

CHERRY CREEK VILLAGE NORTH NEWSLETTER

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DRIVE LIKE YOUR KIDS LIVE HERE



If you're driving in our neighborhood, you'll see bright red signs with "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" in bold white lettering. You can't help but slow down to read them when you see them, and that's exactly what the signs are intended to do.

Recently purchased by the Cherry Creek Village North Homeowner's Association, the signs are part of a national initiative to remind drivers to slow down because children are around. Erica McKeiver, a neighbor and mom with small children, says speeding is a big problem on her block. She happily wanted to display a sign in her yard.

"The design is so powerful," McKeiver says. She believes that when drivers see a yellow sign, it sort of blends in, but the bright red, similar to a stop sign, makes us naturally slow down and take notice. McKeiver adds, "They are very compelling visually," which she feels combined with the message works so well. Please take note of these polite, but to-the-point, signs and slow down when driving on our neighborhood streets.



June 6th Neighborhood Garage Sale — A Big Success!

The June 6th Bi-Annual HOA Garage Sale was a big success! Thanks to Frank Hare and Concha McNamara for their efforts in organizing and spreading the word about this great event. In addition to many neighborhood yard signs, Frank and Concha advertised in the Denver Post and La Voz. Neighbors mentioned how helpful it was having maps to individual garages, as well as unsold material picked up by the Epilepsy Foundation at the end of the day. We look forward to our next Garage Sale, *Summer 2017*.

4th of July Parade and Party

Many thanks to Amber and Trevor Hays for hosting the Annual HOA 4th of July Parade and Party. After an exciting parade escort, neighbors enjoyed a wonderful lunch from the Still Smokin' food truck, followed by a magic show and face painting. The festivities were topped off with homemade snow cones created by Hannah Spoor and her family.



Mark Your Calendars:

Halloween Parade and Party, October 31st, hosted by the Widoff

family, 4504 S. Akron Street; festivities begin at 5:30 PM



Adult Holiday Party, December 5th, hosted by Rick and Daphyne Reiff, 4481 S. Yosemite Court; BYOB, time tbd

Annual HOA Meeting, December 8th, Hope United Methodist Church, 7 PM



Please welcome our new neighbors, The Lewis Family, to the Cherry Creek Village North family. Charles and Johanna moved into 9156 E. Stanford Place this summer. Charles is an engineer and Johanna is a teacher. They have three boys, Bennett, Zach, and Cooper. Welcome!

It's not what we have in our life, but who we have in our life that counts. *J.M. Laurence*

Your Attention Please — Calling All Neighbors!

CCVN is in need of board members. We currently require people to help Paul Opegard in the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) role. We also need people to fill the President and Treasurer positions when they are vacated at year's end. Please consider giving back to your HOA by filling one of these positions, or serving as an at-large board member. It takes a Village!

Back to School Walking Safety

- Make sure your child's walk to school is on a safe route with well-trained adult crossing guards at every intersection.
- Carefully consider whether or not your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision.
- Brightly-colored clothing will make your child more visible to drivers.
- Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your children don't know well or don't trust.
- Be sure your child knows his or her home phone number and address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult, and how to call 911 for emergencies.



Greenwood Village Updates September, 2015

As we all know, CCVN experienced a highly unlikely and highly dangerous event earlier this summer. Following the events of June 4th on South Alton Street, there have been many questions asked of the Greenwood Village Police Department, the City Manager's office, the Mayor, and City Council Members. The police department is still evaluating the events and will be reporting back to Council once their investigations are complete. One question that was raised at the July HOA Board meeting was regarding the reverse 911 system. I have heard a wide range of experiences people had that day. Cherry Creek Schools was regularly updating everyone in their data base and Xcel Energy was also making phone calls regarding possible power shut-offs. The Arapahoe County reverse 911 emergency contact system was also activated. Most of the questions/complaints have been about the Arapahoe County system.

There are seven 911 dispatch centers in Arapahoe County covering 712 square miles and including over 288,000 residents (Aurora is not part of the system). In theory, the system was used to contact our entire neighborhood and alert us to initial danger. Once the suspect was barricaded in the home on South Alton Street, the boundaries for subsequent reverse 911 notifications were supposed to be reduced to South Alton Street and South Alton Place as they were the homes that were most likely to be directly affected. This is not exactly how it worked, however. Residents from our neighborhood have told me many tales of what happened during the standoff. Some neighbors never received any calls, others received the same call multiple times, and some of us just got a few random calls. I had a long discussion with City Staff about the system and its functionality. They said Arapahoe County is certainly aware that there is plenty of room for improvement within their current system. In fact, long before June 4th, a special authority was formed to create a plan for improving the county's notification systems. The authority has members from all Police, Fire, and Governmental agencies within the County.

One of the main concerns is that the system relies on Century Link, Comcast, and other "land line" providers for their information. As you can imagine, this information becomes stale very quickly and there is no way to automatically include cell numbers of residents within service boundaries. The authority has created a way for citizens to sign up for notifications and provide the best contact numbers for themselves and their family members. This system is a small first step in trying to improve the ability to accurately contact people during emergencies. If you go to: [www. arapahoe911.com](http://www.arapahoe911.com) you can follow the links to register your household.

I will certainly keep our HOA Board updated as progress is made regarding citizen notifications.

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GREENWOOD VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Press Release

Greenwood Village, CO – On June 3, 2015, at approximately 1:00 p.m. a male suspect was seen shoplifting from the Wal-Mart at 9400 East Hampden Avenue in Aurora, Colorado. The suspect fled in a vehicle which was later found abandoned at the RTD Light Rail station at Interstate 225 and South Dayton Street in Aurora. The suspect then fled on foot towards the Cherry Creek Dam Road.

The suspect entered the home at 4219 South Alton Street in Greenwood Village. The home was occupied by a 9 year-old child who is a resident of the home. The child was able to leave the home unharmed. The armed suspect barricaded himself inside the home which was randomly selected by the suspect. The Greenwood Village Police Department, the Aurora Police Department, and the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department surrounded the home to establish a secure perimeter in the neighborhood. After several hours of negotiations, members of Greenwood Village Police Department Emergency Response Team entered the home, and the suspect fired multiple gunshots at the officers. At 8:52 a.m. on June 4, 2015 officers and deputies entered the home again and safely removed the suspect from the home. The suspect was immediately placed into custody. Criminal charges are pending, and no officers or citizens were injured during the incident.

The Greenwood Village Police Department worked in conjunction with the Aurora Police Department, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department, Douglas County Sheriff's Department, Colorado State Patrol, and South Metro Fire and Rescue.

The suspect has been identified as Robert Jonathon Seacat of Denver, date of birth 05/06/1982.

Please contact Crystal Dean at (303) 486-8226 for additional information.

Our own CCVN Board Members, Katie Kleeman and Frank Hare, attended the July 6th City Council meeting where Mayor Ron Rakowsky, Police Chief Jackson, and the Greenwood Village City Council discussed the June 3rd South Alton Street incident. Katie and Frank presented the City with a plaque thanking them for their efforts in keeping our City, neighborhood, and streets safe on that frightening day. Thanks again for protecting Greenwood Village residents!

Rodney Valenzuela, Greenwood Village Police Department

The Greenwood Village Police Department will be hosting a Citizen's Academy starting on September 10, 2015, through November 19, 2015. Classes are held each Thursday, from 6:00pm until 10:00 pm. If you are interested in this event, please go to Greenwoodvillage.com under police services or call 303-741-5960.

Walking Dogs: On-leash vs. Off-leash Things To Be Aware Of

contributed by Sunny Weber

Off-leash dogs that are under voice/hand signal control and who are 100% reliable are rare. There is a difference between “trained,” “under control,” and “reliable.” Unless a dog is all three, they should always remain on leashes around other dogs or groups of people.

Many dogs, as well as people, are frightened when approached by off-leash dogs. What sets off shy or “reactive” and fearful dogs is speed of movement. All dogs have natural “prey” drive, based in the primitive amygdala portion of their brains. When anything — squirrel, rabbit, or another dog, runs away or around them, that ancient drive is set off. No handler can hope to conquer a strong instinctual drive without hours and hours of training and proofing. Certain breeds are especially bred to have high prey drive, which most people, even owners of those breeds, are unaware of.

Nothing motivates, frightens, or causes stress reactions like the sudden flood of adrenaline another fast-moving dog causes in nearby dogs. Dogs confined on leashes can feel vulnerable at the worst, and excited to join the play at best. Most rescue dogs (especially puppy mill survivors) are highly stressed when they see dogs, especially bigger ones, running around. If you have a large dog who sees a small off-leash dog, your dog may interpret that small, speedy body as “prey.”

If you wish to walk your dog off-leash, do not let him run around leashed dogs. It is unfair and insensitive to other dogs and their well-meaning owners. Some dogs will never be safe off-leash due to their genetic or learned reactivity or just poor/no training by their owners. If they run away, they may spend days alone on city streets, not trusting even the kindest of potential rescuers.

In addition, an insensitive and ignorant dog owner can cause a child to have a life-long fear reaction to any dog if there is just one unfortunate incident. Dogs may also see small humans as prey and unintentional injuries can result simply from the dog's natural behavior and the child's natural behavior colliding in miscommunication. Children have naturally aggressive body language in a dog's eyes and can quickly turn your obedient dog into a panicked creature who may react in ways you never expected.

Dogs need to be taught to leave wildlife alone. It is disrespectful to harass wildlife and against the law. GVPD will ticket off-leash dogs' owners. They not only need to fulfill their duties to uphold leash laws, but they are also mindful of wildlife, dog, and people safety and comfort.

On-leash versus off-leash dog guidelines are: 1) keep your frightened, untrained, or unreliable dog on leash at all times (shy dogs are always flight risks), 2) if your dog is well-trained and reliable off-leash, do not let him run to or around on-leash dogs, and 3) always leash your dog, regardless of training and reliability, around children.

Thank you for your respect and consideration of both our dog companions and our fellow humans.



A reminder to please be respectful of your neighbors by disposing of your dog's waste in the appropriate containers at either end of our neighborhood.

LEARN TO LIVE HEALTHY

Cherry Creek Schools Fitness Festival

- **Family Fun Run (at 8:00 A.M.)**
- **Officially Timed 5K Run/Walk (at 8:30 A.M.)**
- **Fitness Activities**
- **Restaurant Sampling**
- **Healthy Living EXPO**




DATE & TIME

Saturday, September 12, 2015
7:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Times vary by activity – see website for details

COST

Race Registration <small>Includes Race T-Shirt & Restaurant Sampling</small>	EARLY*	LATE
Children 17 & under	\$10	\$20
Seniors 60 & over	\$15	\$25
Adults	\$35	\$45
Family 4 Pack	\$80	\$110
Restaurant Sampling Only <small>(Children under 4 – Free)</small>	\$10	\$15

*Early Registration deadline is Sept 9

FREE to attend!
The Healthy Living EXPO, race viewing, interactive physical challenges for the whole family, and field day style activities are all open to the public at no charge.

LOCATION

Stutler Bowl, on the Cherry Creek High School campus
9300 E. Union Avenue, Greenwood Village, CO 80111



REGISTER ONLINE: CCSDfit.org





Benefiting the students & families of the Cherry Creek School District

Cherry Creek Schools named to Forbes America's Best Employers List

Forbes business magazine has named the Cherry Creek School District one of the 2015 Best Employers.

"We are honored by the designation," Cherry Creek School District Superintendent Harry Bull said. "We have worked hard to create an environment that appreciates and rewards the people who make us one of the highest achieving school districts in the state and nation."

Cherry Creek Schools was one of seven organizations, and the only school district, in Colorado to make the list. Of the seven, the district was highest ranking.

The anonymous survey is given to employees of organizations with more than 2,500 employees. The questions asked employees to rank their employer in 5 categories:

- Atmosphere at work and potential for development
- Working conditions
- Salary / Wage
- Workplace
- Diversity

Employees gave the highest scores to salaries, diversity and image.

The survey, conducted by Statista in collaboration with Forbes, analyzed employer attractiveness from the perspective of American employees. Employees of 1,100 organizations were included in the survey.

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