

Cherry Knolls News

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The BULLETIN BOARD

CKIA Board Meeting

March 12th, 7 p.m.

Sandburg Elementary School

Littleton Spring Break

March 25-29

Road Rally

June 22nd, Save the date!

Swim Team

Registration: April 5-6, see pg 3

CK Garage Sale

May 3 & 4

Dumpster Day

May 11, 8am-noon

Easter Egg Hunt

April 20th

President's Corner

Christine Sweetland

Dear Neighbors,

I'm writing this just after our February board meeting in which Tammy Maurer, our City of Centennial District 2 Representative spoke about the happenings in the City. She mentioned that the **traffic light at the intersection of Nobles & Colorado Blvd. has been ordered and will be installed later this year.** During our meeting we asked that the City provide a traffic study after the light is installed to determine traffic impacts in the neighborhood. We also asked about **extending the school zone around Newton Middle School** to see if signs could be placed on Colorado Blvd. near Briarwood and Costilla as many of our middle schoolers exit the neighborhood on those streets when walking or biking to school.



Over the last several months the Long Range Planning committee has been working with the City of Centennial regarding the land at Nobles & Arapahoe Rd. The city owns this land for right of way access but doesn't maintain the land. All improvements over the years, including the monument signage, trees and ground cover, have been paid by the Cherry Knolls Improvement Association (CKIA).

During these discussions the City stated that they would be willing to give this parcel of land, approximately a 1/4 of an acre to CKIA at no cost. They would deed the land as a tract with limited usage (no building) and would maintain the sidewalk. There was concern regarding accepting such a large parcel of land and if there were additional costs, including property taxes, that the association would incur.

After careful deliberation the board unanimously approved accepting the parcel of land from the City and we will begin working with them to get the property deeded into our name. Since the parcel will be platted as a tract the assessed value upon which property taxes are based should be less than a typical parcel, however we won't know the assessed value until 2020 when Arapahoe County completes its assessments. Once the assessments are completed we can file a property tax exemption with the State of Colorado and if accepted CKIA will not have to pay property taxes on the land.

We will now ask the Long Range Planning Committee to begin looking at concepts for this parcel so the main entrance to the neighborhood reflects the community that we all love. With 701 homes in the neighborhood I'm sure there will be at least that many opinions on how to make that parcel beautiful. We look forward to hearing your ideas and also will be seeking volunteers to help beautify and maintain this land.



"Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity"

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Volunteering in Cherry Knolls

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Speaking of volunteers, during our recent meeting a few neighbors brought up shoveling the sidewalks after a snowstorm. We have many active neighbors that walk throughout the neighborhood so it is important that snow is removed from your sidewalk within 24 hours after the snow falls. We know that some people aren't able to shovel so if your neighbor hasn't removed their snow think how much positive energy you would receive if you did it for them.

We are grateful to all of those that have already paid their annual dues and hope that those that haven't will carefully consider contributing to the upkeep of our neighborhood by paying the \$120 dues this year.

-Christine Sweetland, CKIA President

Opportunities

- **CK Directory:** Contact Sandy Wischmeyer at swisch@aol.com
- **CK Garden Club:** Contact Carol McDaniel at carolamcdan@gmail.com or 303-773-6914
- **Contribute to the news:** Send article ideas and photos to Brett East at east.brett@me.com

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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**

TEEN SERVICES

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



Swim Team News

2019 Registration April 5-6!

Please mark your calendars for the two-day period to complete an on-line application form for each interested swimmer in your family - from 8 a.m. Friday, April 5, through 1 p.m. Saturday, April 6th. Spots will be confirmed and registration completed the week of April 9. As in past years, capacity is limited, and Cherry Knolls Swim Club charter members will have priority over seasonal members.

Coaches

We're excited to announce this year's Head Coach will be Isabelle Jones. Returning Assistant Coaches are Daniel Bensen and Bella Sumner, with 2 additional coaches in the process of being finalized. They're already making plans for a memorable summer season and looking forward to working with the kids!

Junior coach openings

Junior coach applications will be accepted March 1-31 for interested swimmers who are at least 14 years old and will be in high school this fall. Please find more information on the website.

For all updates, be sure to visit <https://ckswimteam.swimtopia.com>, and "like" Cherry Knolls Neptunes Swim Team on our Facebook page. Contact Parent Rep Laura Smith at caseylaurasmith@yahoo.com or (720) 545-4893 with questions.

Pool registration is now open!

Visit the Cherry Knolls website and select "Swim Club Website" to sign up!

Meet Schedule

June 1 - @ Hampden Heights
 June 8 - Home with Green Oaks
 June 15 - Home with The Knolls
 June 22 - Tri Meet @ Forest Park
 June 29 - Home with The Preserve



AHS After-Prom by Lisa Olson

Directly after Prom, on May 4th, Junior and Senior Arapahoe students are invited to an After-Prom celebration! If you have not experienced this event, the school is transformed with decorations, entertainment, games, food, prizes and more to provide a safe space for everyone to continue their prom festivities. Parent volunteers have already started working on decorations and donations for the event. **There are over 250 parents that volunteer for this event through art parties, donations and working the actual event from midnight to 4am each year.** This Arapahoe tradition is not just a school event, but also a community event. After-Prom opens it's doors to the community at large from 12-2pm the Saturday of Prom. We invite you to come and see the amazing decor and efforts of our awesome parents. After-Prom benefits from donations of all types for casino prizes, food, and more. **Every year almost \$5,000 worth of prizes from gift cards to iPads to Southwest tickets are given out.** If you or your business would be interested in sponsorship of an activity or prize, signage and recognition during the community walk-through and After-Prom event is available. **Please reach out to Lisa Olson, After Prom Chair, at LCabOlson@gmail.com for more information.**





Neighborhood Highlight: Captain Dylan Leary

Written by Kerry Leary

You may recognize his name if you have looked at the Cherry Knolls Swim Team records that are posted at the pool. **Dylan Leary still holds swimming records from the 90's.** He's always been an athlete--he excelled in any sport he tried. He succeeded in hockey, swimming, baseball, and Dylan's true passion, lacrosse, which led him to attend the United States Air Force Academy after graduating from Arapahoe High School in 2010.

Dylan grew up on Garfield Way in Cherry Knolls, a few houses up from the pool (his mom, Lori Yacone, still lives there). He was often seen biking or long boarding around the neighborhood with his buddies and his blonde buzzcut. That little boy is now a Captain in the United States Air Force.

Dylan has been stationed at Hanscom Air Force Base, right outside of Boston, since graduating from the Air Force Academy in 2014. He was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan in late September, for six months. Dylan is working as an advisor under the Combined Security Transition Command. He's spending his long days in Kabul helping the Afghan government secure and stabilize the nation, by working to develop its military and its police force.

Dylan's family is incredibly proud of his service to this country and his desire to help an area of the world that's in desperate need of peace. We pray for his safety daily as he completes his mission. **If you have a minute, send Dylan, and every other service member who is deployed, a good thought or a prayer, or whatever you'd prefer.** Dylan will be back in the United States in April - we are counting down the days!



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Greetings from Sandburg Elementary School!



Sandburg is a proud member of the Cherry Knolls community. In February we participated in our 2nd annual Kindness Challenge, where we paid particular attention to kindness. **Our students completed a Kindness Checklist, wrote notes to family and friends, and surprised other classrooms with acts of kindness.** Our 5th grade students completed a writing assignment about a time when they personally experienced kindness. The themes throughout these essays were: small acts of kindness have lasting effects; being kind to another is incredibly beneficial to the giver; and kindness is everlasting. **In addition to our Kindness Challenge, our PTO recently launched our Playground Pals Program, 3Ps. This is a great opportunity for our dads and grandpas to volunteer to support students during lunch recess.** These men sign up and help students with a playground buddy, throwing a football for students, playing soccer and pushing kids on the swings. Our students love the interaction with our dads and grandfathers. As you can see Sandburg is a busy place with great opportunities for our students and staff.



Won't you be my neighbor?

Our neighborhood is full of active people of varying abilities who love to enjoy the outdoors no matter the weather. **Please be respectful of all by shoveling your walks within 24 hours after snowfall.** We all live busy lives, but we have many youth in the neighborhood who would gladly do the work for you! Take a look at our Hire a Youth/Teen Services section for more information.

Thank you to all of those shoveling for neighbors in need!

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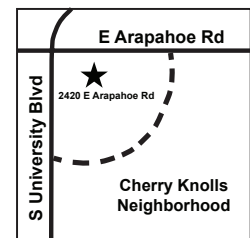
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Neighborly News

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It may be chilly now, but registration has opened as of March 1st for the Cherry Knolls Pool! Visit <https://cherryknollsswimclub.swimtopia.com/> membership to register and pay your dues. **We are excited to open the gates in late May**; look for more details to come.

In the meantime, **if you are interested in selling your Charter Membership**, please contact Griffin Ladd at griffinladd@hotmail.com. Lastly, we are planning a fun-filled summer calendar that includes fabulous social events for kids and adults alike. **Stay tuned for more information to be updated on our web site calendar and sent via email to our members!**

Don't forget to pay your dues. The dues cover...

- Upkeep and maintenance of Cherry Field
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Perimeter upkeep
- Updating entrances to our neighborhood
- Beautifying the neighborhood
- Publishing of neighborhood newsletter

Visit CherryKnolls.org to pay online

Welcome Bags

Did you know that by **contributing something to our New Neighbor Welcome Bags** you could be getting **free advertising**? Get the word out about your business today by contacting Sue Carlton-Smith at sacarltonsmith@msn.com or to ask questions about our neighborhood welcoming efforts.



The Cherry Knolls Garden Club is a volunteer organization that maintains the gardens at Elizabeth and Arapahoe Rd. No experience is necessary. It is a great way to learn about gardening from other experienced volunteers and contribute to our community. Contact Carol McDaniel at 303-773-6914 or carolamcdan@gmail.com for more information about joining the garden club!

*Join us for our May Garden Volunteer Potluck/Planning Meeting (date to TBA) RSVP to Carol.

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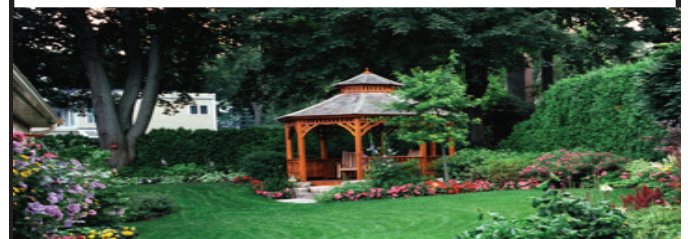
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Meet The Team: Beth Walden

Beth Walden lives on Briarwood Avenue with her husband Andy and their two boys. Beth grew up on Garfield Way, right across the street from the pool, and is a homegrown Sandburg, Newton and Arapahoe graduate. After earning a bachelor's degree at the University of Denver, Beth worked in retail design and brand management for 12 years before pursuing her career in real estate as The Steller Group's showing specialist.

The Waldens moved back into the Cherry Knolls in 2016. Beth and Andy knew they wanted to raise their children in a family-oriented community full of activities. They had looked at other neighborhoods, but always came back to Cherry Knolls. The family could not be happier with their decision: they adore their neighbors and the fact that Beth's parents still live in her childhood home, just two blocks away.

“ We love Cherry Knolls. The people are so welcoming and caring. We spend A LOT of time at the pool in the summers! You will find us at Cherry Knolls Park year-round. We also spend a ton of time with my parents, who are awesome and within walking distance. We might just be Cherry Knolls lifers! ”

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