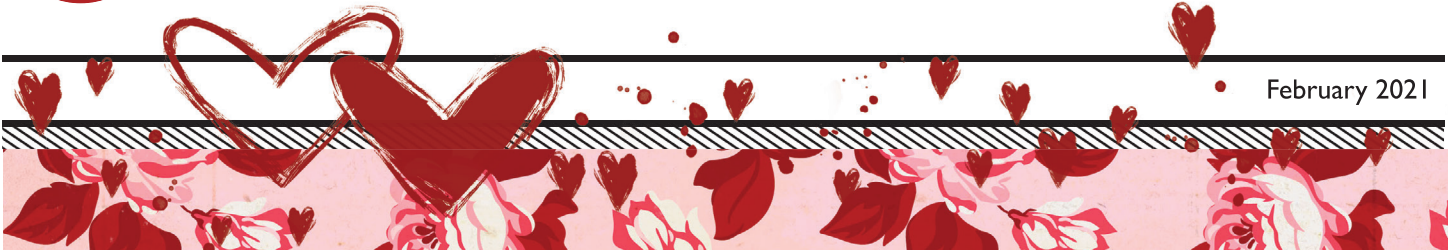


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The BULLETIN BOARD

CKIA Board Meeting

February 9th, 7 p.m.
ZOOM Meeting, e-mail
contactCKIA@gmail.com for info

Pool Registration

Registration opens March 1st

Swim Team

February 23, 7pm
ZOOM Meeting, e-mail
east.brett@me.com for info

Be in the Know!

CenCon: Feb. 22, 6:45pm
<http://www.cencon.net>
City of Centennial
<https://www.centennialco.gov/>

Gingerbread Contest

The first ever Cherry Knolls Gingerbread House Decorating Contest was a hit! With 21 fabulous (and likely delicious) entries, our panel of judges had a difficult time choosing the winning houses. We hope this will become a new neighborhood tradition. **Congratulations to the Entry Winners!**



Under 10, there was a tie!
Tatum Fouts
Keira, Emery & Jackie Steller

11-18: Kate-Hayden Stickley

Family/Group
The Miller Family



Show your love for Cherry Knolls

Read more about how your dues support Cherry Knolls on Page 3.

**Watch for your Dues Letter in
early February.**

SNOW PLOWING

The CKIA voted to set aside a budget for a snow plow service this winter. We are happy to report that \$5000 was budgeted for snow plowing. After a year of constant walking the neighborhood, we wanted to put our funds to use and benefit you the community. It is equally important to please respond to this questionnaire on this new initiative as this is a trial to see if this is something we can budget for. We want to hear if this is a service you want CKIA to continue. Please fill out the survey at the link below to share your opinion on the matter.
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Snow plow survey link is available on CherryKnolls.org & Nextdoor

President's Welcome

Dear Neighbors,

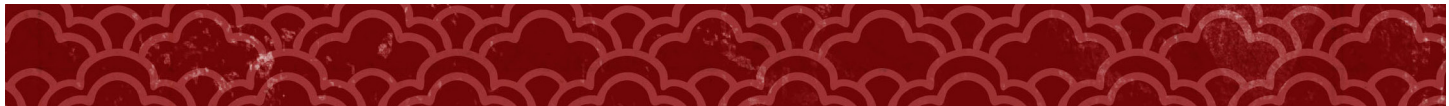
First I would like to thank Steven Newell, Brett East, Courtney O'Shea, Sue Carlton-Smith, Peggy Hanson, and Diane Gimber for all their volunteer work they have done for our community. It is a pleasure to be on the board with our new board members, each new member brings a different set of skills and an enthusiasm to our board.

I am very excited about 2021 not only because like all of you I'm trying to forget 2020 but because there's some exciting stuff happening in the neighborhood. We are expecting to receive the gifted property from the city of Centennial, each of our entrances will be seeing some kind of transformation because of the work being done by the city and by our long range committee.



Dusty Laird

One positive thing that came out of 2020 was that we all spent a lot more time outside walking our neighborhood and I have a great deal of pride when I'm walking through our community. Pride in where you live is important to myself and this board so we look forward to serving the community to maintain that pride. The very unique thing about our neighborhood is that we have a beautiful pool, exceptional elementary school and an amazing park surrounding us. Each one of these assets is treasured by our surrounding community. This is all achieved by volunteerism. Voluntary improvement association who has averaged 66% of our community pays dues over the last 3 years. Thank you for your contributions. We look forward to hearing from our community on what more we can do. Please reach out and let us know how we can serve you and this community.



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**.

Cherry Knolls Improvement Association (CKIA)

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- Vice President & Covenants Steve Linger
- Treasurer Ben Kennedy
- Secretary Linda Martin
- Long Range Planning Justin Dodson
- Perimeter Dustin Szenderski
- Communications Sarah Keene
- Community Events Ali Macheca
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- Directory & Advertising Sandy Wischmeyer
- Member at Large Rod Macdonald
- Member at Large Brendan Carroll

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.

Parent Email:

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SUPPORT CHERRY KNOLLS



When you drive down Arapahoe road and look at our beautiful fence, or throw a ball for your dog at the Cherry Field, did you know this is all work done by the Cherry Knolls Improvement Association, the CKIA? How about when you enter the neighborhood and see our beautifully decorated monuments? Or when you experience dumpster days, this newsletter, or use your directory? **These are just a few examples of how the CKIA continues to help our amazing neighborhood be an outstanding place to call home.**

You live in an exceptional community, and in order for us to maintain all the wonderful things about Cherry Knolls, we need everyone to contribute.

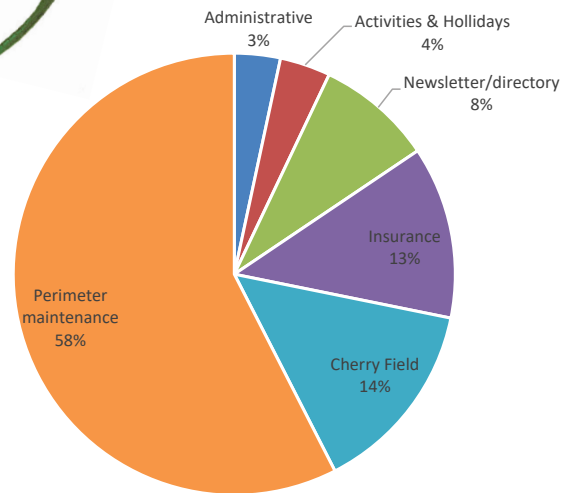
As you know, annual dues are voluntary, in order for us to keep up the current level of improvements and activities which keep our property values high and a desirable place to live, it is essential that everyone pay the annual dues.

Currently, 63% of Cherry Knolls residents pay dues; which raises the question of "What are we as a board not doing to meet the expectations of the other 37%?"

We want to know what we are doing right, and what we are not doing right.

Please reach out to us at contactCKIA@gmail.com and let us know how we can meet your needs in this community

Percentage of Expenses



Below: Cherry Knolls Elves and Santa Committee decorates our entrances for the Holidays!



Cherry Knolls is the East Costilla Place Free Library, Located at 3895 E Costilla Place (The Loncharich home ;-). Three years in the making to bring a HUGE library for children, young adults, and adults to our neighborhood. **All books will have library cards so that when you check them out you can add the date and your name to the book.** There will be a drawer for you to donate books as well - please put a few in a bag, with a card with your last name on it and they will be added to the Library.

The hope is that in many years down the road - our children can show their children books that they read when they were kids. The Library will also have chalkboard sides and back so that kids can draw and leave messages. This Free Library will be to Read - Return - Repeat... Please return the books and add a few of your own so that everyone can enjoy them!

Another fun feature is that next to the library, there will be a pickable, useable, edible garden (during the good seasons). This past summer there were Flowers, pumpkins, purple basil, tomatoes, cucumbers, edamame, chamomile, strawberries, and flowering kale and cabbage growing! Please, please come and enjoy this special place and watch it grow into a neighborhood staple!

Shanna Loncharich



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Garden tip of the month:

Your plants are sleeping. Don't forget to winter water every few weeks!

CHERRY KNOLLS BOARD MEMBERS



Dusty Laird: President

Dusty is a Colorado native who grew up in Arapahoe Highlands and attended Arapahoe High School. He and his wife Carrie (who grew up in Cherry Knolls) have two young children. Dusty is a video editor at CineMedia, a Cinema Advertising company. He is a man of many talents from graphic design to kitchen remodeling. Dusty wears many hats on the CKIA board. He wears them well! A great asset to Cherry Knolls!



Ali Macheaca: Parent Coop & Liaison, Community Events

Ali has lived in Colorado for 24 years and Cherry Knolls for 16 years. She is from Indiana. She and her husband Chris have two children one in middle school and one in elementary. A past teacher, she has also served on the Swim Team board. This her second year on the CKIA board and she has organized the 4th of July events and Gingerbread contest as well as helping to keep up Cherry Knolls spirits. She's our cheerleader!



Steve Linger: VP Covenants & Architectural Control

Steve is life long Coloradoan. He grew up in Englewood and has lived in Cherry Knolls for 45 years. He and his wife Nancy have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Steve is a car guy and works for car dealer in Longmont. He has served on the CKIA board as the Covenants and Architectural Control chairman for the last 6 years. Not an easy job. He does it well.



Rod Macdonald: Member at large

Rod and his wife Nancy have lived in Cherry Knolls for 12 years. He has served on the Cherry Knolls Board twice before as Newsletter Chairman and chief of Dumpster LDay. Originally from Paraguay Rod moved to Colorado in 1993. Along with his business as a Physical Therapist he loves bridge, guitar and the Nuggets.



Ben Kennedy: Treasurer

Ben and his wife Jacqueline have 4 year old twins and have lived in Cherry Knolls for 3 years. Ben moved to Colorado from Minnesota in 2000. He works as an attorney for a Denver law firm. He loves skiing and golf and of course all Minnesota sports teams. This is his first year on the board.



Brendan Carroll: Member at Large

Brendan is originally from Bellingham, WA. He and his wife Kate and their 3 children have lived in Cherry Knolls for 3 years and in Colorado since 2009. He has worked as a Civil Engineer for 14 years. This is Brendan's first time on the CKIA board.



Sarah Keene: Communications

Sarah is another Colorado native. She lived in Arizona for a time and moved to Cherry Knolls 3 years ago. She and her husband Brian have two young daughters. She worked for a time at 9 News and currently works as a Website and Digital Advertising Performance Manager. Her passions are anything outdoors from paddle boarding to hiking and home remodeling projects. This is Sarah's first year on the board.



Justin Dodson: Long Range Planning

Justin grew up in Littleton. He and his wife Amy have lived in Cherry Knolls for a year and a half. They have three daughters. Justin works with hospitals and surgery centers to provide medical tissue for surgical procedures all over the world. His passions are Astrophotography and Scuba Diving. He is a certified scuba instructor and has dived all over the world including Fiji, Dominica and Honduras. This is Justin's first year on the board

Board members, continued from page 4



Dustin Szenderski: Perimeter

Dustin and his wife Kristen have lived in Cherry Knolls for 3 years. They have two daughters and are expect a baby boy in June. He is originally from Toledo, Ohio and moved to Colorado in 2012. Dustin trained as Physical Therapist and worked in that field for 8 years. Recently he has changed course

and started his own landscaping and remodeling business with a little physical therapy on the side. Like so many other of us in Colorado Dustin loves all our mountain sports and of course home remodeling projects. This is Dustin's first year on the board.



Linda Martin: Secretary

Linda is originally from Wichita, Kansas but her husband Tim is a Colorado native and actually lived on E. Easter Circle in the 60's when those houses were being built. He even went to Sandburg for 2 years. Linda and Tim have lived in Cherry Knolls for a total of 15 years (2 houses) and they

have 6 children! Linda works as a psychotherapist and Tim is a judge for the State of Colorado. Linda loves everything outdoors and especially appreciates having the Goodson Rec center as part of the community. This is Linda's first time on the board.

Santa visits Cherry Knolls

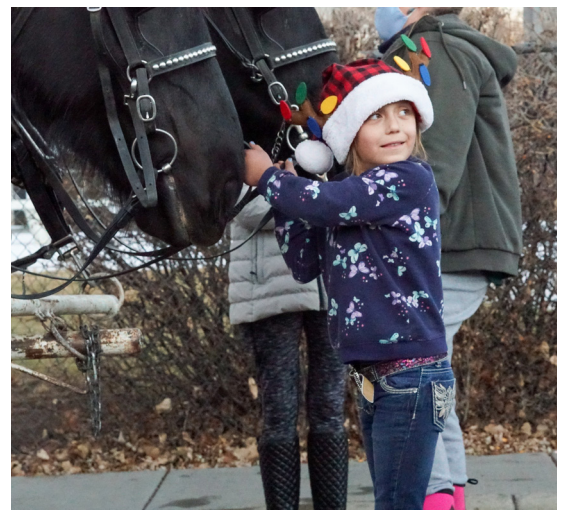


Thank you to Andie Jones and Lindsey Blankenship and Mark and Holly Steller for bringing Santa and Mrs. Claus to Cherry Knolls. This special event was a group effort. The Parent Coop, The Cherry knolls Swim Club and the CKIA all split the cost to make this Christmas a memorable one for all. A special thanks to All season Rental and the Steller group for sponsoring this exciting event. Everyone's efforts brought some extra Christmas cheer to Cherry Knolls.

Cherry Knolls Pool

The Cherry Knolls Swim Team has been busy over the holidays. We are hoping that the upcoming swim season will look vastly different from 2020's season, but we will watch closely the guidelines set forth from the Tri-County Health Department as well as Rocky Mountain Swim League.

For those of you who have never joined the swim team, but have children interested in participating this year, we've set up a **prospective parent meeting via zoom on February 23, 2021 from 7-8 p.m.** Please reach out to us via cherryknollsswimteam@gmail.com to get the zoom link for that meeting.



NEW NEIGHBORS

Do you have a new neighbor? If so, please let us know so we can welcome them to Cherry Knolls! Thanks! Your New Neighbor Committee, Sue Carlton-Smith, sacarltonsmith@msn.com

Elementary School in 2020



By Maddie Lee Leuenberger, age 9, 4th grade at Sandburg Elementary

2020 was a very hectic year and for many kids, school has been the thing that has changed the most. At Carl Sandburg Elementary, we started in person learning in August. Although we were in the building, it was very different from normal. We had to wear masks all day. Luckily, we could take them off at snack time, recess, and lunch. Next, we had to wash hands around five times a day! My hands were very dry and cracked. In math, we couldn't share materials such as math blocks or game pieces. In art and music, our seats were spaced out and we couldn't share materials such as pencils or whiteboards. Finally, social distancing was probably the hardest for all the kids. It was so hard to distance myself from my friends!

In November, we moved to remote schooling. It was nice to be able to play with my neighbors during breaks. I also love having my puppy, Jax, come up to my room while I'm on a call! I got a new desk and it was fun to sit in it in my room to do my calls. Finally, online school ended earlier than school would normally. When school is in person, it ends at 2:43, during remote school, we ended the day at 2:00. Even though online school does have a few perks, it still isn't ideal. First, the wifi can be a problem. If your Internet is down or is lagging, you might miss a few moments of valuable learning time. Second, using digital materials can be difficult if other students can't locate the documents. Finally, since you're online it probably means your siblings are too. This is quite annoying because you can hear them on a call talking loudly or jumping around for P.E.

2020 has been a crazy year. Many people haven't been able to see their families for months or almost a year (like me!) But, the good news is that 2020 is over and there has been recent good news on the vaccine! Elementary school kids like me are also back to school in person (for now) and I hope it lasts.



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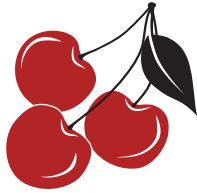
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