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Neighborhood Fall Fun

The Annual Back-to-School Ice Cream Social was a wonderful way to set the kids back into the swing of things and say hello to neighbors after a fun summer of vacation and relaxation. Kids of all ages enjoyed ice cream with the fixings at the home of T.J. and Nikki Gordon on a beautiful September evening.



Late fall brought a very enjoyable Halloween evening in the neighborhood. The Kleeman's hosted the Halloween Parade and Party complete with Chili Cook-Off and Costume Contest. Congratulations to the winners of the Chili Cook-Off. The top three chili winners were Shannon Hackett for The People's Choice Award and Kathy Hepola and Christine Garcia for Chili One and Two. These lucky ladies each took home a La Loma gift card! A big thank you also goes to all of the kids who participated in the Costume Contest. The winners were the happy recipients of Dairy Queen gift cards. CCVN has the cutest kids!



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Welcome New Neighbors!



We are happy to welcome three new families to the CCVN neighborhood. Please say hello to:

The Trimble/Alpert Family at 4228 S. Alton Street, 720-338-3573. Shawn works at AT & T and Jake and Josh are 15 and 16 years old.

The Hodges/Ryan family at 4503 S. Akron Street, 303-941-4726. Sally has three boys; Jack 17, Charlie 14, and Patrick, 10.

The Doyle family at 4534 S. Alton Street, 720-389-7678. Andrew and Chelsea have three children, Brady, a second grader, and twins Ashlyn and Erin, 3 years old. Andrew works as an IT Consultant.

We are glad you are here!

Officer Fisher Retirement

Many of you had the pleasure of getting to know Officer David Fisher over the course of his 29 plus years with the Greenwood Village Police Department. Officer Fisher retired from the department on October 17th. Fisher was responsible for many large events in the City including concerts and interaction with local residents, businesses, non-profits, and the Chamber of Commerce. He was responsible for uniform, plainclothes, and civilian employees, in addition to drug task force agents, school resource officers, traffic officers, K-9 and SWAT operations, 9-1-1 staff, and Victim's Advocates. Officer Fisher was a wonderful resource for our HOA and he will be missed. Good luck in your retirement, Officer Fisher!



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

to the Gordon's for hosting the Back-to-School Ice Cream Social and the Kleeman's for hosting the Halloween Chili Cook-Off/Costume Contest Parade and Party! Our neighborhood events add so much to the camaraderie and community of CCVN!



Did You Know?

South Metro Fire Rescue Authority offers courtesy child safety seat and booster seat inspections to families that live and work in our fire district on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month: 2nd Wednesday—Station 34, 8871 Maximus Drive, and 4th Wednesday-Station 45, 16801 Northgate Drive. Call 720-989-2271 for an appointment.

City Council Corner Greenwood Village City Councilman, T.J. Gordon

Village's 2013 Budget



On October 11th, the City Council and staff devoted an entire day for a retreat at City Hall to discuss and approve the 2014 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets. This meeting followed dozens of hours of preparation and planning done by our Greenwood Village Finance Department and included multiple input meetings from all of the city's department heads and staffs. I wanted to share a brief summary with you.

Our revenue projections for 2014 are \$32,400,000 and our projected expenditures are \$31,950,000. The city has a history of being conservative with estimating revenues and slightly overestimating expenses each year and therefore regularly ends the fiscal year without going over budget. Excess funds each year are transferred into the "General Fund". This General Fund is where the city can pull money from to complete capital improvement projects such as the road replacements done in CCVN last summer and the mountain bike and disc golf courses done in Village Greens Park last year. The General Fund Balance at the end of 2013 is projected to be \$21,650,000. There are some restrictions on this money, for example, it is city policy to always have at least 25% of our annual operating budget saved in this fund. There are also other Federal and State restrictions that require us to keep a substantial amount of cash in this fund.

In 2014, the city is planning one of the largest capital improvement projects ever done. There is going to be a major redesign and new construction project at the public works facility. This facility is located on E. Costilla Avenue just east of Emporia. The project includes site development and the construction of a new building which is going to be a large full-service garage for all of the city vehicles and equipment. The cost of this project is estimated to be around \$10 million dollars.

The City Council and staff have been working on this project for many years. We are able to use money from the General Fund to make this happen. The real good news for citizens of Greenwood Village is that we will not be taking on any debt to do this. The second piece of good news is that by being able to again balance the operating budget there is no need to raise the property tax mill levy within the city. Greenwood Village continues to provide it's residents superior services at relatively low costs in comparison to any other metro area municipality. December 2013

SOCIAL EVENTS SURVEY SUMMARY

77 OUT OF 190 HOUSEHOLDS SUBMITTED A SURVEY = 41% !! Thank you for your participation. All will receive a 10% discount on their 2014 HOA dues.

OF THE 77 SURVEYS:

WHAT IS THE COMPOSITION OF HOUSEHOLDS?

146 ADULTS (IN 77 HOUSEHOLDS) 62 CHILDREN (IN 32 HOUSEHOLDS). In other words, 41% of the surveys submitted included children at home.

VALUE OF THE SOCIAL EVENTS?

65% (50) STATED THAT SOCIAL EVENTS ADD VALUE TO THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD <u>AND</u> THEIR HOUSEHOLD. THE OTHERS FOUND VALUE FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS DUE TO TRAVEL, OR CHILDREN'S AGES. ONLY 3 HOUSEHOLDS DID NOT FEEL THE SOCIAL EVENTS ADDED VALUE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD OR HOUSEHOLD.

HOW LONG HAVE THE SURVEY PARTICIPANTS LIVED IN CCVN?

23% (18) HAVE LIVED HERE 1-5 YEARS 13% (10) HAVE LIVED HERE 5-10 YEARS 19% (15) HAVE LIVED HERE 10-20 YEARS 19% (15) HAVE LIVED HERE 20-30 YEARS 12% (9) HAVE LIVED HERE OVER 30 YEARS

HOW MANY EVENTS ARE ATTENDED ON AN AVERAGE?

THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF EVENTS ATTENDED ARE 1-3 PER HOUSEHOLD

EVENT REMINDERS?

EMAIL WAS THE HIGHEST REQUESTED REMINDER WITH ENTRY SIGNS FOL-LOWING CLOSELY BEHIND

WHO ARE THE NEW VOLUNTEERS?

26 HOUSEHOLDS STATED THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN EVENT! THANK YOU SO MUCH AND TO HELP WITH THE EVENTS, 7 PEOPLE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP SHOP, DECORATE, OR CLEAN-UP! FANTASTIC, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH

TOP FAVORITE EVENTS: (with at least 50% of the votes per event)

Neighborhood Garage Sale July 4th BBQ and Parade A Summer Evening of Live Jazz Adult Holiday Party

Close-Second Events:

Progressive Dinner Halloween Costume Contest/Chili Cook–Off

The POPULAR NEW SUGGESTED EVENTS:

Various types of casual get-togethers, for example, Happy Hours/Meet and Greets Home Tours of remodels/"Parade of Homes" There were tons of other fun ideas which the HOA Board will review for the calendar and future consideration!



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At this very special time of year, we wish you the joy of the holiday season.

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"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. Wishing you happiness."

~Helen Keller

Derek's Dash

The 5th Annual Derek's Dash for Dravet held on Sunday, August 18, was a huge success! It was a beautiful day for the 300 people who came out to the Cherry Creek Dam Road to raise critical funds for the Dravet Syndrome Foundation. Five years ago Ethan Widoff, now a junior at Cherry Creek High School, held a fundraiser in hopes of finding some help for his cousin, Derek Rudawsky, and others who suffer from Dravet Syndrome, a severe and debilitating form of epilepsy accompanied by many developmental delays. Ethan was joined by his friends, Ashtyn Reaugh and Cole Edwards among them, in organizing this event.

Next year will be the last for Derek's Dash as Ethan will be graduating from Cherry Creek High School. Please be sure to give Ethan a pat on the back for the over \$165,000 that he has helped raised for research to find a cure for Dravet Syndrome.



Vacation House Watch

Going away on vacation or leaving your home for an extended period of time and would like the Greenwood Village Police Department to check on your home while you are away? Residents can now visit the Greenwood Village website at www.greenwoodvillage.com to enter their request.



Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Adult Holiday



Party to be held on December 15th from 6— 9:30 PM at the home of Raj Devarajan and Sangeeta Guhathakurta, 9162 E. Tufts Circle. Please feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert to share and get ready for some fun and festive holiday cheer! Adults only, BYOB.

Tom and Diane McCallister are first-time grandparents! Their son, and former CCVN Cub Scout, Chris, is a dad! Hailey Elyse McCallister was born on July 29, 2013. Congratulations! New babies are such fun!

Snow and Ice Control

Operations are critical during winter storm events. Nearly every staff member in the GV Public Works Department plays a significant role in assuring that the 220-lane miles of roads and 42 miles of trails are plowed and kept safe for the public. Through the use of various pieces of equipment and 24hour operations, staff will plow all roads within the village, including residential areas. Separate crews focus on trails in the community with the emphasis on pedestrian facilities around schools and high use areas.

We first clear roadways for emergency vehicles, then onto major thoroughfares and mains in residential areas within the village, then the remaining residential streets and cul-de-sacs when the main routes are cleared. Should you find areas needing immediate attention, we ask that you contact Public Works at 303-708-6100, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or after hours contact Greenwood Village Police Department at 303-773-2525.

If you have any questions regarding snow and ice control within Greenwood Village, please contact Public Works via email or at 303-708-6100.

Winter Driving Tips:

The best advice for driving in winter weather is to not drive at all if you can avoid it.

If you must go out, try to wait until the snow plows and sanding trucks have had a chance to do their work.

If you are unable to wait, please be aware and mindful of the vehicles clearing roadways, as hazardous conditions may exist.

Allow extra time to reach your destination safely.

As always, be safe and cautious when traveling.

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