGE AND BASEMENT		
13. Are all entrances to the living quarters from garage or basement metal or solid wood construction?		
14. Does the door from the garage to the living quarters have locks adequate for an exterior entrance?		
15. Does the door from the basement have an adequate lock operated from the living quarters?		
GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS (Burglars also like to go through windows)		
16. Do all of the windows have adequate locks in operating condition?		
17. Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from the inside?		
18. Are exterior windows free from concealing structures or landscaping?		

UPPER FLOOR WINDOWS (Burglars like these windows, so put ladders away)	YES	NO
19. Are ladders kept inside?		
20. Are upper floor windows located above porches, garage roofs, or roofs of adjoining buildings secure?		
21. Do windows have adequate locks in operating condition?		
22. Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from the inside?		
23. Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows?		
BASEMENT DOORS AND WINDOWS		
24. If the basement door is external, is it visible from the street or neighbors?		
25. If the door is external, is it adequately secured?		
26. Are all basement windows adequately secured?		
GARAGE DOORS AND WINDOWS		
27. Is the automobile entrance door to the garage equipped with adequate locking?		
28. Is the garage door kept closed and locked at all times?		
29. Are garage windows adequately secured?		
30. Is the outside utility entrance to the garage secured adequately?		
31. Are tools, ladders and other equipment kept in garage?		
32. Are all garage doors lighted on the outside by at least a 40-watt bulb?		
FRONT ENTRANCE		
33. Is the door made of metal or solid wood construction?		
34. Is the doorframe strong enough and tight enough to prevent entry?		
35. Are the door hinges on the inside?		
36. Windows are in the door or, windows are more than 40 inches from door locks.		
37. Is the door secured by a deadbolt lock that is at least 1-inch long?		
38. Is the strike plate adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screws?		
39. Are the windows in the door and other windows more than 40 inches from door locks?		
40. The locking mechanism cannot be reached from a mail slot or pet entrance?		
41. Is there a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?		
42. Is the front entrance lighted with at least a 40-watt light?		
43. Can the front entrance be observed from street or public areas?		
44. Is all landscaping kept trimmed to be no higher than 2-feet and/or below windows?		
45. Are trees limbs clear to appropriately 6-feet below the canopy?		

	YES	NO
MAINTENANCE		
46. Are garbage and recycling bins taken in immediately after pickup?		
47. Are newspapers and mail picked up every day?		
48. Is the structure of your home painted and in a condition of good repair?		
49. Is landscaping kept trimmed?		
50. Are old automobiles, boats, trailers, or other vehicles stored away from your front yard?		
51. Is all graffiti removed immediately?		
52. Are windows locked when you are away from home?		
53. Is valuable property such as jewelry, laptops, I-pods, etc visible through open curtains or blinds?		
ADDRESSES		
54. Is your mailbox clearly marked with the street address?		
55. Is your street address clearly visible from the street with numbers a minimum of five inches high that are made of non-reflective material?		
56. Are numbers of your street address clearly visible at night?		
BUILDING LIGHTING		
57. Are building numbers Illuminated?		
58. Are building accesses Illuminated?		
59. Are front, side, and back areas Illuminated?		
60. Does outside lighting provide a cone of Illumination downward to walkways, preferably from the side?		
61. Does Illumination provide a level of lighting between buildings to distinguish forms and movement?		
62. Are all areas of the yard well lit so that oncoming persons can be clearly seen?		