

CHERRY CREEK VILLAGE NORTH NEWSLETTER

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NEIGHBORHOOD GARDENERS EXTRAORDINAIRE



Many thanks to our
neighborhood
gardeners who make
the CCVN entrance
gardens so beautiful
each and every year!



Please thank Dean Goss, Nikki Gordon, Johanna
and Cooper Lewis, Sue
Rice, Paul Oppegard,
and Doc & Denise
Flournoy for taking a
couple hours on a
beautiful summer
morning so that we
might all benefit.



4th of July Fun!

Let's all give Mike and Julia Miller and their children, Tamsin and Keaton, a huge CCVN thank you for hosting the wonderful 2019 4th of July parade and party! This party is a big undertaking, and everyone truly enjoyed the food, games, and festivities! Not to mention, the party came in well under budget!



Back to School Safety

It's back-to-school time! Let's make sure we keep children of all ages safe in our neighborhood. As a reminder for children riding the school bus:



- If your child's school bus has lap/shoulder seat belts, make sure your child uses one at all times when in the bus.
- Wait for the bus to stop before approaching it from the curb.
- Do not move around on the bus.
- Check to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing the street.
- Make sure to always remain in clear view of the bus driver.
- Tell your child not to bend down in front of the bus to tie shoes or pick up objects, as the driver may not see him/her before starting to move.
- Children should always board and exit the bus at locations that provide safe access to the bus or to the school building.

And for kids riding their bicycles:



- Always wear a bicycle helmet, no matter how short or long the ride.
- Ride on the right, in the same direction as auto traffic.
- Use appropriate hand signals, and respect traffic lights and stop signs.
- Wear bright colored clothing to increase visibility.
- 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 that 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.

THE PEDLEY FAMILY

David and Elizabeth Pedley moved into 4365 South Alton Way this summer. David is a corporate attorney and they have two children, Zac and Emily. The family also has a terrier-pug mix named Dex.

NEW NEIGHBORS



THE BOWER FAMILY

Please join us in welcoming the Bower family to the neighborhood. Donna moved into 9191 E. Tufts Avenue this past spring. She has two grown sons and works in the IT industry. Please give Donna a hearty CCVN welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CCVN's Halloween Parade and Party will be held on Halloween night, October 31st. Join the parade at



the Radcliff entrance at 5:30 pm, proceeding to the Corbett home, 4369 South Alton Street. Please contribute your favorite chili for the annual chili contest! Light party fare will be served before the trick or treaters head out for the night.

The Annual Adult Holiday Party will be held at the home



of Sally Swartz, 4328 South Alton Street, on Sunday, December 15th, from 5-7 pm. BYOB, heavy appetizers will served. Join us to spread holiday cheer! Additional details to follow.



Flamingo Friday

Thank you to Gareth and Damon Smith for hosting CCVN's second Flamingo Friday of the summer. We look forward to more of these fun events next year! In fact, Gareth will be looking for 2020 HOA party hosts, so please think about a neighborhood event you'd like to host.

Thank You CCVN!

I want to share with you my sincere thanks and appreciation for your support and encouragement over the past 7 1/2 years. I am honored to have served in the role of Executive Director for CCVN; it truly was a privilege and I have met so many neighbors who became dear friends. My family and I will still be in the neighborhood, but I am running unopposed for the CCSB Board of Education Director District A seat, and will transition to that role this fall. You are in good hands as I am passing the torch of CCVN Executive Director to Gareth Smith. I know she will shine! *-Anne*





In Memoriam...

Sadly, longtime neighbor and friend, Carl Smeltzer, of 9199 E. Radcliff Avenue, passed away in early summer. Please keep Carl's family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Many thanks to Sue Rice for serving on the HOA Board of Directors, and welcome to our newest board member, Erin Meyerhoff. We appreciate their commitment to our neighborhood.

Sue Rice

Sue and her husband, Mark, have lived in the DTC area for almost 30 years. Both of their daughters graduated from Cherry Creek High School. Sue earned her BS from Penn State University and an MBA from the University of Colorado. Sue and Mark moved to CCVN in June of 2016. Sue's favorite hobbies include skiing, traveling, cooking, and riding her bike. You will often see her walking her dog, Razz, through the neighborhood. Although Mark has recently retired, Sue continues her music therapy with Alzheimer patients in senior living facilities.



Erin Meyerhoff

Erin moved to CCVN in June of 2017. She has three children: Caleb, a 10th grader at CCHS, Noah, a 7th grader at CMS, and Adah, a 5th grader at Belleview. Erin is a Nurse Practitioner and diabetes educator who works in the Endocrinology Practice at University Hospital. Erin and her children are all musicians, and the strong choral and academic reputation at CCHS



was a driving force behind their move to CCVN. They enjoy our friendly neighborhood that makes living in a big city feel more like a small community, and they love being able to walk to

school, as well as nearby stores and restaurants. They take full advantage of all the parks and trails nearby!

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." - Albert Camus

Our Wild Neighbors: The Red Fox



Like coyote education, learning about co-habiting with foxes is important for the safety of pets and the enjoyment of seeing a bit of the wild world in our increasingly populated urban environments. We must also lend at least grudging admiration for the flexibility and adaptability of critters we share our world with, such as coyotes, foxes, raccoons, skunks, birds of prey, and rodents, even as we take over their natural habitats. Peaceful and safe co-habitation is largely dependent on that fading human characteristic—common sense.

Here are the basic facts about foxes that can begin that education:

- **Size:** Foxes average three feet long with another foot for the plush tail; 14-16 inches tall, and weigh around 10 pounds.
- **Appearance:** Foxes look cat-like but with thick, luxuriant fur when in good health; they have large ears and a bushy tail, usually with a white tip.
- **Colors:** Commonly can include red, black or a highbred of red with dark stripes forming a cross over the shoulders (one running down the back/the other horizontally over the shoulder); plus white accents such as tail tips, neck ruffs, and face stripes.
- **Diet:** Preferences come in four categories, by size: 1) bugs, mice and other minirodents, 2) birds (including chickens &

ducks) and squirrels, 3) rabbits, hares, and prairie dogs; 4) on occasion: fruit, snakes, pet cats.

Mating Season: Is in winter, birthing in Jan or Feb; pups emerge in March/April, and hunt with parents until Aug/Sept; then pups strike out on their own (dispersement). Pups are often heard at night calling for hunting parents in a bone-chilling screech most people do not attribute to small, dependent fox pups.

Urban behavior: Because foxes are **primarily nocturnal**, people rarely see them but they live in virtually every urban area, due to human provision of resources (purposeful or inadvertent). Fox **territories** are smaller in resource-rich urban neighborhoods than in the wild. Foxes are athletic and **few fences** will keep them out of an area once they find food available. Foxes will take pet **cats** for **food**, primarily because they are easy prey: cats see themselves as the “hunter” and not as the “huntee,” so they rarely run away until it is too late to escape the deadly pounce of a slowly stalking fox. All cats should be kept indoors or in enclosures with strong walls, floors, and tops. Coops for **chickens** and **ducks** must be as secure as cat runs. **Small dogs** are seen as **competition** for resources and so must be kept under supervision and on leash, particularly from dusk to dawn. Foxes are stealthy, patient hunters that may attack small dogs as interlopers in their territories, but rarely as **food**. Large dogs and children are rarely at risk from foxes.

Protecting Pets: The most effective ways to protect small pets is to never allow them free

roam in a yard after dark. Cats should always remain indoors; dogs should always remain on leashes when walking after dusk. Yard lights and accompanying your small dog outside after sunset will keep the quick attack of a fox from occurring—foxes prefer to steer clear of people and are much shyer than coyotes.

Avoiding Conflict: Do not provide food, water, or denning opportunities in your yard. Haze foxes as you would coyotes by noise, aggressive body postures, throwing objects, or erratic movements with direct eye contact and bared teeth. Do not make friends with foxes, although they may coyly and cutely solicit companionship. They are intelligent, playful, and inquisitive—especially young foxes. Keep foxes afraid of humans, which will keep them at their distance and out of trouble.

Regarding recent conflicts: At this time of year as new families have moved out, and are nomadic within their territory, and teaching the young to hunt, they will be forcing disbursement of this year’s pups in October and November. Foxes are not aggressive to humans unless ill or protecting pups. Most foxes will not solicit human attention in normal situations. However, youngsters are extremely jovial, naive, and curious. They may be seen following, soliciting play, or investigating their environmental companions, as they figure out who is friend and who is foe in the wild world. In CCVN, fox sightings in the neighborhood will be common, as they try to avoid the danger of exposure to coyotes in Village Greens Park and Field.

-contributed by Sunny Weber, CCVN Resident

HOA Facebook Page

Are you on Facebook? CCVN is! Please check us out at Cherry Creek Village North. Anyone can find the group and see who runs it, but only members see who's in it and what they post. Send a message to the page administrator, Johanna Lewis, and she will add you to the group. This is one more way to stay connected to YOUR neighborhood!

Feed the Band Summer Concerts

Our heartfelt thanks go out to Rick and Daphne Reiff for their generosity



including the neighborhood in the Feed the Band concerts. It was such fun to see Brendan James and LVDY! This is a great way to experience the music of new and upcoming artists in an intimate neighborhood setting. Look for more concerts next summer!



New for 2020 HOA Dues:

In 2019, the HOA board adopted an HOA dues collection process by offering the ability to invoice and pay online. We know that some of you have been reluctant to pay online, but there are lots of great reasons for doing so. Ultimately, it saves time for both the HOA volunteers and the homeowners! Not to mention, it saves on printing and postage costs.

The process for 2020 will remain the same. If there isn't an email address on file or an email address is returned as undeliverable, then a hard copy will be mailed. If payment isn't received within 30 days, a reminder will be sent via email or a hard copy will be mailed. After an additional 30 days, a late fee of \$20 will be assessed and sent via email or hard copy.

Please reach out to sherrylblim@gmail.com with your preference of receiving HOA dues billing either electronically or mailed, and please provide any email address updates.

This will ensure accuracy for 2020!

Billing Date		Due Date
1st Billing	1/1/19	2/1/19
Reminder	2/2/19	3/1/19
\$20 Late Fee Assessed		3/2/19

Neighborhood Safety Tips – Keeping Your Home and Vehicle Safe

Preparation is Key to Ensure Your Safety

The priority of the Police Department is to protect residents and businesses from crime, but to effectively sustain a crime-free environment requires an active, engaged, and aware community. **Remember—the most important single act you can do is to be aware of your surroundings at all times and call the Police to report crimes or suspicious activities!**

As an observer, if a situation doesn't look or feel right, it probably isn't. By going with your instincts, your actions could help deter a crime in progress. Provided below are some important tips to ensure your safety in your home and neighborhood:

Home Safety

- Always keep your doors locked, even if you are home.
- Never let anyone know you are alone in the house.
- Never let strangers inside your home.
- Always close and lock windows when leaving the house.

Open Garage Doors and Garage Door Openers

Garage doors left open or stolen garage door openers are often an entry point for burglars. Always remember to close your garage doors when you are not in the garage, or close enough to see inside the garage. Also, especially at night, it is important to close all outside doors and lock them. Most homeowners fail to realize that many thieves drive around looking for open garage doors from which they can help themselves to the contents.

- Do not leave the garage remote inside your vehicle.
- Install motion sensor lights on sheds and garages.
- Keep bushes/trees around garage and sheds pruned to improve natural surveillance.

Going Out of Town or on Vacation

- Do not leave messages indicating that you are out of town on your mailbox, phone, social media, or voice mail.
- Suspend paper and mail deliveries when going out of town; or have a friend or

neighbor pick up newspapers, mail, and flyers from your yard or door.

- Call the Police Department at 303-773-2525 to request a Vacation House Watch, or online at greenwoodvillage.com. Officers will increase patrols around your home while you are away.

Lighting and Electric Timers

- Use electric timers inside your home to turn on lights, the TV, or radios during your absence.
- At night or if away, lower window shades, and keep lights on in at least two locations.
- Motion detector lights are very effective in deterring crime. They also light up your driveway or entry doors when you are leaving or coming home.
- Dusk to dawn lighting is a strong deterrent against criminal activity, and it constantly lights up your entry doors and possible obstacles that would otherwise be unseen.

Vehicle Security

- Always keep your vehicle locked up (even when parked in front of your home or in your driveway).
- Do not leave anything of value in the vehicle; take valuables with you or lock them in the trunk. This is especially true for a purse, iPad, GPS, cell phones, computers, or money.
- Remove your garage door opener from your vehicle when parked in your driveway or on the street.
- Do not warm up your vehicle in the morning without being in it.
- Park your vehicle in areas that are highly visible and well lit.
- Never hide a second set of keys inside your vehicle.

As always, the Greenwood Village Police Department is here to help you feel safe and secure in your homes and businesses. For more information about home or business safety, please call the Greenwood Village Police Department at 303-773-2525. For emergencies, please call 9-1-1.



GV and Cherry Creek School District Partner for Safety

Our children's safety has always been our number one priority and will continue to be the number one priority of the Greenwood Village Police Department as we begin the 2019-2020 school year.

In an effort to enhance the safety of nearly 8,725 students, faculty, and staff of the Cherry Creek School District (CCSD) campuses in Greenwood Village, including Cherry Creek High School, West and Campus Middle Schools, and Bellevue and Greenwood Elementary schools, the City Council unanimously approved an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with CCSD.

The purpose of the IGA is to outline the Police Department and CCSD's cost-sharing responsibilities related to the school resource officer (SRO) program. One major change to the SRO program this year is six school resource officers designated to the program, versus five officers assigned last year. Five school resource officers will be assigned to the Cherry Creek School campus, including Bellevue Elementary and Campus Middle School; and one officer will be assigned to West Middle School and Greenwood Elementary.

Greenwood Village is pleased with the strong and positive working relationship with the Cherry Creek School District CCSD and applaud Superintendent Scott Siegfried for his ongoing support of the SRO Program to ensure our school campuses remain safe. In an emergency or for immediate assistance in an urgent situation, please call 9-1-1 FIRST. An available officer will be immediately dispatched to the situation.

In addition, we encourage you to reach out to your school resource officers who are always available to offer assistance to parents and students. Get involved in what your children are doing and how they are feeling about life, school, friends, etc. Parents who notice red flags early have the best chance of getting their children help before a situation worsens. Declining grades, disrespectful friends, loss of activity or interest, and use of drugs are some warnings signs to watch for that your child may require immediate assistance.

ANNUAL HOA MEETING

CCVN's Annual HOA Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10th, at 7 PM, at Hope United Methodist Church, corner of Bellevue and Dayton. Please join your neighbors to find out more about your HOA, receive a State of the City report, and nominate and elect board members for the coming year.

Greenwood Village BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Are you a dedicated resident committed to encouraging, promoting and sustaining excellence in the Village?

The Village invites you to apply to serve on a Village Board or Commission and help shape the future of your community.

- Planning & Zoning Commission
- Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission
- Board of Adjustments and Appeals
- Arts and Humanities Council

Submit your letter of interest today!

Visit greenwoodvillage.com for more information or call the City Clerk's Office at 303-486-5752.

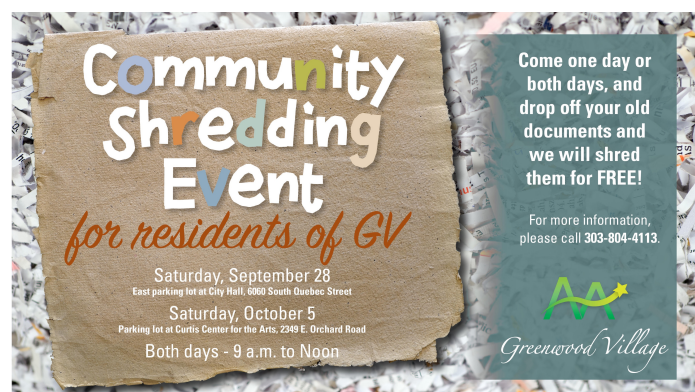


FALL FEST SPOOKY FOREST

Saturday, October 5, 2019 11:30 - 2:00 pm
At Carson Park and City Hall

Music, Art Projects, Games, Refreshments, Haunted House and Costume Contest

For more information call: 303-486-5773
In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved into City Hall.



Community Shredding Event
for residents of GV

Saturday, September 28
East parking lot at City Hall, 6000 South Quebec Street

Saturday, October 5
Parking lot at Curtis Center for the Arts, 2349 E. Orchard Road

Both days - 9 a.m. to Noon

Come one day or both days, and drop off your old documents and we will shred them for FREE!

For more information, please call 303-804-4113.

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