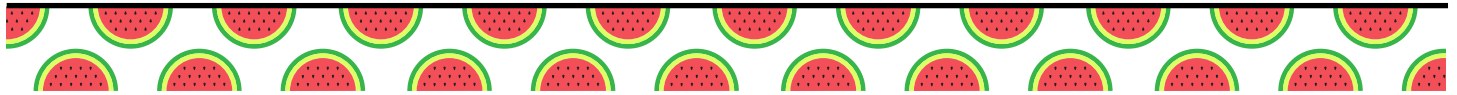


# Cherry Knolls News

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## BULLETIN BOARD

### 4TH OF JULY PARADE

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### CHERRY KNOLLS GARAGE SALE

The Cherry Knolls Garage Sale is ON! This event will be held on August 27th and 28th.

### PARENT CO-OP

The Cherry Knolls Parents Co-Op has a new President. Thank you Susan Pelikan for stepping into this position! If you have any questions regarding the co-op, please contact Susan at [smfouts@gmail.com](mailto:smfouts@gmail.com).

### CKIA BOARD MEETING

September 14th, 7p.m.  
ZOOM Meeting, e-mail [contactCKIA@gmail.com](mailto:contactCKIA@gmail.com) for info



4TH OF JULY EVENTS

### NEIGHBORHOOD SCAVENGER HUNT

Work together to solve clues to find the location of 10 Bald Eagle Signs planted in your Neighbors' yards. All Eagles will be able to be easily seen from the street. Please respect your neighbors as you go on your quest. DO NOT REMOVE THE EAGLES WHEN YOU FIND THEM! We want everyone to be able to participate.

The clues for the Eagle Hunt will be posted on the Cherry Knolls website on Friday, July 2nd.

### DECORATE YOUR RIDE

The CK Co-Op is hosting a decorate your bike event at Cherry Field from 4-5 pm on July 3rd so you're ready for the parade. They will have some supplies but encourage you to bring some decorations too.

### 4TH OF JULY PARADE

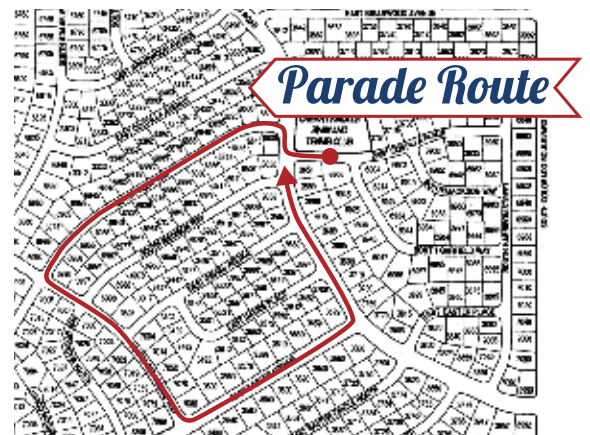
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An event like this requires your help! We need volunteers to help with traffic control during the parade. This is low impact and involves monitoring an intersection during the parade. Your total commitment is about: 30-60 minutes and will end by 10:30 am. This helps to ensure that all participants complete the route safely. If you are able to help out, please contact Ali Macheca at [alimacheca@gmail.com](mailto:alimacheca@gmail.com)

### POOL INFORMATION

4th of July is upon us and your Cherry Knolls Pool Board is working hard to plan a day of festivities and fun to be had by all! Please stay tuned to the Cherry Knolls Pool website and email blasts for more information and events happening all day at the pool.

It's a day you won't want to miss...  
Fun, Food, Games and Swim!





Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades and fireworks. Every year, young children can be found along parade routes and at festivals with sparklers in hand, but sparklers are a lot more dangerous than most people think.

Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees—hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet. According to the National Fire Protection Association, sparklers alone account for more than 25% of emergency room visits for fireworks injuries. For children under five years of age, sparklers accounted for nearly half of the total estimated injuries.

Additionally, fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires each year, including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires and nearly 17,000 other fires. This is the perfect time of year to review your home and auto insurance, to make sure you have the right coverages. When thinking about damages caused by fireworks, most people think of the physical damages that could happen home, vehicle, fences etc. Many forget, or don't know, that the biggest "loss" that could occur is having a lawsuit brought against you for a fireworks related injury. Did you know that you could be sued, if someone is injured by a firework that you purchased? Or injured while at your home? Your homeowner's insurance can provide you with some liability coverage. Consult with your insurance professional, to make sure that you have enough coverage. Generally, you can increase your liability coverage levels quite inexpensively.

--Taken from the National Safety Council website

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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 Susan Pelikan** at [smfouts@gmail.com](mailto:smfouts@gmail.com).

## TEEN SERVICES

To add your teen's name, please e-mail Sarah Keene at [skeene@dealerinspire.com](mailto:skeene@dealerinspire.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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The moon rises, up into the night  
 It greets the splattered and gleaming sky.  
 It shines above everyone's home, earth, so delicately bright  
 And sits in the sky, happy to be high  
 Although the moonlight adjourns at dawn.  
 For the moon is tranquil and full,  
 It's rather timid and somewhat shy, often does it think of ones  
 that are gone,  
 And the moon's home is among the stars, in all skies,  
 Despite the moon's melancholy;  
 Still, every night, repeated,  
 It will rise.  
 It will rise, yes  
 To the responsibility of the night  
 Wearing a shimmering, silvery dress, made from the lustrous  
 dust of the stars.  
 And merrily talking to the glistening spots, all white  
 And soon after, when the night is done,  
 The moon has to rest,  
 And get a good sleep  
 Till then again, silently creep,  
 Up to the night,  
 Up and rising.



The *Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum* holds a Creative Writing Contest annually. Students throughout our community embraced their creativity and submitted their pieces. The Arapahoe Community College judges had the difficult task critiquing each entry and choosing the winners.

This year's 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner for 4th Grade Poetry is Cherry Knolls Resident, Sammy Jones. Congratulations Sammy!

The City of Centennial and SAFEbuilt jointly recognized four graduating high school seniors with Centennial Youth Achievement. The students will each receive \$1,000 scholarships to be applied toward college tuition, fees and course enrollment.

The 2021 Youth Achievement Award recipients included Arapahoe High School Graduate and Cherry Knolls resident Paige Foa.



After graduating from Arapahoe High School, Paige Foa plans to attend Colgate University. At Colgate Ms. Foa plans to study Mathematics and play soccer. Some of her achievements in high school include: serving as an officer for DECA, involvement with the National Business Honor Society, participating in the U.S. Soccer Development Academy, and playing on the varsity Cross Country team for three years. After pursuing her undergraduate degree at Colgate, Ms. Foa hopes to attend graduate school overseas and pursue a career in corporate sports marketing.

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The Neptunes are back in the water practicing for their 2021 season! We are so excited to have so many new and seasoned families joining us for the season. Cherry Knolls Swim Team meets will be weekly at the pool due to us holding all virtual meets this season. Most likely this will not affect Saturday pool hours because holding virtual meets should enable our meets to be shorter.

We will be having several no-cook restaurant nights benefiting the CK Swim Team and we would love to see you there! Go through the drive-through or get take out and bring your dinner to the pool!

Here are the dates and restaurants who are graciously hosting us:

- **June 14, 4-8 pm:** Noodles & Co Southglenn (use coupon code Giving25 if ordering online)
- **Thursday, June 24:** Aaaaaaand the Meatball Sub Dinner is back on this year! We are thrilled to host our Cherry Knolls families at the pool. We are so happy to be able to host this family dinner night tradition once again. Please join us, or get take-out!

Thank you for your support of our wonderful community!





## HISTORY OF OUR CHERRY KNOLLS POND

One of the gems of our lovely neighborhood is the Cherry Knolls Pond, nestled between Cherry Knolls Park and the Knolls subdivision next to Big Dry Creek. It's a little oasis for wildlife, and a pleasant place to spend a summer afternoon fishing or picnicking. Cherry Knolls Pond was one of ten "suburban ponds" offering fun for anglers featured in a 2017 "Colorado Outdoors" article.

The pond is rich with wildlife, including sightings of deer, wild turkeys, coyotes, foxes, rabbits (of course), Canada geese (of course), snow geese, hawks, wigeons, shovelers, turtles, muskrats, several kinds of ducks, and even a bald eagle. Although the pond isn't stocked, wily carp can be seen taunting anglers while bluegill are easy to catch when the pond is in prime condition.



The first aerial photography showing the pond is from late 1954, according to Google Earth and [historicalaerials.com](http://historicalaerials.com). That photo shows a pond about half its current size, surrounded by farmland and with scarcely a tree in sight except along Big Dry Creek and the High Line Canal.

The first depiction of the pond on a topographical map is from 1958, according to the [historicalaerials.com](http://historicalaerials.com) website, where it appeared as a tiny, unnamed seasonal pond. Before 1958, topo maps showed merely Big Dry Creek, with virtually no buildings in our area south of the Curtis School at Orchard Road and University.

The pond sits on land owned by the South Suburban Parks and Recreation District (SSPRD). Dave Brueggeman, a 43-year SSPRD veteran and Assistant Director of Parks and Open Space for SSPRD, says the pond likely started out as an agricultural or livestock pond. "It's a dead-end pond with very localized drainage," Dave says, meaning that it's fed "purely by mother nature," with the volume and quality of its water depending on overall water conditions.

I asked Dave about recent times when the pond has smelled ... let's just say somewhat unfresh. "It's kind of cyclical," Dave says of Cherry Knolls Pond. "Dead-end bodies of water can go to where the water is dead, but they just have a way of rejuvenating." While SSPRD has installed an aerator to pump in oxygen, diverting water from Big Dry Creek to supply the pond with a flow of fresh water isn't practical: a gravity diversion would require diversion all the way from the first footbridge crossing of Big Dry Creek just north of Dry Creek Road. Instead, in years when "free river" water flows allow diversion, SSPRD mechanically pumps water into the pond from the creek.

Apparently no one knows any name for the pond other than Cherry Knolls Pond, and that name has been used in water court filings for at least 20 years. SSPRD has filed water court cases to allow it to divert water to the pond for wildlife, recreation and aesthetic purposes (*Englewood Herald*, 8/13/2019, p. 32). About 15 years ago the pond was dredged down to clay, and the current outlet at the north end of the pond was installed together with the aerator. (The green metal box north of the pond houses the aerator machinery.)

Please be gentle with our nice little pond! It's so important for our wildlife and it's hard to restore if it gets polluted.

**NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE** **10¢**  
August 27-28

This year’s neighborhood-wide garage sale in Cherry Knolls is scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, August 27 and 28**, and will be coordinated in conjunction with The Knolls and Tiffany neighborhoods. The event—in its twelfth year—will be organized and sponsored for the by The Steller Group, comprised of Realtor® neighbors Conrad and Jennifer Steller, Emily Lonborg, Bill Dehmlow, Blair Bryant, Seth Jones, and Beth Walden.

Participation is free: all marketing expenses are underwritten by The Steller Group. Advertising will be placed in *The Denver Post*, *The Centennial Citizen* and online outlets, and professionally printed directional signs will be put out the weekend of the sale. During the sale, buyers will be able to strategically navigate the neighborhood with the use of maps that designate which homes are participating.

Sellers registered with the garage sale will also have an opportunity to send out a “wish list” to other participants so that they can shop early, avoiding the need to leave their sale unmanned during the event.

For an information sheet or to register for free as a garage sale location on the map, visit [www.StellerRealEstate.com](http://www.StellerRealEstate.com). If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Steller at 720-352-8086 or [Jennifer@StellerRealEstate.com](mailto:Jennifer@StellerRealEstate.com).

**CHERRY KNOLLS CO-OP UPDATE**

The Cherry Knolls Co-op is able to hold in-person meetings again! Their next planned meeting is an informal gathering at Cherry Field on Wednesday, June 16th at 7:30pm. Co-op Alumni are welcome to join!

**The Co-op is hosting a bike decorating get together with kids at Cherry Field in front of pool July 3rd from 4-5pm.** Co-op will provide some supplies but please also bring your own. Don't forget your tape.

If you have any questions about either of these events or you would like more information about the CK Co-op, please contact Susan Pelikan at [smfouts@gmail.com](mailto:smfouts@gmail.com).

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Baseball, hotdogs, swimming, and folks gathering together! Summer is here!

I have a lot to be thankful for as we roll into the summer months.

In particular, I'd like to thank all who have sent feedback to CKIA about the work that is being done to keep Cherry Knolls a great place to live. I would also like to thank the Board for devoting countless hours to maintaining our wonderful neighborhood.

As is the custom of CKIA, the Board will take the summer off and will resume meeting in September.

We hope that the monthly meetings will be in-person, so we will look forward to seeing you on September 14th!

While CKIA Board will not be formally meeting over the summer, there are a few matters that need attending to.

The Board will be working on these throughout the summer.

Here is something to consider till the September meeting: **Money is set aside annually for maintenance of the perimeter fence. With the increasing cost of lumber and other materials, the Board is looking at how to keep pace with these rising costs. We welcome your input!**

Great news! Cherry Knolls annual dues payments for 2021 have been pouring in. 469 out of 701 homeowners have paid their CKIA dues for 2021. This is remarkable and we thank you for your support in keeping Cherry Knolls a very special neighborhood. Let's finish off 2021 with everyone sending in their dues!

Please feel free to contact anyone on the Board with your comments or concerns. Remember to also check the CKIA website for latest news about the neighborhood.

Let's make it a great summer in the hood!  
-Dusty Laird

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The gardening group is looking for people willing to help with watering the Elizabeth entrance. The commitment is for one week. The garden needs to be watered at least twice in that week. We have about nine weeks still open during the summer. The garden is on a drip system and requires hooking up the hose, watering for about 45 minutes and then disconnecting the hose.

If interested, please contact Terry Curtis, 303-941-1928 or [tbcurtis12@gmail.com](mailto:tbcurtis12@gmail.com). Thank you so much for helping keep our neighborhood looking great.

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**Wednesday, July 21**  
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This Grant provides small monetary grants to residents, HOAs, and community organizations located in Centennial to support community building events such as neighborhood block parties, movie nights, and social gatherings. Grant recipients may receive up to \$500 per event to assist in covering costs. Apply online at:

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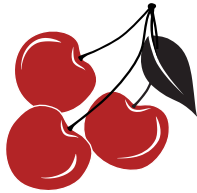
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6916 S. Cook Way	\$575,000	Ranch	5
3992 E. Briarwood Avenue	\$560,000	Split-Level	4
7078 S. Elizabeth Street	\$660,000	Tri-Level	3
6784 S. Detroit Circle	\$837,500	Two-Story	7 
6860 S. Steele Street	\$775,000	Ranch	1
7097 S. Madison Way	\$725,000	Two-Story	2 
3813 E. Costilla Avenue	\$722,500	Two-Story	2 

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