

Cherry Knolls News

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April 2022

What's Happening?

April Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 12th, 7pm

Join us in the Sandburg Music Room

May Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 10th, 7pm

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Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16th, 10am

Cherry Field

Garage Sale

May 6-7th

Dumpster Day

May 15th

Summer CKIA Field Day

August 13th

Home Tour

September 17th

President's Corner

Welcome to springtime in Colorado -- 65° on the first day of Spring and snow the next day! With that, here are a few updates for the Cherry Knolls community:



- We have 2 CKIA meetings before the summer break: April 12th and May 10th. Both are at 7:00 PM in the Sandburg music room. We look forward to seeing you!
- We are still working to secure the deed for the parcel of land at Nobles in Arapahoe Road. Our hope is to complete the entire project by the end of 2022!
- Remember to sign up for TownSq if you haven't already done so and stay current on all the summer events happening in Cherry Knolls.

Finally, we would like to say a special thank you to Steve Airhart and Justin Dodson for all their work on the Colorado and Nobles monument. Great job!



If you have a special interest or would like to be more involved in our Cherry Knolls community, please reach out to me on TownSq or join us at one of the upcoming meetings!

What is TownSquare and how can I sign up?

Go to cherryknolls.org and sign up for Town Square.

Best regards and have a great spring!

Dusty Laird | CKIA President



Cherry Knolls Parent Co-op

Get to know other parents in your hood. If you would like to be a part of the co-op or have questions please contact Susan Pelikan at smfouts@gmail.com.

Meet your Cherry Knolls Board Members

Lindsey Blankenship

Events and Community Chair

Lindsey has lived in Cherry Knolls for four and a half years. This is her first time serving on the Board as the Events and Community Chair. She has two sons who are/attend Sandburg Elementary. She is from Greenwood Village. Lindsey is heavily involved in The Foundation Fighting Blindness and is starting her own nonprofit organization.

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! This is his second year as president.

Brendan Carroll

Vice President

Brendan is originally from Washington State. He moved to Colorado in 2009. He and his wife, Kate have two daughters and have lived in Cherry Knolls since 2017. His passions are extreme ironing and competitive dog grooming, and he is an avid quidditch fan. This is Brendan's second year on the CKIA Board.

Ben Kennedy

Treasurer

Ben and his wife Jacqueline have 5 year old twins and have lived in Cherry Knolls for 4 years. Ben moved to Colorado from Minnesota in 2000. He works as an attorney for a Denver law firm. He loves

skiing, golf, and of course all Minnesota sports teams. This is his second year on the CKIA Board.

Sarah Keene

Communications

Sarah is another Colorado native. She lived in Arizona for a time and moved to Cherry Knolls 4 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, gardening, to hiking and home remodeling projects. This is Sarah's second year on the Board.

Dustin Szenderski

Perimeter

Dustin and his wife Kristen have lived in Cherry Knolls for 5 years. They have three children, Evelyn, Harper and Miles and two dogs, Sofie and Oscar.

He is originally from Toledo, Ohio and moved to Colorado in 2012. Dustin has a landscaping and remodeling company called Zeke's Property Solutions named after a family nickname. This is his second year on the Board.

Justin Dodson

Community Interface

Justin grew up in Littleton. He and his wife Amy have lived in Cherry Knolls for almost 3 years. They have three daughters. Justin is a Customer Service rep of a Bone and Tissue facility. He 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 second 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.

Lauren Thompson

Covenants and Arch Control

Lauren Thompson has lived in Cherry Knolls for four and a half years. She will be representing our board for Covenants and Architectural Control. Originally from New York City, and moved to Colorado in 2006. She is married and has two children. Lauren has been an attorney for 12 years and this is her first time serving on the Board.

Steve Cahill

Website/Portal

Steve has lived in Cherry Knolls since 2015 — first on Cook St. and now on Costilla Ave. Steve is married to Kati and they have a seven year old daughter, Emma. In the summer, you can find the Cahill Crew at the pool almost every day. Steve is employed by PagerDuty, a software company based in San Francisco.

Did you know?

Cherry Knolls Improvement Association (CKIA) and Cherry Knolls Swim and Tennis Club (CKS & TC) operate as separate entities.

CKIA currently maintains Cherry Field and holds a 100-year lease of Cherry Field for one dollar a year. CKIA understands the value of CKS & TC to Cherry Knolls, and both boards work very well together!

Pool membership for the 2022 season began on March 1st and sold out in less than 3 hours! This has never happened in the pool's history.

CKS & TC has a Board of Directors composed of 5-7 charter members. There are 222 Charter Members who are equity owners of the pool. Charter Memberships can be sold at any amount to community members inside and outside the community.

The pool was built in the 60s. Its equipment and facilities have lived long past its expected lifespan! CKIA sees the value in a continued partnership with CKS & TC. CKIA and CKS are starting to explore options for improvements and upgrades for the pool and clubhouse.

Please reach out to us on TownSq with your thoughts and ideas! Let's keep this valuable and unique asset to Cherry Knolls for many more years!

For more information regarding the Cherry Knolls Swim and Tennis Club Pool, check out their website: <https://cherryknollsswimclub.swimtopia.com>

For more information regarding Cherry Field contact Dustin Szenderski: dustin.szenderski@gmail.com

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Zeke's Property Solutions is your trade contractor pro for interior and exterior home improvement!

Dustin "Zeke" Szenderski resides at the corner of Easter and Cook Way. Cherry Knolls Resident since 2017

2021 Gingerbread Contest Winners

Congratulations to our 2021 Gingerbread Contest winners! There were so many amazing gingerbread creations to choose from. The judges had a hard time choosing the winners!



10 & Under: Ben & Nick Voight



11-17: Calvin Stasica



Adult/Family: Karen Cook's Camper

Easter Egg Hunt 4/16

Easter is just a few weeks away, which means baskets filled with brightly colored eggs and chocolate bunnies. To kick off this festive holiday please join us for the annual Cherry Knolls Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th at 10am. Cherry Field will be brimming with yummy treats and surprises for all of our wonderful kids. This is a fun-filled family tradition, which CK neighbors have shared over the years. Please remember to bring your own basket, Easter Bunny provided. Questions, contact Katie Hess at 720-261-3568 or katieregis@aol.com.



Join the Swim Team

Attention pool members! Are you interested in joining the Cherry Knolls swim team? Registration starts Sunday, April 3rd at 8am. Visit <https://ckswimteam.swimtopia.com> for information about the team, important dates and to register.



For questions please email cherryknollsswimteam.com@gmail.com

We are looking forward to a great season. Go Neptunes!

Dues are due! A dues FAQ for you:

How do I pay my dues?

You should have received your yearly dues request form in the mail in the last few weeks. If you have not please contact swisch@aol.com. You can pay online by scanning the QR code or mailing a check using the envelope enclosed with your form or dropping off a check to 6773 South Detroit Circle.

Why have the dues been raised?

We know you noticed that the annual dues have been raised from \$120 to \$180. We would like to remind you that dues have not been raised for 20 years but the prices for goods and services have increased many times over. The increase will help us to keep the neighborhood a special place!

What are dues used for?

Maintaining our perimeter (fence, weed mitigation, sign maintenance, electricity) • Taking care of Cherry Field • Funding neighborhood events such as Winterfest, the Easter Egg Hunt, Dumpster Days, snowplowing and our newest summer event, Family Field Day • Publishing a newsletter 6 times a year • Producing a neighborhood directory • Maintaining an active website • Paying insurance • Paying for new special projects to enhance the neighborhood

There is a section on your dues form that allows for additional contributions to help with our special projects which helps meet our obligations.

How do I update my personal information for the directory?

Paying your dues and making sure the information on the form is correct is important. Updating your neighborhood information at the same time you pay you dues allows us to make sure your information is correct on the website and in our neighborhood directory. Only dues paying members will receive a yearly directory.

If you having difficulty updating your information please e-mail Justin Dodson whitepointer1@hotmail.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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Centennial City Council Update

A few updates on what is happening in our city. At the end of February all 8 City Council Members, Mayor Piko and several City Staff members attended our strategic planning meeting. We spent most of Saturday discussing Affordable Housing Options for Centennial. As we all know the housing market makes it difficult to purchase or rent a home and those that want to downsize have limited options available. We began discussions last year and have been awarded a grant to hire a consultant to discuss possibilities that we have available. We will be reaching out for public input throughout the year. This is a topic of conversation in every community and we want to ensure we are making the best decisions for Centennial moving forward.

The Centennial Transportation Master Plan has been discussed and if you attended any of our events last year you probably were asked for your opinion. We will be releasing the next update in a few weeks for additional comment. The information will be sent out via all of our social media channels as well as our website.

This summer we will be hosting many events including the District 2 Summer Social. It will be held in June and the staff is working on the date/location. Last year was our first time hosting these types of events and they were so well attended with great music, yummy food trucks and games for all ages we had to do them again.

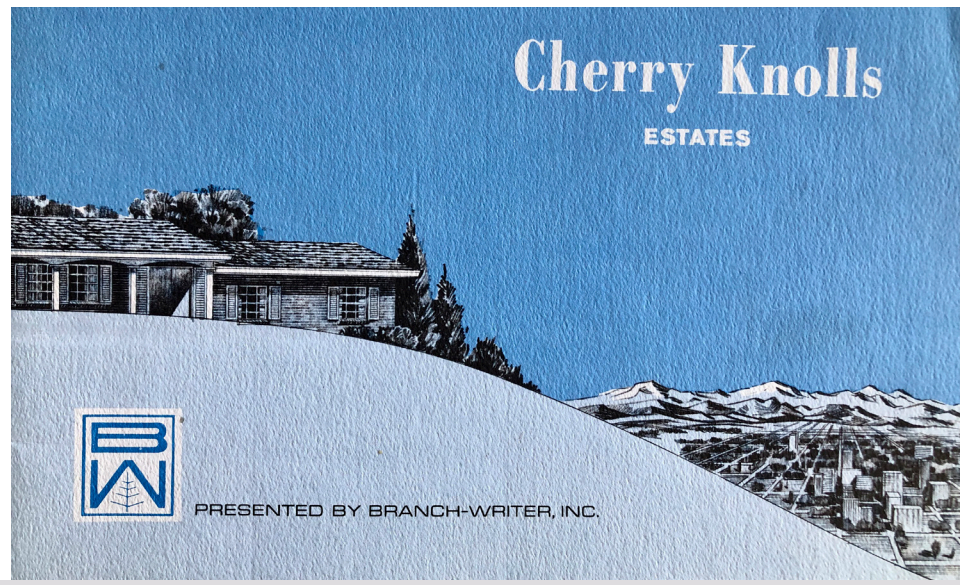
Our first big event will be on June 3rd to celebrate the Centennial Center Park's 10th year. This will be a birthday party-themed event and Arapahoe Libraries will be there so you can sign up for their summer reading program. Other Centennial events are listed on the Centennial web site www.centennialco.gov so mark your calendars now.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out at csweetland@centennialco.gov or 720-788-0253.

Christine Sweetland

houses of Cherry Knolls

by Rolf Asphaug



When Cherry Knolls was created nearly 60 years ago, this area looked very different. Our subdivision was situated on relatively bare, rolling hills, lacking most of the stately trees that now grace this area. But what it lacked in foliage the neighborhood made up for with expansive views. Here is some wonderfully florid 1960s promotional copy from original builders Branch-Writer, Inc. and realtor L.C. Fulenwider, Inc. touting the hills of Cherry Knolls:

“From time immemorial, the concept of living on a hill has intrigued the imagination of man. Hills. The ancient city of Rome was built on seven of them. Throughout the ages, kings chose them for castle sites ... Now, add the gently flowing, yet strikingly dramatic hills of Cherry Knolls ... ascending to suburban living on a major scale of beauty and harmony with symphonic perfection ... What a view, the Rocky Mountains ... as you look down at them ... from Cherry Knolls!”

One can almost imagine “Bewitched” characters Larry Tate and Darrin Stevens laboring over martinis and cigarettes to come up with Cherry Knolls’ ad copy.

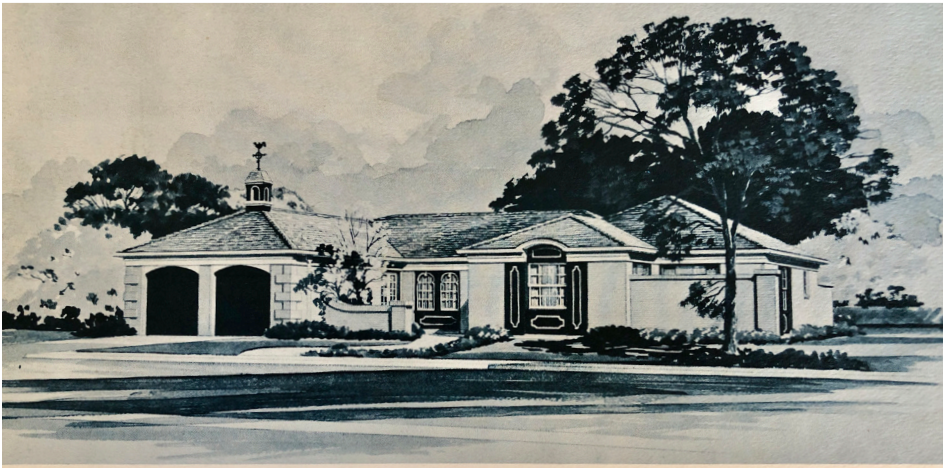


Originally referred to as “Cherry Knolls Estates,” our neighborhood had a sales office at 6724 South Detroit Circle and offered a variety of home designs “utilizing only the cream of the nation’s architectural concepts and sparing no effort in the perfection of detail.” While most designs were generally traditional in look, some foreshadowed the Brady Bunch esthetic, others had Tudor influences, and still others claimed inspiration from France or Spain.

Consider this classic example of midcentury realtor prose:

“Balboa: A French Provincial home with a Spanish name? Yes ... and with good reason. Balboa explored and discovered the Pacific. You explored and discovered the specific ... the very things you’ve always wanted in a home but were so afraid you’d never find ... And, again, the French come up with the perfect phrase ... chateau en Espagne ... a castle in the air. The Balboa ... a daydream come true!”

In this and coming issues, *Cherry Knolls News* will feature original promotional drawings and floor plans of various Cherry Knolls home models, and additional excerpts from Branch-Writer brochures. See if you can identify current homes of the same style. Many of our neighborhood’s homes have been extensively remodeled over the years, but the solid craftsmanship of Branch-Writer has provided durable foundations.



BALBOA

A French Provincial home with a Spanish name? Yes...and with good reason. Balboa explored and discovered the Pacific. You explored and discovered the specific...the very things you've always wanted in a home but were so afraid you'd never find. Now, you have...the exciting Balboa. And, again, the French came up with the perfect phrase...chateau en Espagna...a castle in the air. The Balboa...a daydream come true!

Garage Sale Returns

This year's neighborhood-wide garage sale in Cherry Knolls is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7, and will be coordinated in conjunction with The Knolls and Tiffany neighborhoods. The event—in its 13th year—will be organized and sponsored by The Steller Group, comprised of Cherry Knolls neighbors Conrad and Jennifer Steller, Emily Lonborg, Bill Dehmlow, Seth Jones, Beth Walden, & Missy Crew.

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 interactive maps that designate which homes are participating.

Our neighborhood sale is one of the largest—if not *the* largest—and earliest sales of the season.

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. Another bonus of participating is connecting with neighbors, which has turned the garage sale into a social highlight in the neighborhood.

For an information sheet or to register for free as a garage sale location on the map, visit www.StellerRealEstate.com/GarageSale. Questions? Please contact Jennifer Steller at 720-352-8086 or Jennifer@StellerRealEstate.com.

Above and below, marvel at images of the aforementioned Balboa, which sold for \$31,950 in 1965 and featured a sunken living room, "Roman bath with sunken tub," and deluxe Hotpoint appliances.

BALBOA

- 2,200 square feet ■ 3 bedrooms ■ 2½ baths ■
- Sunken livingroom ■ Soundproof Master bedroom leading to Roman bath with sunken tub, plus sun patio ■
- Large foyer ■ Paneled family room with fireplace ■
- Patio off of each bedroom ■ Formal diningroom
- Court entry ■ Breakfast nook ■ Patio off livingroom
- Comfort-conditioned with Owens-Corning Fiberglas ■
- Hotpoint Hallmark oven-range ■ Hotpoint Deluxe dishwasher ■
- Open basement ■ Shake roof ■ Two-car garage ■ Kiln-Dried Lumber construction throughout

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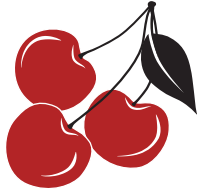
The view from Cherry Knolls Estates, as touted in the original marketing brochure

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