

CHERRY CREEK VILLAGE NORTH NEWSLETTER

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Back-to-School Safety on Our Streets

Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year! Part of what gives CCVN its unique character and vitality is the large number of school-age children who live here! Let's make sure we keep our neighborhood kids safe, especially as the seasons change and it begins to get darker earlier. Remember "20 Is Plenty" in residential neighborhoods. And while self-explanatory, stop signs are a crucial part of the safety of our streets. Adhering to the rules of school bus zones is also critical. Please be patient and aware, and ensure intersections are free of people and traffic before proceeding. Let's make CCVN's streets safe for everyone!



- ◆ **Flashing yellow light school zone areas indicate that traffic must slow down from the beginning of the lights until the next speed limit sign or signage that indicates the school zone has ended.**
- ◆ **Fines double in school zones.**
- ◆ **Stop for school buses.** (Colorado law dictates a driver of a vehicle, upon meeting a school bus from either direction which has stopped and activated its red flashing lights, is required to stop.)
- ◆ **Sun can obscure your vision any time of year.**
- ◆ **Pedestrians, once in a crosswalk, have the right of way. Do not drive distracted.**
- ◆ **Slow down and follow posted signage.**

4th of July Parade and BBQ — Fun for Everyone!



Many thanks to David and Lisa Piantanida for hosting a wonderful July 4th celebration! The turnout was terrific and everyone enjoyed the food, friendship, and camaraderie. It was exactly what a holiday should be!



Neighborhood Summer Fun, Continued!

Back-to-School Movie Night

A big thank you to the Gates' family



for hosting CCVN Back-to-School Movie Night & Dinner with a showing of Despicable Me 3. Kids of all ages had fun!



Feed the Band with The Accidentals

CCVN residents are fortunate to have the opportunity to see up and coming bands in our own neighborhood thanks to the Reiff's wonderful

hospitality! This summer

brought a stellar musical performance by The Accidentals.

This band just released their much anticipated album, Odyssey, under the Sony Masterworks label. They are sure to skyrocket!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Your HOA has two upcoming annual neighborhood events, the Halloween Parade & Party, and the Adult Holiday Party. More information to come via entrance signs and email. Also, just a friendly reminder that we depend on our neighbors to host these events, all expenses paid. To sign up, or for additional information, please contact Anne Egan at (303) 472-0500.



Halloween Parade & Party

Tuesday, October 31st

5:30 PM

Hosted by the Doyle family, 4534 S. Alton St.

Light dinner will be served before the trick or treaters head out.

Annual Adult Holiday Party

Sunday, December 3rd

5 - 7 PM

Hosted by the McCallister family, 4348 S. Alton St.

Dinner will be served. Adults only & BYOB.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Isabel Marie Hozian

Isabel Marie Hozian was born on Sunday, July 23rd, at 6 AM to Dan and Ondi Hozian. Isabel was three weeks early — she couldn't wait to get here — and weighed 5 lbs. 4 ozs. Congratulations, Ondi and Dan!

CCVN HOA Board Meetings & Board of Directors

Your CCVN HOA Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7 PM in the homes of current board members. Please join us at board meetings to learn how our HOA operates. The next meeting will be held October 10th at the home of Johnny Poon, 9190 E. Radcliff Avenue. A complete schedule of board meetings is posted on the CCVN website at ccvillagenorth.org.

If you are interested in serving on the HOA board, we have elections coming up at our Annual Meeting on December 5th at 7 PM at Hope United Methodist Church. Proxy votes will be delivered in November. Please give some thought as to whether you'd like to serve on the HOA Board of Directors. We are specifically looking for an incoming Treasurer to shadow our current Treasurer, Jenny Mancini.

The Corbett's

Chad and Jessica Corbett moved into 4369 S. Alton Street last month. They are both real estate appraisers and real estate investors. They have two children, Rylan, 6 years (1st grade), and Tyler, 4 years (preschool). Please stop by and say hello to the Corbett's!



Please welcome our newest board member, Ward Argust. Ward has lived in CCVN for over six years and moved to Colorado from Columbus, Ohio, ten years ago. He is employed by Great-West Financial as Assistant Vice President, Corporate Investments. He is married to Melinda Argust with whom he has two children, Alexander (17) and Megan (14).

Neighborhood Directory

Please be sure to give Concha McNamara and Chris Leonard a great BIG thank you for their efforts and very hard work on the 2017 Neighborhood Directory. We all know what a valuable resource the directory is, and they did an exceptional job tracking down neighbors and putting it together! Thanks again, Concha and Chris!

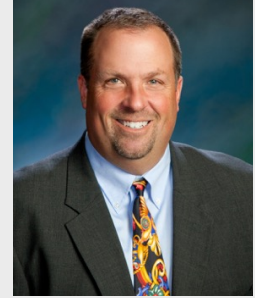
Neighborhood Book Group

Did you know CCVN has a Neighborhood Book Group? The book group meets every couple of months at the homes of neighborhood women. If you are interested in learning more about the book group, please contact Maile Feick at mefeick@aol.com. This is a great way to get involved in CCVN and catch up on your reading!

Message from T.J. Gordon, Greenwood Village City Council

Hello Village North Neighbors,

Things are still very busy around Greenwood Village these days. Council has spent the past couple months working with GV Staff to finalize the 2018 budget. We are all proud to say that Greenwood Village continues to be debt free and will be completing about \$19M in capitol projects in 2018. The money available for these projects is coming from our reserve funds, with almost \$12M spent on major road reconstruction and repairs. We are also rebuilding two significant drainage areas in the village as urban drainage control projects. Phase Four of Village Greens Park, which will include a patio/pavilion area and new bathrooms near the pond and disc golf course, is the District 4 main project scheduled for completion in 2018. The complete budget is posted on the Greenwood Village website. If you find yourself reading it and have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.



Changes are coming to I-225. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has identified the intersection of I-225 and I-25 as a major problem area for the state's highway system. CDOT believes the merge from DTC Blvd onto I-225 bogs traffic down when drivers attempt to go south on I-25. CDOT will be cutting off the southbound to I-25 merge. Once this happens, drivers will only be allowed to go northbound on I-25 from I-225 at DTC. This will create more traffic from the North coming to Belleview Avenue to gain access to I-25 south. Greenwood Village has existing traffic counts for Belleview Avenue and will be monitoring the increases once this modification takes place.

A new photo red light camera is being installed at the corner of Dayton and Belleview. This intersection is a serious concern because motorists continually fail to yield to pedestrians (school kids) trying to cross the street there.

The undergrounding of power lines in a few areas of Village Greens North is getting life again. Xcel Energy has identified the areas which are candidates for undergrounding. All the power line runs are evaluated against a safety criteria and then determined to be eligible or not for undergrounding. The City does not get to select which lines they want done, that decision is up to Excel. Those of you who may be affected will be getting notices from the City to set up meetings with Excel in order to discuss details and project costs.

The new Cherry Creek High School softball field is finished in Village Greens Park. The field looks great, especially since it is not right in the back yard of our neighbors who live on South Alton Street. The season is underway and everyone should go check out a game.

As always, please call or e-mail me with any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

T.J. Gordon 303-507-8170
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Mark your calendars:

Greenwood Village Fall Festival, October 7,
11 AM - 2 PM, City Hall
All-Colorado Artist Art Show opens October
14 at Curtis Arts Center

Our Wild Neighbors: The Red Fox

City Councilman T.J. Gordon recently sent an email to his district regarding the mysterious deaths of some pets in the Southeast Denver area. It was determined that a small predator was responsible for these deaths. To its credit, the City of Greenwood Village has made many educational efforts to encourage us to be vigilant, and yet, accepting of our wild neighbor, the coyote. Not much has been said or spoken about another neighbor, the red fox. Also a predator, but classified as a “meso-predator,” under the hierarchy of predator size and place in the ecosystem, the fox can be as heartless a danger to small pets as the coyote. Yet people do not have the emotional conflict with foxes that they do with the dog-like coyote.



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

- ◆ **Size:** Foxes average three feet long with another foot for their 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 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, and pet cats.
- ◆ **Hunting Behavior and Style:** Foxes evolved as solitary hunters but will share the hunt if a mated pair, or a father hunting for a denned mother and pups. They hunt by stalking, and surprise pouncing, but rarely prolonged chases. They prefer quick, clean kills with the least obvious damage to victim.
- ◆ **Mating Season:** 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 (called dispersement).

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 prey, primarily because they are easy prey. Cats 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, 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. Humans are the most common enemy of foxes; fellow “mesopredators,” such as raccoons and skunks can be dangerous to them, but coyotes are their main wild enemy as both compete for the same resources, territories, and food types. Coyotes will quickly dispatch a fox, but rarely eat them (seeing them as competitors, not food) and fox pups are easy prey for other predators, as well as hawks, owls, and eagles.

The most effective way to protect small pets is to never allow them free roam in a yard after dark. Cats should always remain indoors and 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. 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.

Searching for a den at this time of year will probably be fruitless, as new fox families have probably moved out and are nomadic within their territory, teaching the young to hunt, then forcing disbursement in autumn. Foxes are not aggressive to humans unless ill or protecting pups. The best solution to pet predation is to keep them indoors and/or under human supervision.

Contributed by Sunny Weber, CCVN Resident



Leaf Removal in Greenwood Village

There are several options for disposing of leaves in the Village. You can arrange for your lawn care provider to remove the leaves when they perform your yard service. Alternatively, you can bag your leaves in compostable paper yard waste bags and place them out with your weekly trash pickup. There is no limit to the amount of bags you can

place at the curb for trash pick up. You can take loose or bagged leaves to Village Greens Park. Leaves can be dropped off between October 2 and November 3 in the dedicated area of the North parking lot any day of the week. Village staff will spread and disk into the soil where native grass cannot be established, adding nutrients, helping with moisture retention, and also providing a place for soil bore microorganisms to live. Please do not sweep leaves or grass clippings into the street, as city sweepers are not equipped to pick up large piles of leaves and debris. For more information, please contact Greenwood Village Public Works Department at 303-708-6100.

BONFILS BLOOD CENTER

Bonfils Blood Center is holding community blood drives throughout the school year at Cherry Creek High School. Please help save lives by donating blood on Friday, November 3rd; Thursday, January 11th; Thursday, March 8th; and Friday, May 3rd. All blood drives will be held in the CCHS West Cafeteria from 8 - 9:40 AM, and 11 - 1:30 PM. To be eligible to donate you need to:

weigh at least 110 pounds

be at least 16 years old & have a signed Parental Consent form if you are 16 or 17

have not received a tattoo in the last 12 months

have not traveled to a malaria-risk country in the past year

eat a good meal & drink plenty of water before your donation

receive teacher permission to donate during a class (students)

bring your id with you to the drive

allow 1 hour to save potentially 3 lives!

To make an appointment, sign up online at <https://donors.bonfils.org>, using site code 2231.

Crash Avoidance Driving Skills Class for Teen Drivers



Is your teen driver ready for winter roads? South Metro Foundation teaches "hands-on" crash avoidance driving skills to young drivers. Enroll your permitted or licensed teen for a one-day class. Students complete the course in their personal vehicle to learn skid control and recovery on the skid pad, crash avoidance maneuvering, threshold braking, and a variety of defensive driving techniques. A car safety inspection and other class paperwork is required. Class cost \$175*. Teen Crash Avoidance Class offered year round.

Please check to see the class dates and register in advance at: <http://www.southmetrofoundation.org/136/Teen-Crash-Avoidance-Skills>

* Teen drivers without driving violations can apply for a \$100 State Farm Scholarship following the completion of class. This program is hosted by South Metro Safety Foundation and State Farm® providing \$10,000 in grant funds for scholarships through the Celebrate My Drive Campaign.

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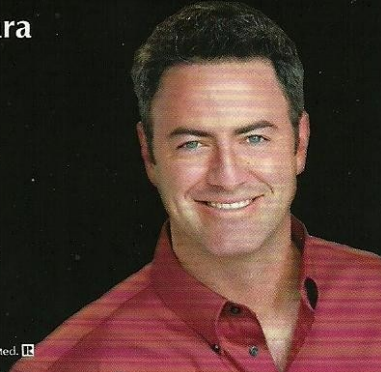

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