

Cherry Knolls News

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BULLETIN BOARD

BOARD MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT!

Tuesday, November 9th, 7pm
To have a quorum and vote, we need a minimum of 30 dues paying residents to attend the CKIA November Annual meeting.

Positions available are Covenants and Architectural Control Chair, Social Chair and Website Chair. The vote will be held at Sandburg Elementary's music room. All dues paying residents urged to attend.

WINTER FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 18th, 4pm
Save the date! The Winter Festival is returning to Cherry Knolls.

Food Trucks, Music, Santa in a horse-drawn carriage! You don't want to miss this fun event!

PARENT CO-OP

Tuesday, November 16th
Meeting will be held outside, weather pending. If you're a new parent or have young children and are new to the neighborhood and would like more information please email Susan Pelikan: smfouts@gmail.com



CHERRY KNOLLS

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

**Come One, Come All! Create a Holiday Masterpiece!
Gather Your Family, Your Friends, or Go Solo!**

Categories: Youth 10 & Under | Youth 11-17 | Family/Adults 18+

Please Include: Your Name/s, Age Category, 3 up-close photos of your gingerbread house, plus one photo of the builder/s together with the gingerbread house.

Rules: All contestants must help build and decorate their gingerbread house. You may use a kit or make your own. Everything used to decorate the house and the platter must be edible.

Deadline: Entries must be submitted by December 21, 2021. A panel of judges will choose the winner in each category.

The winning gingerbread houses will be featured in the first CK newsletter of 2022.

Share your creation on the CK Facebook page.



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
dustylaird@gmail.com



**HO HO HO!
LIGHT THE WAY FOR SANTA**

Support the Cherry Knolls Swim Team holiday fundraiser! Santa is making an appearance in our neighborhood on December 18th and the swim team thought wants to light the way for him! We will be selling luminaries on December 12th between 2pm- 4pm at the pool.

20 bags - \$20 | 40 bags - \$35 | 60 bags - \$45 | 80 bags - \$55
Bags, votives, and sand included

*Cash, Check, and Venmo accepted at time of purchase

Please consider purchasing luminaries to light the streets of Cherry Knolls on both Dec. 18th and Dec. 24th!
Email cherryknollsswimteam@gmail.com for pre-orders

Thank you for your support and let's see which street can shine the brightest!



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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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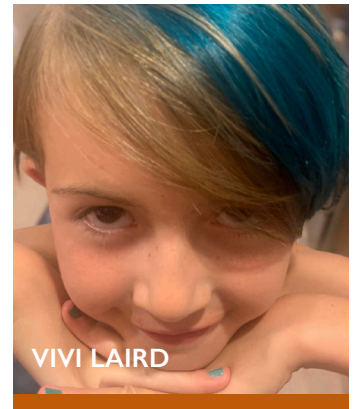
Once there was a Doberman Pinscher in the pound his name was Razor. He had a pound mate, who was a Rat Terrier named Gus. Gus got adopted to a family with a Doberman named Duke. One day Razor got adopted by a familiar family. He was put in a junkyard with five other Doberman Pinschers and a Golden Retriever whose name was Lily. Only the strongest could have her. The dog who has her now, is named King.

So Razor started pushing cars. Once he got to King, he said, "I challenge you". So they fought for two minutes then King backed down. Everyone bowed except for the King. He told everyone to leave in a deep voice. Razor said, "come on Lily". King said "no", it was too late. King howled hoping for someone to come.

The next day a group of German Shepherds were in the junkyard tearing all the tires. Razor asked, "Who's your leader?" One of the German Shepherds said King. Razor got mad, his eyes got red, his eyebrows went down, and his grumble got louder than ever. Razor barked twice then a full-size team of Great Danes came running, 6 feet tall 2 feet wide. Then they all barked twice and stopped. Everyone heard it in the junkyard. After that they heard rumbling. It was a war. Dogs barking, howling and growling.

The ground rumbled and it was shaking like crazy, full-size German Shepherds stopped when they saw the Great Danes, they were scared. The Great Danes saw a Doberman Pinscher, it was King. Razor ordered his top dogs to get him. When they yelled 'FIGHT' it was on. The German Shepherds observed the Great Danes, then they fought. The Great Danes were heavy, all the dogs teamed up on one and couldn't move him an inch. They had to bite their way into the circle.

"Hello" said Razor when 3 German Shepherds got in. They were scared but they didn't show it. Razor said "take a hike" to the Shepherds Toby Jake and Max They growled at him, Lily came, Toby, Jake and Max opened their jaws, she was the prettiest girl they had ever seen. Then they got thrown out of the junkyard. Now Razor will fight King. He goes to King and says "Now we will see who's the strongest. Ha! Said King. Fight! Said one of the Great Danes. Soon they all yelled, and it got louder and louder. Grrr ruff ruff is what they both said. A big puddle of red liquid with dirt was on the ground. King was bleeding out of his leg. Everyone stopped, Razor won the fight, that's what they thought. When Razor was bragging, King wrapped his leg. The fight wasn't over yet, and King jumped on Razor in rage. Razor didn't know what to do so he yelled for help, but they were all done with him. When Razor was down, King told him that his real name is Duke, and his master is Gus from the pound. Then Gus the Rat Terrier and Duke said "Good game" to Razor. THE END!



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS UPDATES

Important notices for Centennial residents:

- A new ordinance was passed that garbage cans must be screened from the street.
- The city is addressing homeowner issues regarding obstructions in front of residences or in front yards; which includes greenery that grows out over the sidewalk or street, stockpiling, and other unseemly objects such as cars. It is important to note that an existing violation includes having weeds over 8" tall.
- On 11/25 the City will sponsor its annual Chip & Mulch event at the Willows Springs
- You can report a problem on the City's website home page or call 303-325-8000.
- The City of Centennial passed an ordinance on short term rentals. Rentals such as VRBO and Airbnb must be licensed with the City. Cherry Knolls is a one family per house community.
- Arapahoe County Sheriff Department has an "Active shooter Program" which is available for businesses or groups as a free service. Contact Deputy Scott Sickafoose at the Arapahoe County Sheriff department for more information.



CHERRY KNOLLS DIRECTORY UPDATE

If you have paid your dues and have not received a 2021-22 Cherry Knolls Directory please email ckdirectory@aol.com (wrong email in last newsletter) or contact Sandy Wischmeyer.



Honey Roasted Carrots

- 2 pounds thin/baby carrots, peeled, tops chopped off
- 1/4 C apricot preserves
- 2 Tbsp honey
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp butter, melted
- 1 tsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp ground mustard
- 1/4 tsp thyme
- 1/8 tsp cumin
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper

Preheat oven to 375*. Spray a baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray. Add carrots to center...set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together all remaining ingredients and pour over carrots. Toss until evenly coated. Line carrots in a single layer. Bake for 30-45 minutes depending on carrot thickness, until fork tender stirring after 20 minutes. Roast longer for more caramelization. Garnish with fresh parsley if desired.

Pumpkin Cheesecake

- 9 oz. Ginger Snaps
- 2 Tbsp + 1 1/3 C sugar
- 4 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 3 - 8 oz. cream cheese (room temp)
- 1 - 15 oz. can unsalted pumpkin puree
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 4 lg. Eggs
- 1 1/2 ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp ground allspice
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 C sour cream
- 2 Tbsp light brown sugar

Preheat oven to 375*
In a food processor combine the gingersnaps and 2 Tbsp granulated sugar and pulse until finely ground. Add the butter and process until the crumbs are throughly moistened. Press the mixture evenly over the bottom and slightly up the sides of a 9" spring form pan. Bake for 10 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Lower oven temp to 300*

In a large bowl, with an electric mixer, beat cream cheese and 1 1/3 C sugar until creamy. Beat in pumpkin and vanilla until smooth. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Mix in cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, all spice and salt until well combined. Pour into shell.

Bake for 1 hour 15 minutes, or until set around the edges (it will be slightly wobbly in the center). Leave the oven on. Set cheesecake on wire rack to cool slightly while making the sour cream topping.

In a small bowl, stir together sour creamed brown sugar. Spread mixture evenly over top of cheesecake and return to oven for 5 minutes. Set cheesecake own wire rack to cool to room temperature. When completely cool, cover and refrigerate 8 hours - 2 days. Run a knife around inside edge of the pan before removing the cake.

If you have a great seasonal recipe, or a favorite recipe in general, please submit it to Sarah Keene at skeene@dealerinspire.com so we can share it with our neighbors in an upcoming newsletter!



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WELCOME TO NOVEMBER AND TOWNSQ!

What is TownSq?

TownSq is a portal/ website service. It is built to meet each subscribing neighborhood's specific needs. Ours will be exclusively designed for Cherry Knolls. We invite you to join our community's portal!

Why TownSq?

CKIA believes it is time for us to have a web-based portal. This is in response to our community's request for better access to all the information regarding our neighborhood. TownSq will give us our own integrated website portal and mobile app designed specifically around our homeowners' needs. Most importantly, this information is fully secure. Neither CKIA nor TownSq will share this data with anyone.

TownSq's Features Include:

- Announcements, Event Planning, Calendar, Community Reminders and emails
- Online Newsletter, Directory, New Resident Notices
- Searchable Governing Documents, Online Architecture Reviews, Online Surveys/Polls, Custom Email Addresses for administrators
- Online Board Voting, Resident Portal, Board-Level Project Tracking, Mobile App, Data Privacy & Security Compliance, Dues Payment Integration
- Public Website

Currently, we are migrating our database to TownSq! The target "Go Live!" date is November 17th. We will be sending you access to join TownSq in the next few weeks. This access login email will be sent to every member of your household using the email addresses we have listed in our database. If you would like to provide us with an alternate email, please go to the link or the QR code shown below.



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-Dusty Laird

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These days, 95% of teens have access to a cell phone and 45% say they are online “almost constantly.” With so much time spent on a computer, gaming system, tablet, or cell phone, it’s no wonder bullies are taking advantage of those in cyberspace. In fact, you may be surprised how often it happens and how seldom it gets reported:

- 37% of middle and high school students report having been cyberbullied during their lifetime.¹
- 25% of teens and 35% of girls age 15-17 say they have been sent explicit images they did not ask for.²
- 15% of young people surveyed admit to having cyberbullied someone else.³
- Only 11% of teens talked to their parents about cyberbullying incidents.⁴

What can you do as a parent?

While your first instinct may be to take away your child’s phone or internet privileges, many experts suggest that talking to your kids and actively monitoring their online and cell phone activities may be a better way to go. Here are a few suggestions to help protect your kids, so they do not become a cyberbully or cyberbullying victim:

1. Get involved in your children’s online activities.

Monitor the sites your kids visit, connect with them on social media, and learn their passwords.

2. Learn your child’s perspective.

If you understand their technology and are supportive of the issues they face, they may be more inclined to talk to you about what is happening to them or around them. Instead of criticizing them directly, use current events to initiate conversations about privacy, never sending a text or photo they’ll regret sending later, and never posting gossip or hurtful messages or photos online.

3. Be the one your kids turn to.

Encourage your children to confide in you about what they see online and who they are communicating with. If they don’t feel comfortable telling you, encourage them to confide in another adult that they (and you) trust. Tell them that if they are a victim, they will not be punished and reassure them that being bullied is not their fault.

4. Help them understand your perspective.

Explain to your child that it’s your job to keep them safe. Part of that is monitoring their cell phone and internet use.

5. Set limits and boundaries.

With cell phone and tablet usage starting as early as the toddler years, it is more important than ever to establish clear rules about when your kids can start using mobile devices without you viewing exactly what they see.

6. Create a smartphone agreement.

Before you give your kids a cell phone of their own, have a collaborative conversation with them to hash out an agreement you’ll both follow. This might include boundaries such as no phones in the bedroom, no phones overnight in their rooms, phones stay in common areas, and no downloading apps without approval. You will also want to include clear consequences if they break the rules and establish passwords for their phone and apps that you know as well.

7. Think twice about taking away their phones as punishment.

After all, kids with cell phones can be more independent, connect better with their peers, and can reach their parents (and their parents can reach them) any time.

8. Lead by example.

To teens and adolescents, the internet is a way to socialize with their friends. They may also turn to technology when their social-emotional needs aren’t met. One way to help combat this is by disconnecting yourself. Give your kids your full attention and establish phone-free family time, so you can all reconnect more effectively.

9. Make sure you have the coverage you need.

If, despite everything you do, your child is a victim of a cyberbully, your child may become distressed, anxious, depressed, or worse. Make sure you have insurance coverage that can help you put security measures in place, provide your child with counseling, and even protect you if your child happens to be the bully.

Cyberbullying incidents can raise a wide variety of psychological and legal issues for those involved. You should consider contacting your lawyer or child’s pediatrician for more specific guidance.

Our new “normal” requires that we rely on technology more than ever (whether we like it or not). As a result, we need to increase our awareness of our children’s “cyber-lives”. Bullies and Cyber criminals alike are actively looking for vulnerabilities and/or to gain access to personal information. Adding cyber coverage to your homeowner’s policy can add an additional layer of protection to insure you against malicious attacks, identity theft or the effects of cyberbullying.

Do you have an insurance question or topic you’d like to see covered in the next article? If so, send your questions or suggestions to jmadsen199@gmail.com.

– Jennifer Ouellette, licensed Property and Casualty producer

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CKIA ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 DUES

Twenty years ago in 2002, CKIA dues were \$25 a year and in 2003 they were increased to \$120 a year. At that time, Cherry Knolls was just discussing adding a perimeter fence to the neighborhood as well as other improvements to the community. Over the last two decades Cherry Knolls has introduced many new improvements and we have experienced increasing operating and maintenance costs. Unfortunately, our current annual dues cannot sustain these improvements. At the last CKIA Board meeting, October 12, 2021, the CKIA Board voted to raise 2022 dues to \$180 annually, considering all the inflationary costs and maintaining our neighborhood and property values.

The CKIA Board has been very effective in managing the projects/maintenance with the current dues but we are at a pivotal time in managing our improvements and maintenance costs. The CKIA Board, with many volunteers, continually works hard to diligently manage the budget and maintain property values. We assure you that we will continue to try to make the best decisions for this community.

The following are some of the projects we are discussing:

- Re-landscape design of the recently donated land at our Nobles and Arapahoe entrance
- Continued perimeter fence replacement /maintenance
- Cherry Field maintenance and new Field signage
- Elizabeth entrance permanent sign replacement

In addition to these improvement costs, we are also making an effort to improve the value of living in Cherry Knolls, by introducing benefits such as snowplow services on certain streets not plowed by the City, our own website portal to help with increasing neighborhood information, publishing the yearly Directory and the quarterly newsletter keeping us all informed. Also throughout the year CKIA hosts events like the Winter Festival, Gingerbread House Contest, 4th of July Parade, the Easter Egg Hunt, Annual Garage Sale and Dumpster Day.

***We always welcome your feedback, so please attend our annual meeting November 9th or email contactCKIA@gmail.com**

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