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# Cherry Creek Village North

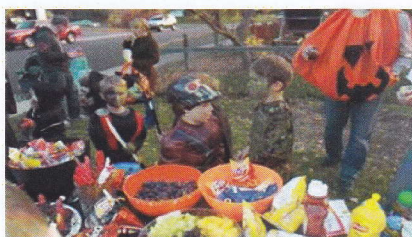
## Adult Holiday Party

Many thanks to Eric and Shannon Hackett for opening their lovely home for the Annual Adult Holiday party on December 13th. The food, friendship, and holiday cheer were appreciated by all! Happy New Year!



## Halloween Night

Thank you very much to the Skinner/Leslie family for hosting the Halloween Parade and Party on October 31st. Kids both young and young at heart loved the festivities before setting out to Trick or Treat! You help make our neighborhood the best!





## CCVNHOA Annual Board Meeting

Hope United Methodist Church

December 9, 2014 – 7 PM



In attendance: Ron Rakowsky, T.J. Gordon, Paul Oppegard, Sharon Oppegard, Dean Goss, Shelly Goss, Barbara Dorsey, Anne Egan, Shaun Egan, Russell Foote, Rip Ripley, Tom McCarthy, Pam Carroll, Sunny Weber, Frank Hare, Teri Castledine, Susie Roy, Concha McNamara, Mary Lou Smith, Bill Smith, Leah Marie, Katie Kleeman, Gary Kleeman, Alan Saltzman, Karen Kronauge, Alan Kas-trinsky, Rick Spoor, Roger Erickson

Meeting commenced at 7:05 pm. Dean Goss introduced himself and stressed that this will be his last year as Board President. The board introduced themselves.

**City Council Report/Question and Answer:** Dean introduced Councilman T.J. Gordon. The Gordon's have been in the neighborhood for 17 years. Councilman Gordon appreciates being able to go first on the agenda because his son Henry is playing in his first basketball game of the season tonight. Go Creek! Councilman Gordon has attended the last two HOA board meetings and wanted to address some board questions. He passed out FEMA guidelines for any Greenwood Village City emergency. The Tufts Avenue entrance planter sustained some minor damage earlier in the fall and while the planter bricks are a little bit different than the wall bricks, the City advises that they are a close match. The gentleman whose son slid on the ice and accidentally damaged the wall will have the bricks repaired. Councilman Gordon is still working on getting an answer for who owns the wall along Tufts Avenue. The City is currently conducting a survey to find out who owns it and the answer should be forthcoming any day now. He is also working on an answer as to who owns the cut-through walls. There were recently two fires in the bathrooms at Village Greens Park. Greenwood Village Police are working with the South Metro Fire Department and CCHS to resolve the case. Many great things have happened in the City over the past year. Here's a quick recap: the **Police Department** has implemented many new technologies to improve efficiency and accuracy in all areas. The **Curtis Arts Center** is continually bringing new programs to residents and class offerings are popular. The **Parks Department** has received very positive feedback on the disc golf and mountain bike additions to Village Greens Park. In addition, there are many upgrades going on at other parks throughout our city. Our own Lita Saltzman has presented an idea for a permanent musical feature to be added to one of the parks. In Public Works news, the department is in Phase One of the redevelopment of the City's Main Maintenance facility – an 8 million dollar project at completion. The City's revenue basis is strong and growing through work with the Denver South Economic Development Partnership. To highlight some of the outstanding companies that have either moved to Greenwood Village or expanded here during 2014: 1) The Westin Hotel – Five Star will begin construction in 2015 (the hotel will rival the JW Marriott in Cherry Creek and The Four Seasons downtown), 2) AMG National Trust Bank is building their new regional headquarters near Fiddler's Green Amphitheatre at Caley and Greenwood Plaza Blvd, 3) CoBank Center Building is remaining in Greenwood Village and building a major new office building with additional growth in mind,



## **Annual Meeting minutes, continued from page 2**

4) Trader Joe's opened one of three Colorado stores in the Cherry Hills Marketplace at 5910 S. University Blvd, and 5) Sierra Trading Post opened their first Colorado store last fall in the Cherry Hills Marketplace. It is a very exciting time to be in Greenwood Village. Russell Foote mentioned that this year's paving seemed to go more smoothly than last summer. Councilman Gordon added that the City annually spends \$5 million on roads. Shaun Egan asked Mayor Rakowsky about the Arapahoe Road interchange. The Mayor said that the City is in the process of replacing the northbound ramp with a new off ramp/road. The Mayor commented that District Four is very lucky to have Councilman Gordon continuing Councilman Gary Kleeman's legacy of thoughtful and informed City leadership. The Mayor mentioned that the Eruv in Greenwood Village will be expanded to the northern natural boundary of I-225 west to I-25, south to Arapahoe Road, east to Peoria, and north through the state park, using Excel, CDOT, Arapahoe County, the Corps of Engineers, and Greenwood Village rights-of-way. Excel is moving quickly on this project. Councilman Gordon, the Mayor, and Greenwood Village Public Works have voiced strong opposition to a proposed modification to the I-225 expansion plans that would have directed additional traffic onto Yosemite Street. The coyote presentation at Greenwood Village City Hall was extremely well attended. The Mayor said that one of the biologists at the meeting cautioned not to use pepper spray on coyotes because it has no impact on the species. Please look out for your neighbors during this busy time of holiday package delivery and theft. If you ever have any questions or concerns related to Greenwood Village City business, please contact Councilman Gordon directly. He is happy to be of assistance.

**President's Report/Year-End Review:** Dean said that four houses sold in CCVN this year for an average price of \$572,000. Currently one home is under contract, one is a duplex, and three are stand-alone residences. We will have at least two open board positions next December for President and Treasurer. Please consider whether one of these positions might be a good fit for you or someone you know, and spread the word. Alan Saltzman is stepping down from the ARC Committee after 13 years of service. Alan has been instrumental on many board policies and he will be missed. It has been a good year in the village.

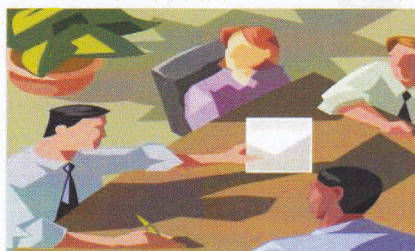
**Treasurer's Report/Budget:** Karen Kronauge passed out the pro forma 2014 financials. The income statement is on the left. As it is only December 9<sup>th</sup>, this is not yet complete. There was nothing out of the ordinary or unexpected this year. We show an income of \$19,000 because we have 190 houses in the HOA and homeowner's dues remain at \$100. As per the last few years, next year's budget looks the same as this year. The community directory will be published next year in accordance with the every other year timeline; the cost is expected to be around \$800. Please look for the directory updates this year. Sharon Oppgaard inquired about the extra income reflected in the income statement. Karen indicated that transfer fees account for this. The gardening cost will be down from \$2000 to \$750 next year because this year we needed new dirt for the planters. Our dues are affordable, we host great social events, show a very healthy balance sheet, and collections are good. Dean emphasized that the CCVN e-mail list is used for neighborhood-related functions and information. Please update your email addresses with Anne Egan.

**Vice President's Report:** Frank did not have a report.



## CALLING ALL NEIGHBORS:

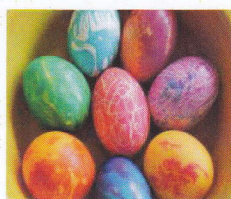
Our wonderful HOA President, Dean Goss, and Treasurer, Karen Kronauge, will be completing their terms of office this December 2015. We are looking for neighbors to fill these positions. We also need additional ARC board representation since Alan Saltzman tendered his resignation in November. Please consider serving in one of these positions. For additional information, please contact Dean Goss at [klayartist@aol.com](mailto:klayartist@aol.com), or (303) 779-0479.



We will be publishing the CCVN HOA Bi-Annual Neighborhood Directory this year. Please watch your mail for an information sheet to use when updating your information. We also need artwork from our talented neighborhood kids to include in the directory. If you have children's artwork we can use, please contact Karen Kronauge at [kkronauge@comcast.net](mailto:kkronauge@comcast.net).

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Please join us for CCVN's Easter Egg



Hunt on Saturday, April 4th, at 2 pm. The Poon's, 9190 E. Radcliff Avenue, are graciously hosting this wonderful annual event. Watch your email and the entrance signs for more details.

## Swing Among the Cars: An Intimate Affair with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra

~Under the direction of Terry Myers~

March 11th, 2015

For more information, please contact:

Adrienne Coffey, Events Coordinator

303-297-1113, or  
[events@foreymuseum.org](mailto:events@foreymuseum.org)



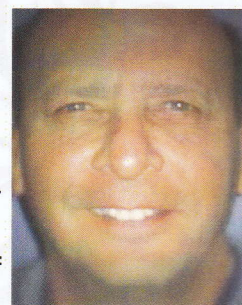
It is with great sadness that we recognize the passing of Janet Smeltzer, 9199 E. Radcliff Avenue. Janet had lived in CCVN with her husband, Carl, since 1977. Janet, formerly of Dubuque, Iowa, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on October 5, 2014.

"Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts."

We also sadly announce the passing of Isaiah Bird. Isaiah passed away of complications from the flu on December 24th. Isaiah was a ten year-old fifth grader. Before moving out of CCVN a couple of years ago, the family lived on South Akron Street where Isaiah attended Belleview Elementary. To leave a message for the family, please visit [HoranCares.com](http://HoranCares.com).

## Say It Isn't So!

Alan Saltzman tendered his resignation from the CCVN Architectural Review Committee (ARC) in November. Alan served on ARC since its inception 13 years ago and truly knows all of the ins and outs of our bylaws and covenants — he drafted a lot of them!



Alan lives with his wife, Lita, at 9182 E. Tufts Circle. They have two children, Justine and Ethan. Please give Alan a great big thanks for his commitment to our community. Thank you, Alan!



## IAMCREEK

An app called Yik Yak recently found its way to Cherry Creek High School and our own Ethan Widoff has been instrumental in combating some of its particularly harmful and negative elements.

The app is similar to Twitter, and provides a "newsfeed" showing posts from Yik Yak users who are within a 10-mile radius. Similar to many other social media apps, users can post anything. Unlike the other apps, whatever is said remains completely anonymous.

By November, the insults and trash talk on campus grew out of control when the posts -- otherwise called "yaks" -- targeted one group of students who hang out by a tree on campus. Their classmates say they're perceived as "stoners."

One student in the group retaliated by using Yik Yak to post a threat against the school involving guns. Greenwood Village Police were notified and the student was charged.

Senior Ethan Widoff says Yik Yak grew in popularity at Cherry Creek High but quickly turned into a way for students to harass each other behind a wall of anonymity. "This is a culture that I think we need to change," Widoff said. "People were specifically targeting individuals at our school with the sole intent to make them feel bad about themselves."

Following the social media firestorm, a group of Cherry Creek students, led by Ethan Widoff, Hannah Sanders, and teacher Mr. Matt Weiss, decided to take action by creating a video campaign called "I Am Creek." "You can take a social media site and you can make it something for the positive instead of a negative," Sanders said. "We want people to take the time and actually get to know who people are."

The video profiles students and talks about what they view as stereotypes. Join the conversation at #iamcreek, and watch the video at <https://m.youtube.com/watch?>



Please welcome Nataliya Vincent to CCVN. Nataliya recently moved into 9197 E. Tufts Place. She is a Structural Designer. Welcome, Nataliya!

## Community Connections

CHERRY CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

# You're Invited

We welcome you as our guest to  
Cherry Creek High School for any of the following events:

SAVE THE DATE

FINE ARTS THEATRE	<p>Mar. 5..... Ethnic Fest, 5-8pm</p> <p>Mar. 11-14 ..... Spring Musical, "Cinderella"</p> <p>Mar. 19 &amp; May 7 ..... Jazz Band Concert</p> <p>Mar. 24..... Vocal Music Concerts, 6:30 &amp; 8 pm</p> <p>Mar. 25 &amp; May 11 ..... Concert Band, Symphonic Band &amp; Wind Ensemble</p> <p>Mar. 26 &amp; May 12 ..... Orchestra Concert</p> <p>April 9 ..... Senior Orchestra Recital</p> <p>April 23 ..... West Area Art Show, 5-7 pm</p> <p>April 23-25 ..... Spring Play, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer"</p> <p>May 5 &amp; 21 ..... Statesmen, Chorales, A Cappella</p> <p>May 6 ..... Union Street Jazz, Troubadours, Girls' 21, Meistersingers</p> <p>May 12 ..... Senior Art Show, 4-6 pm</p>
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For more information, call 720-554-2307 or visit the CCHS website for a complete schedule. Doors open at 6:30 pm unless otherwise indicated.

SPRING SPORTS

**GIRLS**

- basketball
- swimming & diving
- soccer
- golf
- lacrosse
- tennis
- track & field

**BOYS**

- basketball
- ice hockey
- wrestling
- baseball
- swimming & diving
- lacrosse
- track & field

Refer to the CCHS web site for athletic schedules, at [www.cherrycreekschools.org/Schools/CherryCreek](http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Schools/CherryCreek); go to the "Activities and Athletics" link.

WISH WEEK

**6th Annual Wish Week February 2nd-6th**

Help grant the wish of a young child through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. We will be hosting student activities, community events, and the Snowball Dance on Feb. 6th to meet our goal of raising over \$10,000. Donations are accepted throughout the entire week.

For more information, contact the Activities Office or check the CCHS Activities Homepage.

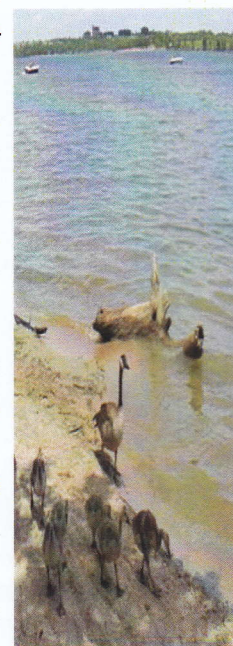


The Thursday, January 22nd, Army Corps of Engineers Cherry Creek Dam Safety Modification meeting was well attended. *The Denver Post* published an informational article on this meeting in its Friday, January 23rd, 2015 edition. Here is a summary:

The Corps of Engineers is one year into a 4-year study that will cost \$4 million dollars. They have assessed all of their dams in the United States and found that the Cherry Creek Dam is in the high-risk category due to the large population directly downstream (Denver). They do, however, admit that the probability of dam failure is very remote. The Corps calculated the Probable Maximum Precipitation event that could occur in the Cherry Creek Watershed would be 24" of rain in 72 hours, twice as much as the September 2013 event that flooded the Boulder County area. The probability of an overtopping event is calculated to be 1 in 58,000. Engineers modeled the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) that would occur if that storm were to be preceded by a smaller storm which would have already partially filled the reservoir. This flood event would have a probability of 1 in 90,000, and would result in 3 feet of water overtopping the dam and potentially causing the structure to fail. The height of the dam is 5646'; that event would crest at 5649'. An aerial photograph showed that the area flooded would include most of Village on the Lake, and some other upstream neighborhoods, but would not affect our neighborhood.

The next step will be to develop various alternatives that might be implemented to prevent the destruction that would be caused by the PMF. Among the actions to be analyzed are: raising the height of the dam, building upstream dams, hardening the dam face, making spillway modifications, or taking no action. Many people asked questions or provided comments, but only one was loudly applauded, and that was when they suggested that it is really a bad use of taxpayer money to fund a project that has only a 1 in 90,000 chance of occurring. This needs to be hammered home to Congressman Coffman so that he can take some action to halt this waste of taxpayer dollars!!

Contributed by Gary Kleeman



Army Corps of Engineers  
Cherry Creek  
Dam Safety  
Modification  
Meeting

### Update On Greenwood Village Coyote/ Wildlife Policy

*\*Greenwood Village recently hosted a wildlife education meeting at City Hall. The City's Comprehensive Management Plan consists of four criteria—sighting, encounter, incident, and attack.\**



A **sighting** can be reported to the Greenwood Village Police Department (GVPD) and will be entered into a database of location, number of animals, and movement information. An **encounter** includes the animal's "habituation" (lack of fear) toward humans, and typical behavior such as staring, following, or not running away. Recommendations for encounters are to "haze" (frighten) the animal by noise, lights, scents, or bizarre and/or aggressive behavior by the human, as well as GVPD notification. An **incident** may involve an animal who appears menacing or threatening. Actions should involve the GVPD and hazing. **Attacks** are extremely rare and must occur unprovoked and be dangerous. Again, GVPD involvement and hazing are recommended. Education by GV animal control officers, Colorado Division of Wildlife personnel, and other wildlife experts is the first preference; lethal control will be utilized if necessary, but as a last resort.

Ways to limit encounters with wildlife include: eliminating welcoming habitat (trimming shrubs, erecting six-foot fences, or other physical barriers), removing food sources (outdoor dog/cat feeding stations, kitchen refuse trash receptacles), removing or blocking access to water (drain ponds, place small mesh wire over koi enclosures, empty bird baths except during the day), and protecting pets when outdoors, especially at dusk and dawn. **Cats should always be kept indoors and dogs should always be on leash and not allowed to interact with wildlife. Never feed wildlife—it will become a death sentence when they continue to return.**

Raccoons and skunks are nocturnal (active at night), coyotes and foxes may be active at any hour, but are mostly nocturnal, and birds of prey are day hunters. January, February, and March are mating season for most of these species; young are born in March, April, and May. Increased sightings and interactions will be more numerous during these months.

Contributed by Sunny Weber



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**Architectural Review Committee Report:** Paul Oppgaard mentioned that ARC forms and guidelines are available online and in the back of the directory. Paul and Alan Saltzman do their best to get through these forms very quickly. As a reminder, any project visible from the street needs to go through ARC and most often the City, as well. Please reach out if you have any questions. Barbara Dorsey also mentioned that if you have something happening in your backyard you should talk to your neighbors. Russ asked about the trash and recycling cans and says he has not seen a big difference in appearance. Dean added that there are places where it has improved. The City has no directive on this, so reach out to the board if you see a need for enforcement.

**Nominations and Elections:** Dean presented Vice President Frank Hare and Treasurer Karen Krohnage for reelection. Both were re-elected unanimously to the board.

**New Business:** Dean introduced Sunny Weber. Sunny encourages residents to sign up for nextdoor.com in order to connect with other neighborhoods and learn useful information. Mary Lou Smith warned everyone about coyote sightings at night and during the day in the neighborhood. Please keep your pets on leashes and indoors. Roger Erickson asked about the possibility of lighting along the trail from the light rail. Dean will mention this to Councilman Gordon. Susie Roy believes that this is part of the long-term comprehensive plan for the City. A question arose regarding the proper steps to follow when filing a complaint about unsightly yards and property in the neighborhood. The first step is to file a complaint with ARC and then we can go from there. The plan for undergrounding power lines in CCVN is on hold because Excel Energy reneged on their commitment to install and Greenwood Village is suing them. In the event of traffic violations, please record license plate numbers and call the Police department. The adult holiday party is this Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9pm.

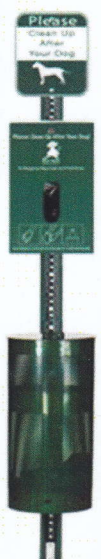
Dean moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, seconded by Karen, and unanimously approved.

### **Dog Waste Collection Stations for CCVN**

The CCVN Board has discussed complaints regarding dog feces left throughout the neighborhood and practical approaches to the problem. Currently, there are no waste bag stations, as there are in the Park, so research was done on non-obtrusive and convenient all-in-one stations. They are reasonably priced.

We need volunteer homeowners to "host" these stations, since we don't have common areas in our neighborhood. Therefore, we're offering memorial or in honor of plaques to be affixed to the poles; free to homeowners who wish to donate a corner of their lot to help other dog owners keep our walkways clean. If you have, or have had, a pooch you'd love to honor, we'll provide a perfect way to give back in their memory.

Everyone occasionally runs out of bags — usually just when you need one the most! We'd like to provide convenient, non-obtrusive bag stations, as well as public acknowledgment of beloved pets who have shared our lives in Cherry Creek Village North. Please contact Sunny Weber at [sunnyone2@ecentral.com](mailto:sunnyone2@ecentral.com) for more information.





## NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES/ADS

Keep calm y habla español!

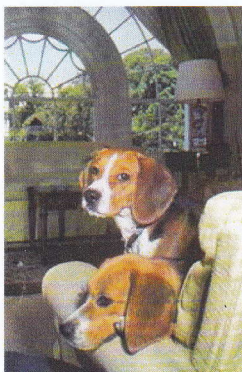
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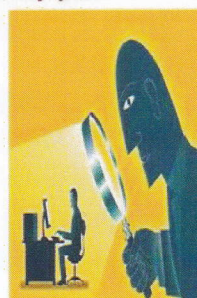
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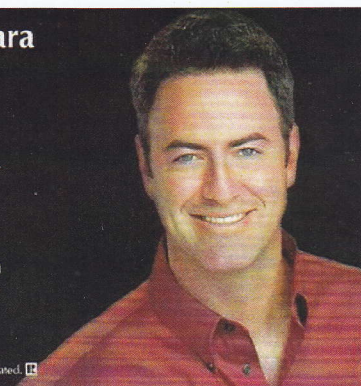
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