#### Sept/Oct 2009

# Cherry Creek Village North

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## Celebrating our Country's Birthday



A great big thank-you to new residents Tom McCarthy and Amber Pleiss for hosting our fun traditional 4th of July party. Neighbors gathered together to celebrate and catch up. As always, the fire engine and parade were big hits!



#### **Blooming Gardens**

This past May, a new event was introduced into the CCVN calendar. Nikki and T.J. Gordon hosted our first Spring Planting Workshop. The topic for this initial event was Composting. Master Composter, Gail Neujahr gave an enlightening presentation on how easy and fruitful (pun intended) composting can be. A wealth of information was provided.

Then a variety of plants were presented, and all the participants joined in creating 2 potted gardens; one of beautiful flowers and the other of handy herbs and greens that could be used in the kitchen. Thanks to our wonderful hosts for a great morning! **Neighborhood Watch Reminder** With several homes empty in the neighborhood, and several area burglaries reported, it is important to stay vigilant and report ANY suspicious activity to the Greenwood Village Police (Non-Emergency) number at 303-773-2525. Together, we can help keep our Village safe!



### Ongoing Neighborhood Fun

For those of you who may be looking for something new and different, the Village has two ongoing groups that always welcome new faces.

**Bunco** - Light fun and no experience necessary! Bunco meets the 4th Tuesday of each month. Next game is October 27th at the home of Jenny Mancini. Sound like fun? Call Shelly Goss at 303-779-0479.

**Book Club** - Expand your mind and enjoy your neighbors. Book Club meets approximately every 6 weeks. The next meeting is October 22nd and the book is "A Thread of Grace" by Maria Doria Russell. Kathy Lindquist-Kleissler will be hosting at 4208 S. Alton St. Interested? Call Maile Feick at 796-9301.

## **Rising Star**





#### Ethan Saltzman Goes Down Under

Ethan Saltzman has currently joined up with CIEE to spend a year of high school in Australia. He began his experience with a family in Sydney, visited Melbourne and then went to Taree (which is 4 hours north of Sydney) to live on a farm. With his

new Australian brother and sister, he is learning all about farming down under. His adopted family has a great sense of humor and named two of their cows "Breakfast" and "Lunch"!

Living in a different culture, Ethan is enjoying the friendliness of the Aussie kids. He has visited Aboriginal native lands and attends school with many of Australia's original residents. His culinary palette has been stretched to include native delicacies like kangaroo and bugs. He has had the opportunity to go scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef and occasionally play with wild koalas and wild kangaroos right in his own neighborhood. Ethan also had the chance to experience one of Australia's most awesome natural phenomenons with the recent well publicized dust storms that swept across Australia. After finishing his Australian school year, he plans on doing a safari into the Outback before returning home on December 1st to finish his senior year at CCHS.

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## **Save The Dates**

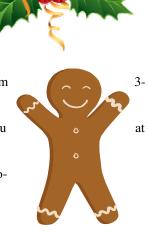
Our Annual Halloween Party will be held Saturday, October 31st at 4:30pm. Of course, we will be including our wonderful Chili Cook-Off. Larry and Carol Laying will be hosting at 4338 S. Yosemite Ct.

The Hay Ride will be hosted by Janet Wenzlau on Sunday December 13th from 5-7pm. Yippee-ky-yeah!

The Cookie Exchange will be hosted by Mimi Hackley on December 6th from 5pm. Yum!

The December Adult Holiday Party will be hosted by Greg and Sandy Tosiou 4587 S. Yosemite Ct. on December 5th.

The Progressive Dinner is scheduled for February 20th. Please call Chris Leonard at 303-741-6290 if you are interested in hosting a course.



## **Stimulus Funds to GV**

from Ron Rakowsky

Lately there has been considerable local governmental activity concerning distribution of "Stimulus" money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for highways and transit. On behalf of Greenwood Village and Southeast Metro Denver drivers, Mayor Nancy Sharpe and I, working with the Denver Regional Council of Government and the Regional Transportation Commission, have supported the direction of some of the limited ARRA money to fund significant improvement to the Colfax Interstate 225 interchange. We also worked to protect the ranking of a previously approved addition of lanes on Arapahoe Road underneath Interstate 25. On April 9th CDOT issued a press release on all of their Metro Denver Projects. Buried in the press release was the following paragraph on our project:

Arapahoe Road (State Highway 88) at I-25: This project adds a through lane in each direction of Arapahoe Road under I-25 as well as a dedicated right turn lane from westbound Arapahoe Road to northbound Yosemite Street. The additional lanes will improve mobility on this busy stretch of Arapahoe Road. This \$4 million project is schedule to begin in August 2009 and will be complete in April 2010.

#### Village Greens Update

From Gary Kleeman

The city has hired Architerra Group, a landscape planning contractor to design options for further improvement to Village Greens North. The initial park concept includes features such as a natural Frisbee golf course, a natural playground, bouldering area, mountain bike dirt single-track loop with skills course that includes challenging obstacles like the log pile, rollovers, log ladder and switchbacks similar to those found on typical single track bicycle trails. The features will be primarily made of wood and stone.

The park design will maintain a native habitat, improve the two wetlands and modify the holding pond to become an aesthetical feature of the park.

Once completed, conceptual designs will be presented to the public for input sometime later this year.

Greenwood Village has funded the design in the amount of \$79,000 in 2009 Capital Budget and is proposing construction in the 2010-2011 timeframe, subject to budgetary approval. The Village is also seeking to leverage additional funds from Arapahoe County, GOCO, and through the Cherry Creek Basin Working Group.



If you haven't had a chance to meet some of our new neighbors, stop by and say "Hello" to:

Tom McCarthy and Amber Pleiss and daughter Ashley at 4230 S. Alton Place, Johnny and Martina Poon and sons Oliver and Evan at 9190 E. Radcliff, Gysle and Sandra Shellum and sons Alex and Zach at 9172 E. Tufts Circle, and David and Elise Pier and son Grant at 4420 S. Alton St.

We're glad you're here!

#### SNOW? Yes, it will come!

Yes, it's true. Winter is just around the corner, and when the snow does fall, don't forget to shovel your sidewalks! If you need massive snow removal, you can call Greenwood Village with your request at 303-708-6100. Or if you need some help shoveling, call Chris Leonard at 303-741-6290, and she'll get someone

### **Please Join Us!**

The Board accepted the resignations of Dr. Jim Good and Denika Dwyer with great regret. The Board would like to sincerely thank both for their longstanding efforts on behalf of the neighborhood. They will be sorely missed!

This creates openings on the HOA Board, and anyone interested would be more than welcome to attend a meeting and/or be considered for a Board position. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm. It is a great way to stay informed and be a pro-active part of keeping our neighborhood such a great place to live.

If you have any interest or questions, please feel free to call Dean Goss at 303-779-0479 or Chris Leonard at 303-741-6290.

#### ..and Once Again...

Ethan Widoff, age 12, shows his community spirit and determination to help those in need. Ethan coordinated "Derek's Dash" this past August 30th to raise money to help those suffering from Childhood Epilepsy. The 5K walk/run was held in Village Greens Park.

Ethan's cousin <u>Derek</u> has Dravet Syndrome, a form of childhood epilepsy, and Ethan has become a champion of his cause. He gathered friends and family to help get sponsors and participants and was the overall organizer for the event..

Ethan, you inspire us all!

#### **Congratulations to our 2009 CCVN Grads!**



This year we had a bumper crop of Cherry Creek High School graduates. Ben and Zack Goss, Zane Smith, Ellie Roberts, Christopher Thomas, Riley Kleeman, Will Leonard and Jack Farrow will now be making their way into the world. Congratulations to you all!

## The Perfect Reminder...

Don't forget to check out our website at ccvillagenorth.org with all the latest happenings in the Village. All your contacts, forms, covenants and questions are right on-line. Any questions or comments can be directed to Frank Hare at frank@beyondtechnology.net.

## **CCVN Annual Garage Sale:** A Great Success on many fronts

The 2009 Annual Garage Sale took a new added twist this year. Along with the many residents who were able to clear out their unwanted items and make a few dollars, a charity element was added. Our Social Committee recognized that there were many people who would like to clear out a few items, but not have a full blown garage sale. So, they decided to have a Community

Charity Sale at the Leonard's home. Ouite a few contributions were received, the Leonard girls supplied the labor, and \$340 was raised. The proceeds were divided equally between the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer **Research Center and** the ALS Association in honor of the various residents who have battled with these diseases. Thanks to our wonderful Social Committee for their innovative ideas and for all of their hard work!



#### Remodeling? Relandscaping?

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 ccvillagenorth.org and requests can be mailed to:

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

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

HOA Board meetings are generally held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on October 13th at Chris Leonard's home at 4281 S. Alton Pl. at 7 PM.

Any resident is welcome to attend meetings and new board members are always welcome!



## Don't Forget to Practice the "Good Neighbor" Policy

Greenwood Village has asked area HOAs to help them keep the City a beautiful and wonderful place to live. The City has a list of ordinances on their web-site which we all need to be aware of and remember. A few of the pertinent ordinances that occasionally apply to our neighborhood pertain to:

1. Please pick up after your dogs. We all love animals around the Village, but nobody likes to step in someone else's dog's business in their own yard.

2. Please keep unsightly or noxious weeds at a minimum in our landscaping. It hurts everyone's property values, and with this economy, nobody needs any more of that!

3. Please keep all bushes near roads or sidewalks trimmed appropriately. It really is a safety issue.

4. Please keep all recreational vehicles behind fencing so as not to be viewed by neighbors.

If we all do our part, it makes the living better for all of us. Thanks!

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## NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES



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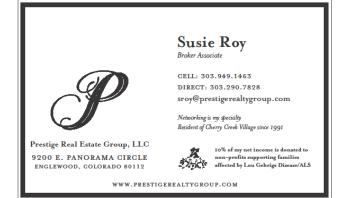
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#### Hairstylist Sunny Weber

- 35 Years Experience
- International Artist
- Individual Bone Structure Analysis
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- Natural Youthful Color

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#### **Chris's Critter Care**

Christopher Thomas, age 17 would like to help care for your big or small pets!! I have loads of experience in caring for animals. Leave your pets in good hands while you enjoy your vacation or trips away from your home. No pets, no problem! I will take care of your home while you are away. Plenty of references.

Please give me a call at 303-779-0810 Thanks!

