

CHERRY CREEK VILLAGE NORTH NEWSLETTER

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Goodbye Summer and Hello Fall!

As we welcome fall, take a moment to reflect on the glorious summer we just enjoyed. Please be sure to thank our resident gardeners, led by Barbara Dorsey and Dean Goss, for all of their efforts planning our neighborhood entrance gardens, securing the flowers, and dedicating a morning to planting. We appreciate these beautiful gardens so much!



***“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.”
Audrey Hepburn***



As a reminder, each fall Greenwood Village participates in a leaf recycling program. Residents may drop off their dead leaves at designated sites, including Village Greens Park by the city maintenance building.



4th of July Parade and BBQ

The 2018 4th of July Parade and BBQ was a grand success! A big thank you to Dan & Ondi Hozian and Gordon & Susie Roy for hosting this annual event. Also, many thanks to Dennis and Jennifer McCann for arranging the BBQ lunch at a discounted price, as well as to the many neighbors who pitched in with set-up and tear-down. We'll see you all at our next neighborhood event!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



HALLOWEEN PARADE AND CHILI/COSTUME CONTEST

CCVN's Halloween Parade and Chili Contest will be held on Halloween night (October 31st) at 5:30 PM. Please join the parade at the East Tufts Avenue entrance proceeding to the McKiever's, 4378 South Yosemite Court. There will be prizes for chili and costumes, so start thinking now about your spiciest and spookiest concoctions!

ANNUAL HOA MEETING

Please join us for CCVN's Annual HOA Meeting on Tuesday, December 4th, at 7PM. This meeting will be held at Hope United Methodist Church.

Progressive Dinner

There is interest in bringing back CCVN's Progressive Dinner. For those of you new to the neighborhood, residents are needed to host the appetizer, salad, main course, and dessert portions of this dinner. Neighbors go from house to house enjoying each course. This event is being considered for February or March, 2019. Please contact Anne Egan at 303-472-0500, or quinnegan@aol.com, if you are interested in hosting one of the courses.

ADULT HOLIDAY PARTY



The Adult Holiday Party will be held on Sunday, December 9th, from 5-7 PM, at the Edwards/Mayer home, 4420 South Alton Street. Please join us to celebrate the season at this festive annual party.

Dinner will be served, BYOB.

COVENANT REVIEW COMMITTEE (CRC)/Neighbors in Need

Your HOA Board recently established a Covenant Review Committee (CRC) for CCVN. If you are interested in serving on this committee with two sitting board members, we welcome your help. The board is also gathering a list of neighbors who would be willing to help with gardening, snow removal, and other basic services for neighbors in need. Please contact Henry Gardiner at henrycfa@comcast.net, or Sherry Blim at sherryblim@gmail.com to get involved.

Are you interested in serving on the HOA Board of Directors? We are looking for engaged and energetic neighbors to serve in this important capacity. Please email Anne Egan at quinnegan@aol.com for more information.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members, Johanna Lewis and Lisa Piantanida, to the HOA Board. We'd also like to thank Debra Reinhard, Edie Widoff, and Ward Argust for their service to the HOA.



Johanna Lewis

Johanna Lewis and her husband, Charles, moved into CCVN three and a half years ago. They have three teenage boys, Cooper (13), Zach (16), and Bennett (18). Johanna teaches math

at Cherry Creek High School and has been there for 22 years. You will see her walking to work every day. When not at Creek, Johanna is most likely on a soccer field since two of her boys are competitive soccer players. Johanna also likes to ski and work in her garden.

Lisa Piantanida

Lisa Piantanida moved into the neighborhood in December, 2016, with her husband, Dave, and their three kids, Bodie (8), Gates(5), and Marin(1). Lisa

loves anything outdoors with her family, including skiing, tennis, golf, and biking. When she's not playing with her kids, she is a PR and media consultant. A fun fact about Lisa is that she was a contestant on The Price is Right.



Village Greens North Phase IV Grand Opening *Ribbon Cutting*

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 - 6:00 pm
9501 E Union Ave, Greenwood Village CO 80111
Far North Parking Lot



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This project was supported in part by the Arapahoe County Open Space Sales and Use Tax.

A DOZEN WAYS TO BE A GOOD CCVN NEIGHBOR

- 1) Keep your yard tidy. Mow your grass, clean up weeds and dead and overgrown yard debris, and show off your beautiful landscape. Don't let necessary home repairs linger. Maintain your home and property.
- 2) Obey speed limits and posted signage, and drive without distractions (like texting) to keep our neighborhood safe.
- 3) Attend neighborhood HOA-sponsored parties and events to meet your neighbors and make new friends. Volunteer to host a neighborhood event.
- 4) Remember your Architectural Review Committee (ARC) application form for any visible exterior home improvement project. You can find a copy on the HOA website, ccvillagenorth.org, under the home improvement tab. This includes, but is not limited to, changes in roofing, windows, doors, fences, painting, landscape, etc., and construction of home additions and accessory structures, such as sheds, gazebos, etc. Obtain a Greenwood Village Building Permit for any construction project, no matter how small. When in doubt, call the City.
- 5) Keep your trees and bushes pruned back from the sidewalk so your neighbors can pass by without being hit by branches. Per City rules, trees and bushes overhanging sidewalks need to be 8-feet above the sidewalk, and trees and bushes over the street need to be kept 12-feet above.
- 6) Shovel your sidewalks and driveways and help neighbors needing assistance. As a reminder, Greenwood Village requires residents to remove snow and ice from their sidewalks within 48 hours after accumulation.
- 7) Pick up after your dog. Nothing is worse than coming home to find dog poop on your yard/sidewalk, especially when it's not your dog.
- 8) Bring your trash and recycling cans in promptly after collection day. City requirements state that trash containers, lawn trimmings, cut branches, and yard work debris may be placed at the curb no more than one day before a scheduled pickup and must be removed from the curb no later than midnight following a scheduled pickup. Containers must be stored in such a position to be reasonably screened from those off-property.
- 9) If you have a large item pick up to be collected, please wait to bring it out until the pick up is confirmed by the City. Please call the City at 303-708-6100 if you require a large item pick-up.
- 10) Outdoor storage of inoperable vehicles, as well as any recreational vehicles, including trailers, boats, and campers, is expressly prohibited in Greenwood Village.
- 11) Make every effort to keep noise on your property to a minimum, including barking dogs.
- 12) Smile, wave, and be friendly. We're all neighbors!





Dear Neighbors:

I am pleased to share recent Greenwood Village news with you as your District 4 City Council member. In late September, the latest issue of the quarterly newsletter by Tom Dougherty and I will bring you information about City and District 4 news. Here is a brief synopsis of current City Council work:

- Greenwood Village Day was a success with over 4,000 residents enjoying rides, crafts, games, and, of course, spectacular fireworks.
- Mark your calendar for Fall Fest on Saturday, October 6, 2018. This celebration of the season includes costumes, games, food, and fun!
- The Village Greens Park Phase IV expansion is almost finished. Be sure to walk the park and watch the completion of the shade pavilions, the addition of many trees and bushes, a walkway around the pond, and additional amenities. Completion is expected at the end of September.
- A photo red light system was installed at the Dayton/Belleview intersection on August 27, 2018. The entire system will be online and operational by mid-September.
- Enrollment is up on the Cherry Creek campus! Belleview Elementary has 650 students enrolled, Campus Middle School counts 1492 students, and Cherry Creek High School has 3770 students!
- There is a vacancy on the Arts and Humanities Council in District 4. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be a good fit on this Council, there is information about the application process available through the City Clerk, Susan Ortiz, at 303-486-5752.
- The study of cell towers both macro, for increased coverage, and micro, for increased capacity or speed, has been an important focus for Council. The City hired a consultant to educate Council and staff and assist with considering proposals from providers. The Village is prohibited from denying outright the applications for cell towers, but does have some discretion with regard to aesthetics and safety. Our challenge is to provide an environment that allows us to take advantage of all the technology and data that will be offered, while maintaining our park-like feel and magnificent view corridors.

My best wishes for pumpkin spice lattes, muffins, and Halloween preparation. I look forward to seeing you at neighborhood functions.

Cheers! Judy
Judith Hilton, PhD
District 4, City Council



Did You Know? Greenwood Village, through Republic Services, will switch out your 95-gallon trash or recycling container for a 65-gallon container if that is more convenient for your household. Republic Services also offers a carry-out service for any resident unable to move their solid waste and/or recyclables to the collection area. This cost is billed annually at a charge of \$60 (\$5 per month), or free of charge if a resident qualifies under the ADA. Please call Public Works for more information.

It Takes a Village

Recent CCVN neighbor teamwork resulted in positive outcomes for some vulnerable creatures in our neighborhood. Here are two of those stories:

Neighbor families on Akron Street gathered to observe newborn bunnies under a large pine tree. Concerned that the blind and helpless creatures needed assistance, another neighbor with wildlife experience was called for advice. The concerned residents were told that mother rabbits *seem* to abandon their newborns, often in vulnerable areas like rock gardens, under trees or shrubs, or even in the middle of grass yards. The mothers make some effort to bury their babies with blades of grass, pine needles, or in shallow impressions scratched out of soil.



Because mother rabbits sleep during the day and are nocturnally active, they sleep *nearby* their makeshift nests and return to their young in the evenings to nurse and groom the babies. The reason they do not sleep with their little ones is that the newborns have no discernible scent to potential predators, but mothers do and can attract these predators. Mothers sleep nearby and will distract attention away if a hunter approaches.

The children who found the young rabbits were advised to leave them alone, recover them with pine needles or grass clippings, and keep the area quiet. The children followed this advice and the next morning, the babies were gone. Mother rabbits move nest sites frequently, especially if they have been disturbed. Everyone hopes this rabbit family is safe in a new location.

Another incident that occurred recently was the discovery of a stray adult cat under a back deck on Alton Street. The concerned family had no cat experience and called for advice from a neighbor who did. Food and water were made available for the frightened cat. Thinking the cat might be feral (wild/untamable), a local specialist in TNR (trap/neuter/return) was contacted. This kind veterinarian agreed to trap and care for the cat, but could not come out for several days. In the meantime, the cat became accustomed to the residents, came out from under the deck, and solicited attention and physical affection. The cat also showed interest in entering the house. One of the homeowners is allergic to cats, but she and her husband agreed that the cat could take shelter in their sun room. A neighbor provided a litter box and the cat had shelter that night from an unexpected thunderstorm.



While waiting for the TNR veterinarian, a widowed woman offered to take in the stray. The veterinarian did an at-home physical, deemed the cat a senior as well, and everyone agreed the new home would be positive for both the cat and the woman. The resident who “fostered” the cat then went out of her way to transport the cat to her new home; a high-rise apartment in downtown Denver. She even ran an errand to pick up litter and some cat supplies for the adopter.

CCVN is not only a pleasant place to live, but our residents work toward the greater good with mutual respect, compassion, cooperation, optimism, and appreciation of the skills of others. This emotional positivity lends a true sense of safety, kindness, and mutual respect for humans, as well as the animals that share our world.

~Contributed by Sunny Weber, CCVN Resident

Water-Wise Gardening With Colorado Native Plants

Contributed by Henry Gardiner, Neighbor & HOA Board Member

Many people have an interest in landscaping with native plants. Xeric water-wise gardening is more than rocks, cactus, and sagebrush. There are hundreds of native plants for our Front Range gardens. Native plants can be used to accomplish just about any design style you're looking for by using the elements and principles of good design: color, texture, balance, unity, variety, rhythm, line, form, and scale. These plants can also be used for anything from formal designs to the more informal and natural plantings that comes to mind when most people think native.



GO NATIVE

To be sure, there are many benefits to using Colorado native plants for home landscapes. They are naturally adapted to Colorado's climates, soils, and environmental conditions. This means that by choosing native plants gardeners can work with nature, rather than trying to grow plants that are not suited to our local conditions, and may prove to be difficult to grow. When correctly sited, natives make ideal plants for a sustainable landscape. Native species require less external inputs such as water and fertilizer, and are more resistant to pests and disease when the planting site mimics the plant's native habitat.

SAVE WATER

Outdoor water use accounts for about 55 percent of the residential water consumed in the Front Range urban area, most of which is used on turf (lawn grasses). Planting less-thirsty natives will lessen the burden on our water systems. Turf replacement with water-wise natives can also save homeowners money on their water bills.

RESTORE NATURAL BALANCE

Another great reason to go native is to restore habitat. Rapid urbanization in the state is reducing biodiversity (the number of different species found in a given area), as habitat is removed for building and road construction. Research has shown that landscaping with natives on a large, or small scale, helps maintain biodiversity that otherwise would be lost to development. Providing habitat for songbirds and pollinators is one of the great pleasures of



gardening with native plants. To maximize habitat for pollinators, plant a diversity of plants, and aim to provide the longest possible season of bloom.

ENHANCE YOUR PUBLIC-FACING

SPACE

CCVN has covenants that address landscape appearance, but not the type of plants which may be used. Many of our original plantings from the 60's and 70's are well past full maturity and ripe for replacement. Before initiating any new landscape design, check with our homeowners' association Architectural Review Committee to discover any covenants or guidelines that may affect your design.



GARDEN LIKE YOU LIVE IN COLORADO

Finally, using native plants in landscapes helps provide a special sense of place, celebrating Colorado's uniqueness and beauty, rather than a homogeneous suburban landscape. A garden with native plants feels more harmonious with its surroundings than a landscape transplanted from another locale.

Sources for more information include (and were shamelessly lifted for this article from): Colorado Native Plant Society, CSU Extension Native Plant Master® Program, Front Range Wild Ones, the High Plains Environmental Center, the Butterfly Pavilion, the Denver Botanic Gardens, Resource Central (Garden in a Box), Denver Water, and Greenwood Village.

Garden In A Box Spring 2019 Pre-Sale/Waitlist

By signing up for this event, you'll be added to the Spring 2019 Garden In A Box Pre-Sale. This means you'll be the first to know when gardens go on sale & you'll also receive special, limited-time offers like \$5 OFF every xeric garden!
Visit Resource Central
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Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.
-F. Scott Fitzgerald

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and

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What a treat to listen to great music in our own neighborhood. Thanks to the Reiff's for their continued generosity inviting neighbors to the house concerts. This summer brought the Gingerbombs and Zach Heckendorf. We look forward to next summer's bands!



Love Art?

Interested in Promoting and Supporting High-Quality Community Arts and Cultural Programs in Greenwood Village?



Apply to Serve on the Arts & Humanities Council to:

- Advocate for the arts, artists and arts organizations in the community;
- Enhance and promote community awareness and enjoyment of the arts;
- Assist in developing art programs, concerts, plays and literary events;
- Support local art students with scholarships; and
- Acquire public art for the Village.

Submit Your Letter of Interest Today!

All meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

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



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