

# Cherry Knolls News

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# Welcome New Neighbors

The New Neighbor Committee would like to welcome you to Cherry Knolls and we have a gift for you! The New Neighbor gift packet has interesting and informative materials about Cherry Knolls, business coupons and two special Cherry Knolls gifts. Welcome letters have been sent to our new 2016 and 2017 residents and we would love to hear from you. Please contact Seth Jones (sethj41@gmail.com) or text him @ 303-902-8909 to let him know you are interested in the New Neighbor gift packet. One of your neighbors will contact you concerning a convenient delivery time.

The New Neighbor Committee is also looking for volunteers to help distribute the gift packets. If you have a few minutes and would love to welcome your new neighbors, please call or e-mail Sue Carlton-Smith (303-694-805 | or sacarltonsmith@msn.com) and we will add you to our volunteer list.

Thanks from your New Neighbor Committee - Sue Carlton-Smith (sacarltonsmith@msn.com), Peggy Hansen (egghanson@comcast.net), Seth Jones (sethj41@gmail.com) and Sandy Wischmeyer (swisch@aol.com).

#### Letters to the Editor: Dear neighbors,

For more than 50 years, our Home Owners Association, the Cherry Knolls Improvement Association (CKIA), has been protecting property values and street appeal through very reasonable voluntary dues and voluntary, common-sense standards (covenants.) The result is a very desirable neighborhood compared to areas east, north, and west which have junk piled beside the houses, and trailers, boats, campers and motor homes cluttering many properties. We have chosen Cherry Knolls, in great part, because of its well-maintained, above-average appearance.

Why then, do only about 60% of us support the very organization that fostered this special place. CKIA, the organization with volunteer officers, continues to labor in our collective best interest? We can forgive the few who just can't afford it. For those with old grudges it is probably time to move on and support your new neighbors. For those with an ideological reason...this is small government at a local level where there is free will to exercise your rights as responsible citizens. For those who are too new or too busy to have read the newsletter or the covenants, membership is the fair, neighborly thing to do. Please join us.

D. J. Inman

6917 S. Madison Way



# SWIM NEWS

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The Cherry Knolls Neptunes are wrapping up another super season! Several swimmers will head to Rocky Mountain Swim League Prelims and Finals in July, under the guidance of our talented coaches:

Head Coach Molly Smith and Assistant Coaches Bria Busta, Maggie Foa, Greg Gassen and Isabelle Jones; Head Junior Coach Bella Sumner and Junior Coaches Daniel

Bensen, Paige Foa, Murielle Hecomovich, Bailey Moore, Kevin Roth and Jacob Wittenberg.

Thanks to this dedicated coaching team and all of our swimmers who bring their Neptune spirit and smiles to every practice and to team parents who volunteer their summer time -- usually in the heat! We appreciate the Pool Board and Cherry Knolls neighbors who lend continued support -- especially for our successful fundraisers like the Meatball Sub Dinner and annual Swim-a-Lap in June.

This year we were able to purchase new team tents, lane ropes and backstroke flags, among many items needed for team operations.

Please visit ckswimteam.swimtopia.com for complete details, and contact 2017 Parent Reps at koryfoa@gmail.com , cbstickley@hotmail.com , or kellybrandner@msn.com.



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#### CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWS

The Cherry Knolls News is published bimonthly by the CKIA, a nonprofit homeowners' association. Articles and photos

are welcome; submission does not guarantee publication.

The deadline for articles and advertising is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue, except the Jan. issue which is Dec. 4th.

All articles, letters and ads must be approved by the editor for publication and as space permits. **To submit an article**, call a board member or email the editor, Rod Macdonald, at rpmacdonald3552@hotmail.com.

All "Letters to the Editor" must be signed and include a daytime phone number in case there are any questions. Letters may be printed without the author's name if requested.



## Parent Co-op

Cherry Knolls Parent Co-op is a great way to get to know other neighbors and exchange childcare. If you would like to be a part of the co-op or have questions please contact April Knowles at april.knowles@yahoo.com.

#### **NEW NEIGHBORS**

If you are new to the neighborhood and have not been contacted, please let us know. We would like to greet you and share with you the many benefits of living in Cherry Knolls.

Contact Seth Jones at sethj41@gmail.com

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#### "Be the change you wish to see in the world." -Gandhi

Being involved in the community is a meaningful part of life for Kelly James and her husband, McCory. When her two boys, Landon and Carson, were younger, she sought out opportunities to involve her family in serving the community, but had difficulty finding organizations that allowed young children to volunteer. She talked to other moms who were also frustrated with limited service activities for families and wanted their kids to understand the needs of the world beyond the suburbs of Denver.

Around that time that she asked her son to clean his room and he replied, "No, just have the housekeepers do it on Thursday." His comment was just the motivation she needed to put her thoughts about service into action. With the support of her family, Kelly decided to start a kid's service club called "Awesome Kids Who Care" (AKWC). She reached out to the connections that she had from church and the non-profit world to ask for help with finding service opportunities. A couple weeks later, she sent an email to her friends asking if they would be interested in joining a kid's service club that would meet monthly. She received an overwhelming positive response and had the first meeting in September 2015.

This past year, AKWC planned I-2 activities/month from October to May. Some of these activities included preparing and serving meals at Sacred Heart House and Joshua Station, playing sports with refugee students at Fairview Elementary in Denver, helping neighbors in Cherry Knolls, volunteering at a water station for the Walk to Cure Arthritis, and helping to host a birthday party for residents at Arvada Nursing Home.

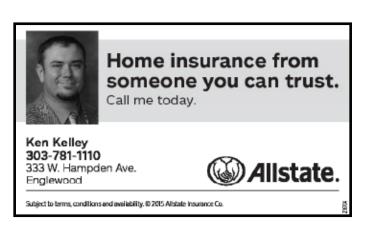
This July, AKWC is hosting "Silly Olympics" in partnership with HopeKids. HopeKids provides ongoing events, activities and a supportive community for families who have a child with cancer or some other life-threatening medical condition. We are hosting the event at deKoevend Park on Saturday, July 22 from 9am-11am. We're looking for volunteers (adults and kids!) to help us run some the games. If you're interested, please contact Kelly James at kelly@elevatephotography. com or Carly Sigafus at carly.sigafus@gmail.com.















# Garage Sale Recap

On May 5 and 6, nearly 90 families participated in the Cherry Knolls Neighborhood Garage Sale. The event was sponsored for the ninth year in a row by The Steller Group of Keller Williams Realty, comprised of Realtor neighbors Conrad and Jennifer Steller, Emily Jones Lonborg, Bill Dehmlow and Blair Bryant.

Sellers who signed up to participate were highlighted on the map and directional signs were posted to lead shoppers to their driveways. Garage pros continue to look forward to this annual event, as the Cherry Knolls sale is one of the largest and earliest sales of the season.

"Several shoppers mentioned that they never miss our garage sale. This tells me that our neighborhood garage sale is a success year after year because of our reputation," noted Nancy Glassman, a four-time garage sale participant.



This year, Salvation Army—a new charity for this sale—was brought in to conduct the curbside pickup following the sale for approximately 60 households. The trucks unfortunately filled up too soon and left prior to serving all the homes. The Steller Group followed up with dispatch and was assured that the Salvation Army would plan accordingly in the future.

Peggy Hanson, CKIA board member, headed up the association's second year of a community garage sale to benefit the Long-Range Plan. She reported that the effort raised \$627.

Save the date for next year: May 4 and 5, 2018. Until then, have an enjoyable and clutter-free summer!

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## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

#### Cade Sigafus (jr correspondent)

#### "The Strike Zone"

Did you know that there's a hidden place to practice pitching, hitting, and fielding not too far from our neighborhood? Well, there is. **The Strike Zone is managed by Bruce Egloff, a former major and minor league pitcher.** Bruce grew up in Denver and loves baseball. Bruce started playing baseball when he was six because his parents got him involved with it. His dad had played in college.

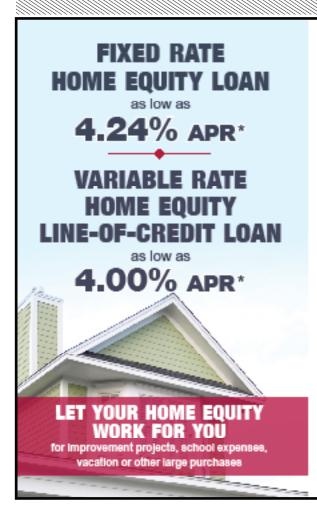
When Bruce played baseball he usually pitched because he was always the best at it. When Bruce went to college he played baseball there for four years and when he graduated he moved up to the minor league team for the Cleveland Indians. Bruce pitched in the minors for four years and then moved up to the Major Leagues. He played for the Cleveland Indians for two years. Bruce stopped playing in 1994 because of injuries. When he stopped playing he went on to work at a place called Grand Slam in the DenverTech Center

to coach people at baseball. When Grand Slam closed, the owner converted some empty space in Arapahoe Village Shopping Center into a place called The Strike Zone to practice baseball. Now, Bruce helps people improve their hitting, fielding, and pitching. He also has people practice footwork. One of the ways Bruce teaches is by breaking it down into parts and making it hands-on. Sometimes he even lets baseball teams rent out the space to practice. Bruce has taught at The Strike Zone for about nine years. Also, Bruce is a baseball coach at Heritage High School.

The Strike Zone is located behind the restaurant Jade Garden in Arapahoe Village Shopping Center. If you're interested in private baseball coaching, contact Bruce at begloff46@gmail.com.







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# Garden Club

The CKIA Garden Club kicked off the 2017 season with a brunch meeting hosted by their leader, Carol McDaniel, and a tour of her beautiful garden. Watering schedules have been assigned and the Garden Club expects the Elizabeth Entrance gardens to be beautiful again with little effort and additional cost thanks to the investment in perennials a few years back.

Thanks to all the garden club members for their time and effort in helping to make our neighborhood beautiful! It's a great bunch of neighbors if anyone wants to join, please contact Carol McDaniel at carolamcdan@gmail.com. Members volunteer to monitor the garden for a week or two during the summer which usually involves watering once or twice each week. Camaraderie among the group is great and there is interest in doing some garden tours together this year.



The CKIA Garden Club Members are (left to right): Diane Cummings, Deb Nazzaro, Patty Levi, Carol McDaniel, Terry Curtis, Jerry Wolfe. Members not pictured: Donna Farley-Wade, Juli Gage-Macdonald, Peggy Hanson, Cindy Misener, & Anne Wormley

# The High Line Canal: Past, Present and Future

At one time or another we all have used the wonderful High Line Canal trail that connects with the trail through Cherry Knolls Park. The 71 mile trail as originally the maintenance road for the canal which stretches from Waterton Canyon out into the prairie near the airport. It travels through 11 municipalities and changes as it goes.

Scotsman James Duff conceived the idea for the High Line Canal as an irrigation ditch to support farms east of Denver on the plains. Construction began in 1881; it was an engineering feat for its day, as it drops only 2 feet every mile (for a total of only approximately 140 feet dropped in 71 miles). The Canal was completed in 1883. In these early days, the Canal irrigated 20,000 acres of land through 165 head gates. It was in 1924 when Denver Water, the current owner, acquired the Canal from the Antero and Lost Park Reservoir Company.

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#### High Line Canal Continued

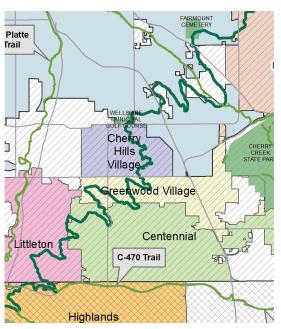
Times change. The historic High Line Canal now faces new challenges. Water scarcity, combined with the fact that the Canal is no longer an efficient means of delivering water to customers, has precipitated the need to reassess the use and future role of the Canal. Today, it serves approximately 70 Denver Water customers for landscape irrigation. In 2016, the High Line Canal Conservancy was formed and engaged thousands of community members to participate in the writing of 'A Community Vision Plan for the High Line Canal'.

Community Vision Statement for the High Line Canal: "The High Line Canal's 71 meandering miles will be preserved and enhanced as a cherished greenway that connects people to nature and binds varied communities together from the foothills to the plains." To view the full Vision Plan, visit: highlinecanal.org/vision.

A partnership between Denver Water and the High Line Conservancy will go forward with landscape design guidelines, improving canal crossings, tours, and signage. If you would like to be involved you can: Become a High Line Hero at joinhighlinecanal.org. Visit the High Line Canal Conservancy's website to learn more: highlinecanal.org. Participate in the upcoming summer walking programs including mile 0 to 71 with Walk2Connect: highlinecanal.org/walk2connect.



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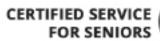
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