

Cherry Knolls News

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“Striving for Excellence”

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BULLETIN BOARD

CHERRY KNOLLS POOL MEETING

September 17th, 6pm
Cherry Knolls Pool

OCTOBER CKIA BOARD MEETING

October 12th, 7pm
Location TBD

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BOARD MEETING

November 9th, 7pm
We will be voting in new
board members

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Scheduled for Oct 30th
More details to come. If you're
interested in learning more about
it or joining the neighborhood co-
op, email Co-op President Susan
Pelikan, smfouts@gmail.com



Did you know?
September is
**NATIONAL
MUSHROOM
MONTH!**



DUSTY LAIRD: PRESIDENT'S CORNER

au-tumn: /'ɒdəm/

1. the third season of the year, when
crops and fruits are gathered and leaves
fall; beginning in September.

Autumn is also when the CKIA Board
ends the summer break and gets ready
to meet the goals and challenges of the
upcoming session. I'm excited to fill you in
on what we will be working on!

- The Long Range Planning Committee
is busy planning improvements to the
Nobles and Arapahoe parcel which was
gifted to us in July 2021. This is a giant
undertaking for CKIA but an exciting one
that our community can be involved in.

What will this mean? The CKIA Long
Range Planning Committee is working
with professional landscape designers
who will suggest a 'self-sustaining'
landscape that requires low maintenance.
Additionally, an 'Adopt A Tree' campaign
may be in the works. Any plantings will
require a water tap from Denver.

Water will be included in the master
plan. This may be a committee you'd
like to join. Let's work together to make
this parcel one that reflects the spirit of
Cherry Knolls!

- We have been exploring a web based
solution for organizing, informing, and
managing community activities and
spaces. This web based system has been
successfully used by several communities
in our area. It is a robust system and we
hope it will work for CKIA!

- The CKIA Board and the CK Pool
Board will be collaborating on plans for
the future of the pool and Cherry Field.
It's great that our respective Boards can
collaborate on these valuable assets.

- This session, we will be forming a Dues
Evaluation Committee. According to the
bylaws, the Board is required to evaluate
annual dues. Dues have not changed in
two decades! Please consider being part
of this committee.

- We will be forming a Covenant Review
Committee, which is also required by
the bylaws. While many neighbors made
well-planned and approved designs to
their property, there were those who did
not seek partnering with the Covenant
Control Committee and made changes to
their property which were not approved.
Our covenants are for the benefit of all
those who live and enjoy this gem of a
neighborhood. Please consider joining this
committee.

I would like to extend a big 'Thank You!'
to all our dues paying Cherry Knolls
residents! We set a new record for the
CKIA 2021 dues collection, achieving 72%
of our homeowners paying their dues!
This is a goal I had hoped we'd achieve.

In closing, I'd like to say "Thank you!" to
our CKIA Board for their fine work. I look
forward to a great 2021-2022 session

Dusty Laird | CKIA President



OUT NOW!
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 DIRECTORY**

If you have paid your annual Cherry Knolls dues you should have received your new directory. If you have paid your dues and have not received your copy please contact Sandy Wischmeyer or email cherryknollsdirectory@aol.com.

Big thanks to those who helped with production: Lucy Gleason, Susan Desperios, Dusty Laird and Bryan Wainscott.



Mushrooms of Colorado:
PORCINI (*Boletus edulis*)

**CHERRY KNOLLS IMPROVEMENT
 ASSOCIATION (CKIA)**

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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**.

TEEN SERVICES

To add your teen's name, please e-mail Sarah Keene at 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.

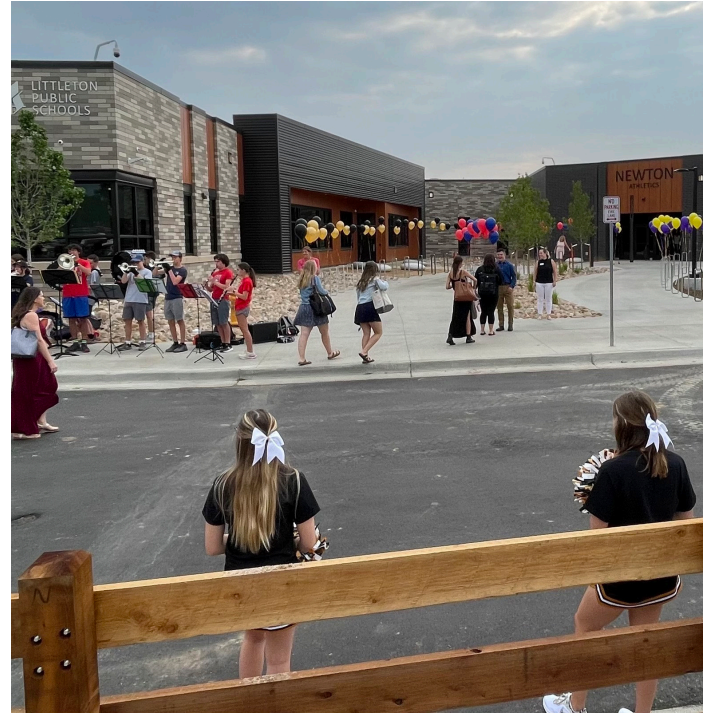
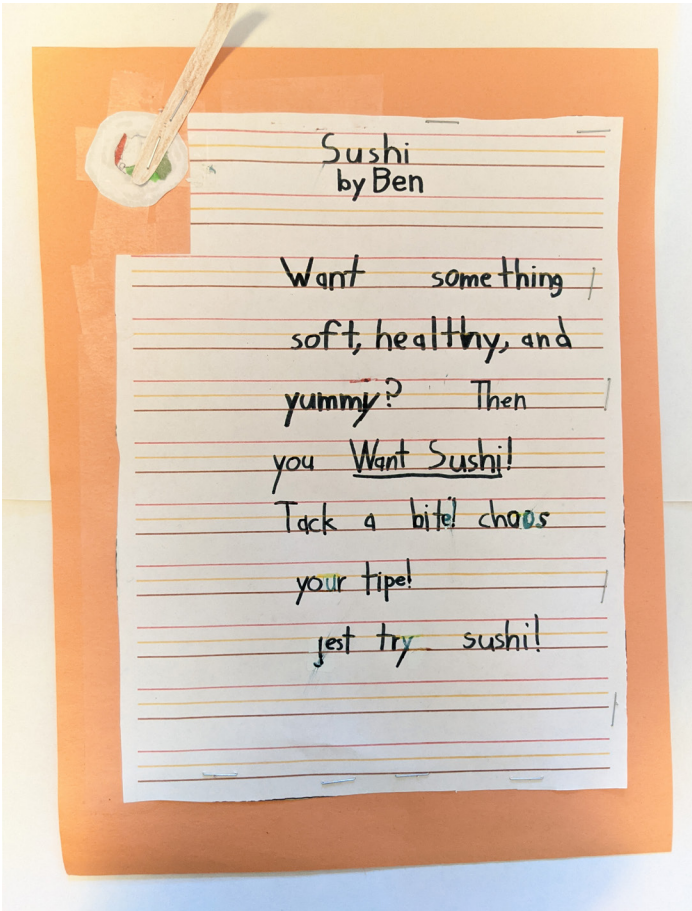
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This month's featured story comes from Ben Voight, age 8. We would love to feature more young authors in our next Newsletter! Please submit short stories/poems/artwork created by our youth (18 and younger) to Sarah Keene at Skeene@dealerinspire.com

WELCOME NEW TEACHERS AT NEWTON

Newton Middle school celebrated their new teachers for the 2021-2022 school year on August 3rd with breakfast.



Mushrooms of Colorado:
HAWK'S WING (*Sarcodon imbricatus*)





By Rolf Asphaug

One of our Cherry Knolls neighbors, Jim Hantke, has what must be one of the largest privately held collections of Eagle Scout memorabilia in the world. Jim, a friendly longtime neighbor who often contributes to the NextDoor online forum, has gathered together a collection of medals for Boy Scouting's highest rank, as well as many other pieces of Scout memorabilia, going back to the earliest years of Scouting over 100 years ago.

Jim has his Eagle Scout medal collection mounted on display boards so that he can give presentations on Scouting's rich history – and especially the history of the Eagle Scout rank – to local Scout troops and other groups. During the pandemic, Jim has been unable to give live talks but you can see his impressive collection in a YouTube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6S4Xrm95cmU>.

"I'm always willing to do a presentation," he says.

Jim's wife Terri, who passed away in November 2019, supported Jim's collecting bug, in which Jim often used his youth soccer referee earnings to enhance his collection. In addition to Eagle rank medals, Jim has merit badge sashes, fascinating cards and other documents, Eagle rings, and other historical treasures going back to Scouting's earliest years.

Jim's collection isn't static: he often gives away heirloom sterling-silver Eagle medals to new Scouts. "The intent of my collection is to rescue the legacy sterling awards and present them to new Eagle Scouts," Jim says. "Of the over 300 I've acquired, about 90 have been regifted to new Eagle Scouts in last ten years with the help of my friend 'JC Bear' and several Scouting friends Texas, Florida and Utah."

We have so many neighbors with fascinating stories and hobbies, and Jim is one of them.





We are proud to announce that Cherry Knolls took home the cup this year, crushing the Knolls by a whopping 60 strokes! Thank you to all that participated and we look forward to keeping that trophy on our turf for years to come!



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What you can't see, can't hurt you, right? *Protect against unexpected expenses caused by underground damage.*

We've all probably heard that old adage, if we can't see it, it can't hurt us. We've also probably learned that is not true. What you can't see can absolutely hurt you. In this case, I'm talking about financial pain. You have probably noticed, over the last year or so, the numerous front yards that are being dug up because of sewer line problems. Until recently, those were not covered by your homeowner's insurance policy. Now they can be!

As a homeowner you're responsible for the service lines that run from the curb to your home. When your service line is damaged it can be very costly to repair or replace. From identifying the problem to excavation to repair can cost you close to \$10,000 or more—and that's not including repairing the damage that may have been inside your home due to the broken service line. Many homeowners do not know that the repair or replacement of service lines on their property is a coverage that can be added to their home policy for nominal fee (usually less than \$50 year). I would gladly spend \$50 if it could save me \$10,000 or more!

Service Line coverage or sometimes Buried Utility Line coverage can protect you from an unexpected leak, break, tear, rupture, collapse or arcing of your service line—even if it is due to old age or wear and tear. This endorsement covers underground piping, wiring, valves and any other attached devices that connect your home to a public utility provider or to a private system. Some even cover sprinkler lines!

Not all policies are created equal. Just like anything else, some policies are better than others. The good thing is even the "best" policies are priced the same as the other policies. Some carriers offer a couple of limit options, \$10,000, \$12,000 or even \$20,000. For Cherry Knolls, I would say the single most important question you need to ask before adding one of these endorsements to your homeowner's insurance plan is this, "Does the policy's coverage change once my home hits a certain age?" I know there are some carriers whose policy says the Service Line coverage is \$10,000 but that coverage drops to less than half that amount once your home is 50 years old. Since our homes are right at 50 years old, I would want to be sure that I am still covered for the full \$10,000 (or higher, if you purchase a higher limit) that is listed on my Declarations page. The only way, you can be sure, if to go thru your policy and find the actual endorsement that lists the full terms and exclusions.

Don't confuse this coverage with your Water, Sewer Back coverage either! You will still need that coverage, in addition to the Service Line coverage. These two coverages will work together if you ever have a broken sewer line. The Service Line coverage will repair/replace your sewer line and the Water Sewer Back-up coverage will pay for the repairs to the inside of your home due to the sewer line breaking. There are other times that you might need Water, Sewer Back up coverage but that's for another article. Oh, the suspense!

If you have specific questions, about this coverage or another insurance issue, feel free to reach out to me. I am always happy to answer questions and help my neighbors.

– Jennifer Ouellette, licensed Property and Casualty producer

**Information borrowed from Auto-Owners Insurance and Travelers Insurance*



Advertise in the Cherry Knolls Directory or Newsletter

If you would like to advertise your business in either our bi-monthly Newsletter or our Neighborhood Directory, rates are available by contacting Dusty Laird:

303-795-8900
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Mushrooms of Colorado:
PUFF BALL (*Lycoperdon perlatum, pyriforme*)

CKIA ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD POSITIONS

Every year 5 board terms are up. This year it is confirmed that one of those members is staying on for another 2 year term. Please send an email to contact CKIA@gmail.com to volunteer for a committee or become a board member. The board prides itself on determining what position you are interested in and best suited for and making that happen.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE IN CHERRY KNOLLS

As our neighborhood grows and CK residents make changes to their homes and yards, an Architectural Control Committee exists. The Architectural Control Committee reviews the following potential projects:

- *New Construction*
- *8-foot Fence variance*
- *Solar panels*
- *Attached structure (addition)*
- *Swamp Cooler*
- *Detached structure (Shed, Outbuilding)*
- *Satellite dish (over 1 meter in diameter)*
- *Other*

The Architectural Control Committee is governed by the CKIA Covenants and Bylaws. The process is detailed on the cherryknolls.org website which includes an application and approval from surrounding neighbors on some projects. Without approval from the ACC, you are in direct violation of the CKIA covenants and the CKIA will take action. There have been multiple ACC violations this past year and we encourage everyone to contact the ACC prior to any construction.

If you have any questions regarding ACC approval, please visit cherryknolls.org or email the CKIA Board at contactCKIA@gmail.com



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