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 **DON'T MISS THE
Cherry Knolls
Annual Meeting**

May 12, 2015
7 p.m.



**Sandburg Elementary
School**

Come hear about future plans
for the neighborhood.
Meet with neighbors old and new.
Bring you ideas and questions.

**What's Happening in
Cherry Knolls?**

May

Fri. May 1 & Sat. May 2: **Garage Sale**
Sat. May 9: **Dumpster Day**
8 a.m.-4 p.m. Cherry Knolls Pool
Sat. May 17: **Pool Clean Up & Planting
Day**, 1:00p.m. Cherry Knolls Pool
Fri. May 22: **Pool Opens**

June

Thurs. June 11: **Swim-A-Lap**
Thurs. June 18: **Pool Spaghetti Dinner**

July

Sat. July 4th: **Parade & Pool Party**
9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL NOTE

**June, July and August
Sandburg School
& Playground
Will Be CLOSED.
The LAST DAY to drop
off recycling items is
Saturday, May 16.**

President's Corner



I love this time of year. Spring is in the air, and new life is all around us. Amid the drum-beat of new round of politics and bad news in the newspaper, poor seasons for the Avalanche and Nuggets, and drudgery of our work life, I look out to my yard with enthusiasm, and know, it's time to garden! In the morning, before anyone in my house is up, I head into the backyard and see what new sprouts have come up – radishes, lettuce, asparagus, and tops of carrots. You can hear the faint chirping of the neighborhood birds – ready to start their day. To me, this is what energizes my day more than anything I can imagine. Perhaps because I was raised on a farm – it is more a part of me than is natural for others. But also because we are aware of how good food is that you grow yourself and that it really does matter what we eat and how our food is produced. We do this as a family. If you are a gardener, I would like to know you, and what you are growing and perhaps share and share alike, and continue to build that community in Cherry Knolls. Because, as I have mentioned before, what I think the most important task of all for CKIA is “building a sense of community”.

On that front, as I mentioned in the last President's Corner, we have finalized a community survey and will be coming around in the near future to ask for your opinion of what “you want from your community”. Look for me or one of your other neighbors coming to your door with a survey. And, if we miss you, we will leave the survey to be returned to a CKIA return address. You also will be able to go the CKIA website and find the survey that can be completed and submitted on line. However you provide your feedback, please participate. We want to know what you would like from CKIA!

We thank those of you who have paid your CKIA dues. At this point, we are trending ahead of years past and seem to be well on our way to collecting funds that will allow us to make a few needed improvements to our perimeter. Our focus continues to be on a few beautifying projects. Again, let us know your priorities! We have formed a perimeter/improvement sub-committee and we would love to have your input. Just let me know, and I will direct you to the right people.

Finally, Spring brought the Easter egg hunt. It was very nice to see all of the old and new neighboring families out there a few weeks ago. And, May brings the neighborhood Garage Sale and Dumpster Day. Both events are wonderful opportunities to gel as a community. Please look for details in the newsletter.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve as your CKIA President. If there is anything you would like to chat about, just send me an e-mail or call. I look forward to hearing from you! (john.thomas@ucdenver.edu or 303-668-7827).

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 The second Tuesdays of May and November.

Regular Board Meetings:
 The second Tuesdays of October through May.
Meetings are normally at Carl Sandburg Elementary School, 7-9 pm. Everyone is welcome!

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A BIG THANK YOU, BILL HASTINGS

Bill Hastings is resigning as a Cherry Knolls Board Officer after serving for two and a half years, providing valuable information through his participation at Cencon meetings. Thank you for your participation and involvement within our community. We wish you all the best as you transition into retirement pursuits. Your time, energy, and participation has benefited all of us.

The Great Cherry Knolls Eggstravaganza



Sammy Jones had a successful morning hopping around for treats.

Saturday, April 4th over 100 kids and their families gathered at Cherry Park for this year's neighborhood egg hunt. It is a special tradition and involves all ages. Some of the happiest people were the grandparents who live in the neighborhood getting to show off their grandchildren. The yearly event was hosted by the Cherry Knolls Parent Co-op and included hundreds of eggs, treats and of course the Easter Bunny.

It is fun to hear comments by those attending. Here are a few of those comments

- "What a great start to everyone's Easter weekend and Spring!"
- "Our first time...very fun!!"
- "Great hunt!"
- "My kids thought it was the best hunt yet."



A big Cherry Knolls thank you to all who organized this fun event...Susan Desparrois & Amy Marszalek, Janice Wallace, Brett East, Sally Chaffee, Brandi Carlson, Anna Childs, Missy Crew, Amy Lieberthal and Chealyn Long.



The Easter Bunny showed up with treats for all



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A Reminder for Spring

Spring is here. It seems appropriate to remind ourselves and our neighbors to appreciate the beauty and attractiveness of the Cherry Knolls residences. Thoughtful consideration toward our community includes making special efforts to maintain a neat, attractive landscape by keeping weeds down, removing trash and debris promptly, keeping our waste containers hidden behind fencing or in garages and generally respecting the high quality of life in our community.

If you happen to observe or have any issues with yard appearances, please do let the committee hear from you. And best of luck with your lawns and gardens this year, as always.

Jerry Summers (303.770.8018)
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 Co-Chairs, Covenants Committee

CenCon (Centennial Council of Neighborhoods)

<http://www.cencon.net>

CenCON is comprised of Homeowner Association representatives in the City of Centennial. Prior to the incorporation of our new city, homeowner associations of unincorporated Arapahoe County belonged to a single umbrella group known as ACCORD. With the incorporation of Centennial, CenCON was 'spun off' from ACCORD to perform the same services for homeowners associations within the boundaries of Centennial. Current CenCON membership represents about 22,000 Centennial homes in about 59 different Homeowner Associations. CenCON meets monthly to gather important information from the various civic authorities. Your CenCON representative brings this information back to your association for dissemination to your homeowners by means of monthly meetings, newsletters, etc. Your Cherry Knolls rep attends these meetings.



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Hey all you Cherry Knolls green (and not-so-green) thumb residents! Come get your hands a little dirty with a nice group of neighbors under the guidance of gardening diva Carol McDaniel! The CKIA Gardeners need some more volunteers to take short stints to tend the Elizabeth entrance garden this summer. 'Many hands make light the work' so come join us! The perennial plantings from last summer make it easier and coaching is provided if desired. Please contact Peggy Hanson with questions or interest at egghanson@comcast.net or call at 847-308-2180.



DUMPSTER DAY
Saturday, May 9th, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Cherry Knolls Swim Team

The Neptune' season is underway! Registration took place March 14th & 15th and we are happy to announce we have a full team of 140 swimmers. We want to thank all of the parents for being diligent about registration and understanding with policies and procedures. The weekend proved that our Cherry Knolls community is growing; we have many new swimmers and many returning swimmers which will make for another great season. Please refer to the swim team website for all information regarding the Neptunes: www.ckswimteam.swimtopia.com.

Upcoming events include:

- Afterschool practice begins: May 18
- Regular practice starts: May 23
- Kick off dinner: May 29
- First Swim Meet: May 30

Fundraising Events:

- Swim-A-Lap: June 11
- Spaghetti Dinner: June 18

Please contact Holly Gant or Ashley Weldon for any questions. Happy Spring!

Holly Gant, hollygant@gmail.com

Ashley Weldon, Ashley@aweldon.com

The Cherry Knolls Swim Club

The Cherry Knolls Swim Club is the perfect environment to enjoy swimming and social activities during the summer. The CK Swim Club is a private club in the heart of Cherry Knolls neighborhood. We welcome members from any neighborhood, not just Cherry Knolls.

This spring you will see a lot of work happening at the pool. Both the main pool and baby pool are getting resurfaced!! This will help ensure the pool will be enjoyed for many years to come.

We are also excited to announce that we are following the footsteps of our CK Swim Team and moving to an online registration tool, SwimTopia, for annual membership registration. Annual Registration is currently open for all Charter Members and Seasonal Members. Seasonal memberships are limited. If you wish to buy a Charter membership, sell a Charter membership or have questions about membership, please send an e-mail to cherryknollspool@gmail.com.

The activities offered this summer will be a mix of traditional and new. Not to worry, there will still be a kickoff party to start the summer, family dinner nights and the 4th of July. An event that hasn't been around for many years is back...the Road Rally, a scavenger hunt for adults. Watch your e-mail and/or check the website for more details as the season quickly approaches!

The CK Swim Club is open 7 days a week, allows outside food & drinks to be brought in and has gas grills available. It has mature shade trees, abundant green space, large picnic & deck areas as well as being adjacent to Cherry Field. There are certified life guards, a swim team, and group/private swim lessons.

Please visit our website for more information www.cherryknollsswimclub.swimtopia.com.



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Online registration is now available on our new website:

www.cherryknollsswimclub.swimtopia.com

Summer Time Activities

- ~ Kick-off Party, enjoyable evening to start the summer
- ~ Thursday Family Nights, enjoy a meal, meet new neighbors & relax with old friends
- ~ Road Rally, a scavenger hunt for adults
- ~ Fourth of July celebration, parade, music, food & games for all ages.
- ~ Teen Movie Night, a night at the pool for teens only! Movie, swimming & fun!
- ~ Flick n' Float, movie night for all ages

Building Community with Rod Macdonald

Let us introduce you to a Cherry Knolls family who has danced around the world

Meet the Carlsons

Mark and Sandra Carlson and their 14 year old son Max have been residents of Cherry Knolls since 2006. They are the owners and directors of the International Ballet School at 8000 South Lincoln Street in Littleton giving opportunities to career-oriented dance students through daily classes and performances including an annual Nutcracker, The Sleeping Beauty, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Peter Pan and this June 6-7 Cinderella at The Newman Center at DU.

The International Ballet School (IBS) offers ballet, pointe,

classical variations, contemporary dance and character dance and has had its students accepted on scholarship at all of the big schools in the country including The American Ballet Theater Academy, The San Francisco Ballet School and School of American Ballet. Their students have also received scholarships internationally at The Princess Grace Academy of Ballet in Monaco, The Dresden Ballet School and The Stuttgart Ballet School in Germany and participated in the Prix de Lausanne Ballet Competition in Switzerland, The USA International Ballet Competition and Youth America Grand Prix Finals in New York as well as The Denver Ballet Guild.

Mark and Sandra Carlson (Kerr) have danced internationally in Germany, Sweden, Belgium and Sandra was a soloist at The Colorado Ballet for several years and Mark was a company teacher and co-director of Colorado Ballet II before starting International Ballet School. Their son Max attended Sandburg Elementary and is currently in eighth grade at Newton Middle School.

The International Ballet School is dedicated to personal care and instruction for all of its students and for nearly 20 years has been working towards developing dancers and those that have a love of dance.

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Meet International Ballet School Student Chloe Dehmlow

Chloe Dehmlow, an advanced student at I.B.S., had an opportunity to answer a few questions about her involvement in ballet.

Question: Do you see ballet as a sport, an art, or a discipline?

Chloe: Personally, I see ballet as all three. It's a sport because of the hard work and dedication put into it behind the scenes. I see it as an art because of the beauty needed to tell stories. I see it as a discipline because of the mind set you have to have in order to pursue ballet.

Question: Do you like the individual aspect or the social aspect of ballet?

Chloe: I enjoy both. The individual aspect makes it a way to almost escape. I go to school and then go to dance and almost escape from the outside world. The social aspect creates a place where I feel safe and able to go to my friends with my problems. The studio is like my second home, and we're like one big family.

In each issue of the Cherry Knolls Newsletter, Rod Macdonald will feature a Cherry Knolls resident or group that makes Cherry Knolls a special place to live. If you have suggestions for Rod please e-mail him at rpmcdonald3552@hotmail.com.

We Need YOU!!

CKIA is looking for 2 new board members to fill positions that have recently opened.

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Fourth of July Parade and Pool Party

Greetings Neighbors! One of the events we all look forward to, the annual 4th of July Pool Party, will soon be here and all residents of Cherry Knolls are invited to join in the fun at this year's event! This is a neighborhood event where everyone is invited and can enjoy the pool, the celebration and the fun regardless of whether they have a pool membership or not. The pool will be open to all Cherry Knolls residents free of charge on this day.

The party and parade will take place Saturday, July 4th. The day will begin with the traditional parade at 9:30am sharp on E. Costilla (next to the pool). The route will be the same as last year starting on Costilla -> Nobles -> Cook -> Columbine -> Easter -> Nobles-> ending at Costilla. Everyone participating in the parade should be lined up no later than 9:15am. Bring out the red, white, and blue for this event and show your pride for the U.S.A. Kids and adults with strollers, wagons, bikes, pets or floats can all participate.

Immediately after the parade, the pool fun begins. As usual, there will be lots of fun, friendship and music. Concessions will be available and all sales benefit the Cherry Knolls Swim Team. Burgers, hot dogs, snow cones, soft drinks, cup cakes and more will be available for purchase. A big "THANK YOU!" goes out to the Cherry Knolls Swim Club for making the pool available to all Cherry Knolls residents for this annual event.

An event like this requires your help! We need volunteers to help with traffic control during the parade. This is low impact and involves monitoring an intersection during the parade. Your total commitment is about: 30-60 minutes and will end by 10:30am. This helps to insure that all participants complete the route safely. If you are able to help out, please contact Fred Thomas (303-668-7827 or john.thomas@ucdenver.edu).

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Kid's Korner Sandburg



For nine years I have gone to Sandburg, it has been a wonderful learning experience. The school not only focuses on academics, but also Terracycling and fun. Terracycling is upcycling chip bags, health bar wrappers and other items, that are made into new products. You can help with Terracycling every Super Sort Saturday. Every volunteer would mean a lot to making Sandburg better. One of things that our principal, Mrs. McDonald, bought with the Terracycling money is a huge, fun piece of equipment on the south playground.

Over the summer, you might see a lot of construction happening at Sandburg. Sadly, I will not be here next year to test all the new stuff, but I've heard there will be a new science lab. Knowing that we do many science activities, Mr. Newell the science teacher, will love the new change.

There are also many end of the year events that will be happening, like the fifth grade musical, field day, the end of the year fifth grade pool party, and Young AmeriTowne. If you'd like to watch your son or daughter on field day do all the fun school activities, it is on May 14. You can come and watch the fifth grade musical on the night of May 13.

In my nine years I have seen many changes happening at Sandburg. Not only the teachers make it happen, but the parents as well. Right now Sandburg's staff

and students are celebrating the volunteers' help and contributions to Sandburg.

There is a big banner near the gym and it shows every person who decided to volunteer. We'd like to thank everyone for the volunteering and contributions that make Sandburg great.

— Benjamin S. Asphaug Sandburg Grade 5

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