

Cherry Knolls News

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The BULLETIN BOARD

Dumpster Day

May 11th, 8-noon by the pool

CKIA Board Meeting

May 14th, 7 p.m.

Sandburg Elementary School

CK Pool Opening Day

May 25th

CK Pool Family Night

May 30th, 5:30pm

Road Rally

June 22nd, Save the date!

President's Corner

Christine Sweetland

Dear Neighbors,

Since our last newsletter we found out that there are plans on redevelopment at the Streets of Southglenn. The Master Development Plan (MDP) that guides the development with the Streets of Southglenn was approved by the city in 2007. The developers will need to ask for any revisions to be approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and then onto City Council for approval. At the time of this article no submissions have been made by the developers, however a presentation to the city council was made on January 7th as to their proposals.



The developers, Northwood Investors who own the Sears property, and Alberta Development, who is the original developer and now owns the Macy's building, held an informational meeting that was attended by over 500 people in the community. **The developers are proposing a variance to include luxury apartments in both spaces as well as mixed-use which may include offices/entertainment venues.**

The board has sent a letter to the Mayor and our City Council Representatives detailing our concerns with the proposal including traffic, density, and quality of life issues. Several members of the board as well as other community members also attended the Planning & Zoning study session with City Council in early March and the recent CenCon meeting.

I know several people in our neighborhood attended the presentation in the former Sears building and were included in the City email distribution list to stay informed on the process. We also know of a grass roots meeting that took place to discuss the redevelopment plans.

At our next board meeting on Tuesday, May 14th, Michael Gradis, the Project Manager for the City of Centennial, will be in attendance. He will go over the Master Development Plan to understand what is currently approved and can be completed without variance and talk through next steps once the developers submit the variance request.

We will do our best to update the Cherry Knolls community via our meetings, web site and NextDoor. We encourage everyone to also stay informed via the City web site www.centennialco.gov/southglenn

Hope to see you at our board meeting on Tuesday, May 14th in the Sandburg Elementary music room.

Happy Spring!!

Christine



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt a Success!

Volunteer Opportunities

CenCon is looking for a Cherry Knolls neighbor to represent at CenCon (Centennial Council of Neighborhoods) meetings to gather the latest information about happenings in the City of Centennial and Arapahoe County. Meetings are once a month at Arapahoe Library admin office just east of the Centennial airport. Topics of discussion include: updates on the latest news from the Sheriff's department, fire department, library, parks & recreation and others. There are interesting presentations from a variety of groups like SWAT team, planning, fire, High Line Canal, etc. There is usually at least one field trip to demonstrate how government really functions, the jail, the courts, planning dept., and the airport. If you think this sounds interesting, join me, Allen Black, at one of the upcoming meetings, (meetings are the last Monday of the month).



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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 Lindsey Blankenship at lsiegs29@gmail.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.



Getting to know your board members

Steve Newell, Maintenance

Pam and I moved to Colorado in 1998 just after our first son was born. While house hunting, we made a wrong turn through this neighborhood and loved the retro swimming pool and good vibes of the neighborhood. We enrolled both boys at Sandburg and moved to Cherry Knolls in 2003. Part of what makes this neighborhood tick is the quirky history of the pool and voluntary homeowners' association, so I'm thrilled to have a chance to serve on the Board. I'm replacing the amazing Keith supporting maintenance of the grounds and perimeter.

Our boys are both Sandburg Elementary grads, but our oldest is also finishing at CSU this May with a Computer Science degree. Our youngest is a sophomore at Miami of Ohio majoring in Political Science for Army ROTC. Until last year I taught Science at Sandburg, and continue to coach youth lacrosse and the Arapahoe Mountain Bike Team -- both teams chock full of Cherry Knolls kids. My hobbies include driving and fixing classic cars, home improvement projects, and mountain biking and camping with the family.



Steve Linger, Vice President

Nancy and I have lived in Cherry Knolls for over 44 years. We moved here because Nancy's sister was in real estate and found our current home for sale in our price range at the time, \$35,000! Crazy, huh? I have been on the CKIA Board now for several years as Chair of the Covenants, and the Architectural Control. I joined the board because I love our community and felt it was time for me to get more involved in the direction our community was going. Nancy and I raised three daughters here and are now the proud recipients of 7 wonderful grandchildren ranging in age from 13 to 2 years. Nancy was a Secretary in the Littleton Schools for over 19 years and was at Carl Sandburg for 10 years until she retired a few short years ago. I am still working in the automobile business as a Regional Manager for AutoNation. I also serve on the Board of The Colorado Automobile

Association. We love to travel, spend time with our children and all the grandchildren who all live within 15 minutes of us. I also have a passion for anything cars-related, including a collection of over 350 die cast models.

Courtney O'Shea, Communications

My family and I have lived in Colorado for almost 19 years, but in Cherry Knolls for 4. Because we are fairly new to the neighborhood, and since our children did not go to the neighborhood school, I joined CKIA board as the Communications Coordinator as a way to become more involved.

One of my favorite things to do is be with my family. I've been married for almost 24 years, and have four amazing kids. My oldest is finishing up her freshman year at CSU, my son is a Jr. at Arapahoe; the youngest two girls are a freshman at AHS and 7th grader. We also have two very scruffy rescue dogs who like to bark at every passerby.

My four kids keep me pretty busy! Other than going to kids' sporting events, I work part time from home and volunteer at the high school. For fun, I love to hike, read and watch movies. I am so glad I get to be a part of this amazing community!



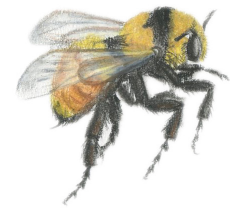


Protecting our Pollinators

Donna Farley-Wade, neighbor, master gardener and CKIA gardening member

We have all heard that our bee population is dwindling and pollinators, in particular, are important for our world's food production and environment. One simple thing we can do in our yards is to provide them the plants they need to survive. There are so many beautiful and useful plants to choose to help sustain bees and to attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Some are culinary herbs like oregano, thyme, rosemary, and chives to name a few. Other plants that grow well in our area are Black Eyed Susan, Cat Mint, Russian sage, butterfly weed, blanket flower, Agastache, and Penstemon. All of these pollinator plants have lovely flowers and will enhance your yard's beauty while providing bees the food they need.

My husband and I designed and built our raised bed for our pollinator garden in 2018; there are many options for planting your own. A resource I used was the Denver Water "Garden in a Box" program available in March, <https://resourcecentral.org/Gardens/>. They offer a variety of plans that include designs along with the appropriate, water efficient plants. If you would like to include more native species, check out Colorado Native Plant Society at conps.org. Go to the resources tab and select "Gardening with Native Plants" for an extensive list of native plants for Front Range gardening. Other online resources include, plantselect.org, pollinator.org (under resources tab there are planting guides for our area), CSU master gardener at cmg.colostate.edu or talk with staff at your favorite garden store. I found a great list of pollinator plants on Tagawa garden center's website. Happy gardening!



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Swim Team News

As the pool warms up, more than 120 Cherry Knolls swimmers are ready to dive into the season! Welcome to new families joining our returning swimmers for another great summer of swim team traditions!

There are limited spots available on the CK Swim Team. Interested families, please contact Laura Smith at caseylaurasmith@yahoo.com for registration details.

Neighborhood Neptune fans and Pool Members, please note these important dates (subject to change):

- After school practices begin May 20 - 3 p.m.
- Morning/regular practices start May 28 - 7 a.m. (evening practices held Wednesdays 7-9 p.m.)
- Swimmer Kick-Off dinner and All Parent meeting May 28 - 6 p.m.
- Home meet - CKST hosts Green Oaks June 8 - 8 a.m.
- Meatball Sub Dinner fundraiser June 13 - 5:30 p.m.
- Home meet - CKST hosts The Knolls June 15 - 8 a.m.
- Moonlight Practice June 17 - 7-10 p.m.
- Swim-A-Lap fundraiser June 19 - 7 a.m.
- Home meet- CKST hosts The Preserve June 29 - 8 a.m.
- RMSL finals week July 8-13 - Go Neptunes!

Please visit www.ckswimteam.swimtopia.com for more details, or contact Parent Rep Laura Smith at caseylaurasmith@yahoo.com or (720) 545-4893 with questions.

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

Cherry Knolls Pool Membership

We are gearing up for a fun season at the CK Pool! Here are a few friendly reminders:

- **Registration is open and we have sold 50% of seasonal membership. If you know anyone who is interested in joining, please have them contact the pool: cherryknollspool@gmail.com.**
- If you are a charter member, fees were due May 1st. Please log in and pay, we thank you in advance!
- Opening Day is Friday, May 24 at 3 pm when students of Littleton School District are out of school!
- Looking to buy or sell a charter membership? Please contact Griffin Ladd at griffinladd@hotmail.com.
- **Your guests are welcome! Fees are \$5 a person or buy a 10-punch for the discounted rate of \$35.**
- If you live in Cherry Knolls, you can visit the pool 3 times with a pool member without a membership.
- Guest passes will be accessible online through a new log-in application. Passes will be stored online as we go paperless!
- Don't forget to join us for Family night dinners on Thursday evenings throughout the summer! It's a fun community event and all are welcome (meal purchase required). Please RSVP online <https://cherryknollsswimclub.swimtopia.com>.



We all know the Cherry Knolls pool to be the hub of summer activities: Family Night, Theme parties, & Road Rallies...we have Ben Brock and Kathy Cody to thank for initiating these fun neighborhood events in the early 90's. Years later, these events continue to remain some of the focal points of pool social events.

We recently lost our wonderful neighbor, Ben, to cancer. A group of neighbors, friends and family are seeking donations to install a Memorial bench at the the pool to honor his invested time and energy and love of the neighborhood.

If you'd like more information, please contact Kathy Cody ("Ben Brock"). For direct donations using Zelle, please use "xorbitguy@gmail.com" OR 303-263-1735. Thank you for helping us remember him in such a meaningful way.

Neighborly News

Interested in joining a neighborly club?

If you have a desire to know more of your neighbors, to make new friends, or to become part of a Cherry Knolls club to:

- Play Bridge or any other any card game
- Attend a Baseball game
- Attend the Symphony, Theatre, Movie
- Knit, Crochet or Sew
- Receive a phone call each day from a neighbor
- Catch a drive to the Doctor's office or Vet's office
- Take a day trip into the Mountains Attend an occasional potluck
- Go for a hike or walk

Please contact Sharon at her home phone 303-290-0156 or email sharon20056@yahoo.com

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



West Maroon Trail outside of Crested Butte

Thank You!

Special thanks to the Steller Group for organizing the garage sale. Thank you to Rod MacDonald for coordinating Dumpster Day.

Summer Hikes

- Maxwell Falls, Evergreen
- Three Sisters Park, Evergreen
- Lair o' the Bear, near Genesee
- Dinosaur Ridge, Morrison
- Inner Canyon Trail, Castlewood Canyon State Park
- St. Mary's Glacier, Idaho Springs
- Square Top Lakes, near Georgetown
- Silver Dollaer Lakes, near Georgetown
- Berry Picker Trail, Vail: take the trail up and ride the Gondola back down, open late June



For more hike ideas check out the AllTrails website and app. Remember to be below treeline for afternoon storms, and always tell someone about your plans.



Silver Dollar Lakes Trail near Georgetown

Advertise in the Directory or Newsletter

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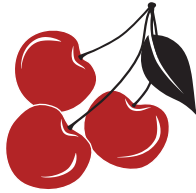
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