

Cherry Knolls News

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November 2018

The BULLETIN BOARD

Sandburg Elementary
Veteran's Day Program
Nov. 8th, 8:15 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

CKIA Board Meeting
November 13th, 7 p.m.
Sandburg Elementary School
General Meeting and voting

Littleton Candlelight Walk
November 24th, Main Street
Santa Starts at 6:30pm
Main Street traffic closed at 4pm
See page 3 for more details

President's Corner

Peggy Hanson

Dear Neighbors,

The voting season is upon us. Nov 6 isn't the end of it, however, because CKIA will conduct 2 votes at the Nov. 13 General Meeting. We need you; we need your voice.



VOTE 1 - we will be electing 5 new board members

VOTE 2 - vote on the proposed bylaw amendments, (notices delivered Sep. 30th).

Bylaws require a quorum 30 voting members be present to vote. Please mark your calendar for the next meeting, Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7pm in the Carl Sandburg gym. Can't stay long? Voting will be the first item on the agenda.

As a reminder, the proposed bylaw amendments simply bring our bylaws up to the legal standard required by the Revised Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Act, the law that governs our Association. Please refer to your notice, the red-lined version on the website (under public documents), or email contactckia@gmail.com with questions. Provided quorum is met at the meeting, adoption requires 2/3 of voting members present vote in favor of the amendments.

It has been a good year for the Association. CKIA sponsored the hallmark neighborhood events and conducted routine business. Dues participation is up. Volunteer participation is up as well with over 60 people volunteering in various capacities on Association-sponsored events! And finally, the dry-but-important matter of reviewing the governing document was accomplished with sincere community interest and participation. Thanks to everyone who participated in large and small ways—it was (and still is!) meaningful.

And now the swan song...After four years on the CKIA board, my current term is expiring this month and I am shifting gears to pursue other interests. It has been a privilege to serve this community. I've learned so much from working with countless neighbors, particularly my fellow board members, dedicated toward one goal—to preserve, protect and promote the interests of the membership. Each board member is "just a regular resident" who is taking a shift at helping maintain the standards and community spirit set forth in 1959; I was honored to work with 20 of them. I recommend the role to any neighbor who has an interest in Cherry Knolls. Thank you for the opportunity and thanks for allowing me to get acquainted with you. Now, more than ever, I really appreciate the magic of Cherry Knolls. I look forward to working with you on future community matters.

Happy Autumn!

Peggy Hanson, Outgoing President, CKIA

*Gratitude is a powerful catalyst
for happiness. It's the spark
that lights a fire of joy in your
soul.*

~Amy Colette



Superintendent's Visit with Cherry Knolls Neighbors

Written by Courtney O'Shea

CKIA was pleased to welcome Mr. Brian Ewert, Littleton Public Schools Superintendent, Jack Reutzel, LPS School Board President, and other Littleton Public Schools representatives at the October 9 board meeting as they spoke on behalf of the LPS Long Range Planning Committee and in favor of two major initiatives that will be on the November ballot: Local Bond 4A & State Funding Initiative Amendment 73.

Mr. Ewert and Reutzel spoke about the positive impact each initiative would have on the school district.

Local Bond 4A Benefits include:

- Strategically replacing aging schools, which will also address transportation and school size challenges;
- Renovate the recently purchased Schomp Automotive property to create a new Career and Technical Education and Innovation Center;
- Maintain district facilities to prolong their life by addressing a myriad of projects; and
- Replace old, outdated student desks and classroom furniture with new furnishings to meet the needs of modern instruction and a diverse student population

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If you have a story, picture, or some kid art (cartoons, drawings, pictures, etc) to be featured in the newsletter, e-mail **Brett East at east.brett@me.com**

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To add your teen's name, please e-mail Brett East @ east.brett@me.com. Categories: (B) Baby-sitting, (*) Red Cross Certified for CPR, (L) Lawn Care, (R) Leaf Raking, (S) Snow Removal, (P)Pet & House sitting, (O) Odd jobs.

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Parent Co-op

Cherry Knolls Parent Co-op is a great way to get to know other neighbors. If you would like to be a part of the co-op or have questions **please contact April Knowles at april.knowles@yahoo.com**. If your child is interested in being added to the running list of neighborhood babysitters, please contact April Knowles at 303-957-6984.

NEW NEIGHBORS

If you are new to the neighborhood please contact Sue Carlton-Smith, sacarltonsmith@msn.com. We would like to greet you and share the many benefits of living in Cherry Knolls.



CHERRY KNOLLS COMMUNITY



Meeting with Mr. Brian Ewer, Superintendent of Littleton Schools

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In addition to the local bond, the two also discussed the statewide funding initiative, Amendment 73, which asks Colorado voters to pass a ballot initiative to raise an additional \$1.6 billion annual revenue for Colorado public schools, bringing them closer to the national average in school funding. If passed, **Amendment 73 would mean an additional \$23.1 million for Littleton Public Schools annually.** These funds would be used on district priorities such as early childhood education, adequate school staffing, career and technical education programming, security and mental health supports and additional academic interventions.

Mr. Ewert and Mr. Reutzel spoke on all aspects of these initiatives for almost an hour, answered multiple questions from those in attendance, and illustrated their points using clear, informative graphics. **If you are interested in viewing the slides presented at the meeting and learning more, please visit: <http://littletonpublicschools.net/bond-2018>**

A special thank you to Cherry Knolls neighbors, Seth Jones and Stacy Dinkel for facilitating this learning opportunity.



Candlelight Walk, November 23rd

This Littleton tradition is a festive evening of holiday lights and music for the whole family. Sip hot cider, listen to holiday music and see reindeer! Donations of non-perishable food for Inter-Faith Community Services are accepted during the evening as well as toys for the Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop. Main Street merchants stay open late for those who want to start their holiday shopping.

Santa Claus and his sleigh will start down Main Street at 6:30 pm magically illuminating more than one million lights in the trees as he passes each block. When he reaches the end of Main Street, Santa throws the switch on the big Christmas Tree in the plaza. After that, he will make his way to Town Hall Arts Center for photos and to listen to the first wishes of the season. **Main Street closes to vehicle traffic at 4 pm** on this day. The live reindeer are sponsored by Bradford Auto Body and Western Welcome Week. For more information, call 303-795-3863.



Fall Festival (more on pg 4)





Fall Festival Review



Written by Jen Steller

Nearly 1,200 people attended the Eighth Annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 30. Sponsored by The Steller Group, the event offered free entertainment and food. Cherry Knolls Realtors and neighbors, Conrad and Jennifer Steller, Emily Jones Lonborg, Bill Dehmlow, Blair Bryant, and Seth Jones sponsored and coordinated the festival as a neighborhood and client-appreciation event.

Held at Cherry Knolls Park, guests enjoyed performances from circus entertainers, a kids' train ride, crafts and games, jumping castles, an obstacle course, a pick-your-own pumpkin patch with free family portraits offered by Michelle Meunier Photography, face painting, balloon sculptures, airbrush tattoos, bubble tower, photo booth, snow cones, and kettle corn. The barbecue menu featured hot dogs courtesy of Boar's Head representative and Cherry Knolls neighbor, Mike Manto. Samples provided from local eateries—Lila B. Lounge at Comedy Works South, Peet's Coffee, Qdoba, and Sazza Pizza + Salads—complemented the buffet and showcased their various specialties.

Finally, The Steller Group would like to thank its professional partners whose sponsorships helped make a free festival possible:

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Gratitude

Written by Brett East

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

— John F. Kennedy

We are so richly blessed! We need only to look around us, even in our own neighborhood, to see the goodness we receive. May we each take time today, this month, this season, to reflect upon the great and beautiful life we are so blessed to live. What can you do to not only utter this gratitude, but to live it? For it is when we give of ourselves that we can truly see the richness of our own lives. I am grateful for you. I am grateful for what you give to our community, for the many ways you serve. I am grateful for the smiles, the friendliness of our neighbors, the kindness we continually receive. I am grateful that I live in a place where others care about me, and I them.

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other as though everything is a miracle."

—Albert Einstein

May we each see the miracles by which we are surrounded.



Cherry Knolls Home Tour 2018

The 2018 Cherry Knolls Home Tour was a fabulous success! All in attendance were able to see the beautiful remodeling and updating of 6 neighborhood homes. These neighbors graciously opened their homes to 120+ people to enjoy and explore.

Thank you to the attendees and participants who helped us raise over \$3,000 for Sandburg. We look forward to the next home tour in 2020.

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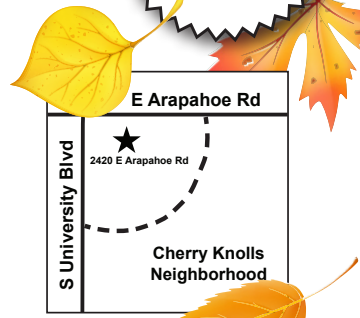
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Cherry Knolls Neptunes Rule the Water

Written by Laura Smith

2018 was a great season for our Cherry Knolls Neptunes, including the capture of 4 out of 5 wins during regular season meets, and 6 records broken under the leadership of Head Coach Bria Busta. We want to thank Bria for a great season and wish her luck in her new internship!

Head coach applications are currently being accepted thru December 15 for qualified candidates. Information and details can be found on our website at: www.ckswimteam.swimtopia.com



We're looking forward to more summer fun as we plan for 2019! Please mark your calendars for the New Parent Information Night in February and registration for the 2019 season in April. Questions about swim team, how to find contact information, and updates can be found on our website.

~Your 2018/19 Parent Reps Laura Smith, Rita Fitzpatrick & Janette Hoskinson

POOL UPDATE

The end of the 2018 Cherry Knolls Swim Club Season came to finality on September 14th with the Fall cleanup. At the hands of 30+ individuals, the participating members made quick work of the tasks required to tuck the pool away for it's annual hibernation. We look forward to the 2019 season which will include a partnership with MPM Recreation. MPM has been handling pool management in the Denver Metro for 20+ years with a great reputation as a company that prides itself on understanding their clients' needs and being flexible to traditional wants. **If you are interested in a membership please contact the board at cherryknollspool@gmail.com and someone will reach out to you to discuss membership types and availability.**



Reminders

Hello neighbors! Here are a few quick reminders as the seasons change, kids are back in school and the holidays are soon upon us!

- Make sure your address is visible from the street at night for emergency responders.
- Please trim back trees and shrubs so kids walking to school don't have to walk in the street.
- Remember to have your walks shoveled within 24 hours of a snowstorm.
- Plan accordingly for packages arriving on your doorstep so "porch pirates" don't make off with them.
- Please place your recycling and trash bins in appropriate locations so sidewalks are clear for pedestrian access and use.




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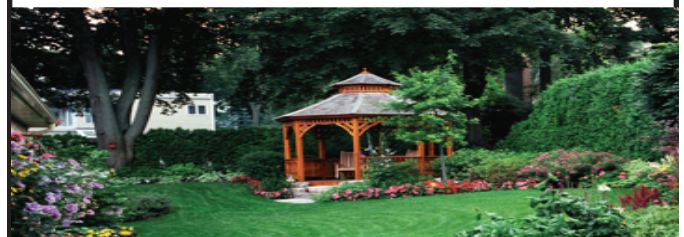
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SSPRD Updates to CK Park:

South Suburban Parks and Recreation District is proposing to renovate the ball fields at Cherry Knolls Park. **A public input meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2018 from 5 to 7 at Goodson Recreation Center, Room 5.**

The proposed renovations to Cherry Knolls Park include:

- Replace the two skinned infield ballfield with new backstops, covered dugouts, new infield mix and turf.
- Remove the grass infield backstop and replace with a portable backstop.
- Replace a section of the Big Dry Creek Trail crusher fines surfacing with concrete from the restroom to the south to mitigate runoff and erosion.
- Increase accessible access to ballfield(s).

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Meet The Team: Jennifer Steller



In addition to being a Realtor, Jennifer Steller holds an MBA in marketing from the University of Notre Dame. Jennifer's professional background includes award-winning public relations campaigns for corporate clients, and receiving a National Lifetime Achievement Award for personal sales.

As co-owner of The Steller Group with Conrad Steller and Emily Jones Lonborg, her responsibilities include strategic planning and brand management. Jennifer's most important job is staying home with the Steller kids—all five of them! She actively participates in the Cherry Knolls Parenting Co-Op, a neighborhood book club, has volunteered on every Cherry Knolls Home Tour since 2008, and has coordinated the annual Cherry Knolls Garage Sale since its inception in 2009.

“I love Cherry Knolls! We first moved to the neighborhood to be closer to Conrad's parents and because of all his fond memories of growing up here. Now we can't imagine living anywhere else. The people, activities and traditions make this community exceptional. We cherish the friendships we've found here—both for ourselves and our children.”

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