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"Striving for Excellence"

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### What's Happening?

4th of July Parade Monday, July 4th, 9:30am Parade begins at Cherry Knolls pool

Summer CKIA Field Day August 13th

> Home Tour September 17th



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.

## **President's Corner**



As summer kicks in we invite you to share your thoughts, ideas and suggestions with us so we can hit the ground running in September!

Here are a few updates!

• At the April and May Meetings CKIA, approved \$12,000.00 to finalize our development plans for Nobles and Arapahoe. We are very excited about the plan so we will be holding a town hall in August/September to share our plan with the community we will inform you of the date as soon as it is finalized.

• We are still in the process of migrating over to TownSQ. We currently have multiple working databases. Our ultimate goal is to migrate fully to TownSQ and have one platform.

• Thank you to all our due paying members. We truly appreciate your support. I understand there has been some frustration concerning the notifications we send out. We truly apologize for any confusion. We are working to clean up our dues list so you receive less notifications.

• The Garden Club needs our help! We are looking for people to water the plants at the Elizabeth and Arapahoe entrance. Terry Curtis has been managing this for the past two years and CKIA would appreciate volunteers to help with this during the summer months. Please contact tbcurtis12@gmail.com to volunteer.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who keep Cherry Knolls the best neighborhood in the city of Centennial!! Yeah - that's right I said it!

We are grateful for everyone's dedication, support and time.

Dusty Laird | CKIA President

### 2022-2023 Cherry Knolls Directory Coming Soon

The new Cherry Knolls Directory will be published and sent to all dues paying members mid-July. If you do not receive a directory by Aug 5 please contact Sandy Wischmeyer (swisch@aol.com). You will not receive a directory until dues are paid.

You can always update the information that is in the directory by either going to cherryknolls.org and updating your info or email either Justin Dodson (whitepointer1@hotmail.com) or Sandy Wischmeyer (swisch@aol.com) and they will update it for you. We need to have any updated information by July 5 if you would like it in this year's publication. It is always a good idea to have your information current so that in case of emergency your neighbors can reach you.

In addition to a roster of residents your directory includes contact information for local and state services, covenants, CKIA bylaws, information about neighborhood organizations and contact information for the CKIA board and committee members. Please pay your dues so you get a directory!



# **Centennial City Council Update**

A few updates on what is happening in our city. We just held our first community meeting regarding housing in Centennial. As I mentioned recently, we are doing a yearlong study on the Centennial Housing Stock and how to make our community more affordable for those that are just starting out, wanting to live near where they work or ready to downsize. Please go to our website https://www.centennialco. gov/Government/City-Projects-and-Initiatives/Housing for updates and to participate in the weekly question. This information is updated frequently and we really want to hear from everyone.

On **Tuesday, June 14th we will have our Centennial District 2 summer social at Cherry Knolls Park.** There will be live music, food trucks and fun activities. I hope to see many of you there.

Recently the Arapahoe High School Class President reached out to the Centennial Public Works team to see about renaming a street near Arapahoe "Warrior Way". While we can't change University Blvd or Dry Creek they worked on a fun solution and the bus turn around will now be "Warrior Way". Through that discussion Arapahoe High School also agreed to "Adopt a Street" in this case Dry Creek so many of the students needing volunteer hours can ensure the area around their school looks great. Hopefully you noticed the new sign off of Dry Creek by Arapahoe High School. Typically, Centennial doesn't include a logo but since this is an educational institution an exception was made. Its great that we were able to help with this student led initiative.

Finally, thanks for your patience with the Arapahoe Road Bridge project. You can now see first hand the scope of the project and we appreciate you avoiding the area or at least keeping your speeds down through the area to ensure the safety of our workers.

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



# Field Day

Saturday, August 13th 9:30-12:30 Cherry Field

Come one, come all for this fun, free community event brought to you by your CKIA Board. All ages and neighbors are invited to participate in fun field day games, races and obstacle courses. Music, food trucks, prizes and more. No pre-registration required, just come on down!

If you have any interest in being a ref or volunteering, please contact Lindsey Blankenship at (303)875-7772 or Isiegs29@gmail.com

# **Easter Egg Hunt Highlights**



# 4th of July



Fourth of July celebrations continue this year in Cherry Knolls. The parade will start at 9:30am at the pool. Line up will begin at 9am.

The parade route is: Pool > Cook St > Columbine > Easter > Nobles > Pool

Baby games WILL happen at the pool thanks to volunteers from the Co-op.

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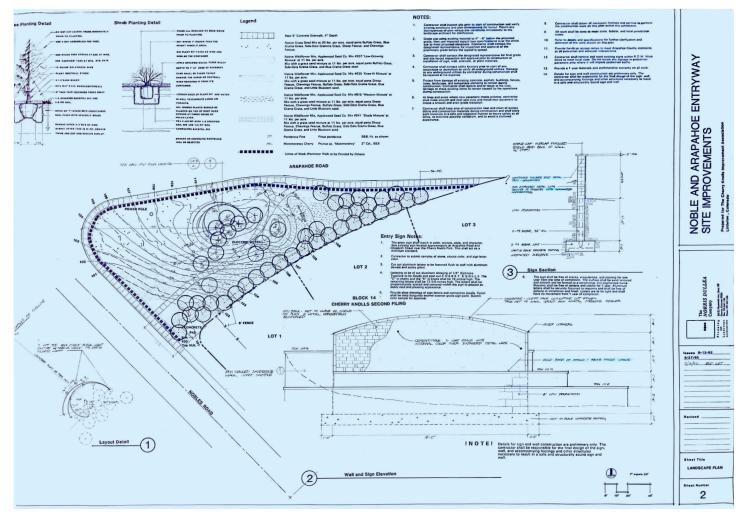
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### Arapahoe & Nobles Improvments: A Long Time Coming

In the early 1990's, the CKIA board began plans to update and improve the entrance to our neighborhood from Arapahoe and Nobles. Over the years, funds have been saved, designs have been drafted, and experts have been consulted. We are proud and excited to say that after a long time coming, the entrance at Nobles and Arapahoe will soon be getting the facelift we have been hoping for. For a fun review, we have included the 1990's blue prints for this project. Over the decades, these plans have evolved to become much more cost effective and efficient. Environmentally friendly, water conscious, nature inviting, and adorned with indigenous plant life, this plot of land will not only be appealing to the eye, but will represent the community we are so proud to be a part of—Cherry Knolls. There will be a town hall in August or September where we will share our modern plan with the community. CKIA will keep you posted as to when and how funds are spent, and our timeline to break ground.



The original landscape plans for the Arapahoe and Nobles parcel from the 1990s

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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,				
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## **Xcel Advice from a Neighbor**

I am a resident of Cherry Knolls and own a ranch style home built in 1961. I recently remodeled the home while it was unoccupied. The changes we made included replacing the electric range with a new gas range and replacing our wood burning fireplace with a gas fireplace. The general contractor brought in a qualified plumber to reconfigure the gas line as needed. As soon as the plumber entered my home, he stated that he could smell gas. They immediately notified Xcel Energy, who sent out an inspector who found several leaks in the gas line. Xcel Energy immediately shut off our gas meter, disconnected the line from the meter and red tagged the line. The line had to be repaired and tested before it could be put back into service.

I thought this information might be beneficial to my neighbors that live in older homes in Cherry Knolls. If you have any concerns about getting your gas line tested, call Customer Contact Center at 1-800-895-4999 or visit Xcel Energy's website at www.xcelenergy.com. Home owners are responsible for the gas line from the meter to their home's interior.

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From your friendly neighbor, *Charles* 

# houses of Cherry Knolls



by Rolf Asphaug

In our April issue we began a series of articles featuring 1960s promotional materials and floor plans for various Cherry Knolls homes. It's interesting to see the original visions for houses in our neighborhood, many of which have been extensively remodeled inside and out over the decades. These were wellbuilt, high-end homes built by Branch-Writer, Inc. on what was then a hilly, windswept prairie developed by L.C. Fulenwider, Inc. back when Arapahoe Road was still largely dirt to the east of us. At its founding Cherry Knolls was truly on the frontier of Denver suburbia.

The early 1960s were also a time when printed advertising was maybe at its most ... energetic? Optimistic? Copy writers and illustrators spared no efforts in touting Cherry Knolls' incredible location and marvelous home models. Cherry Knolls was described as having "myriad, magnificent vistas, looking out and forward from any point of view ... dynamic distances ... dimensions to satisfy the dreamer and refurbish the do-er in you." Our neighborhood was "a community of homes utilizing only the cream of the nation's architectural concepts and sparing no effort in the perfection of detail."

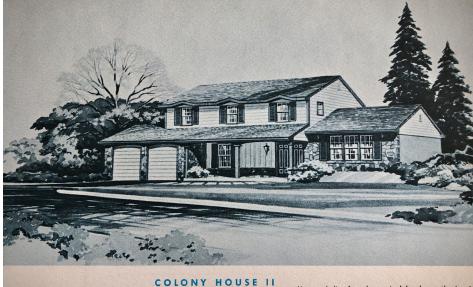
This issue's installment features the "Colony House II" model, which sold for \$29,950 and featured a "Roman bath with sunken tub" and a "soundproof Master bedroom." The model was further described thusly, using a term that has a somewhat different meaning today:

"How symbolic of newly acquired freedom ... the breaking away from old concepts of living to flourish in the new. Cherry Knolls turns to the very roots of America to present the Colony House II ... to offer a pleasing combination of modern and traditional beauty and utility. Perhaps we should have called it 'Halfway House' ... halfway between the past and future ... right in the middle of Now ... the perfect time to begin living!""

"Like the people who live in them, houses have three dimensions," Branch-Writer noted. "You will find that your spirit soars as does our architectural treatment of the vertical dimension."

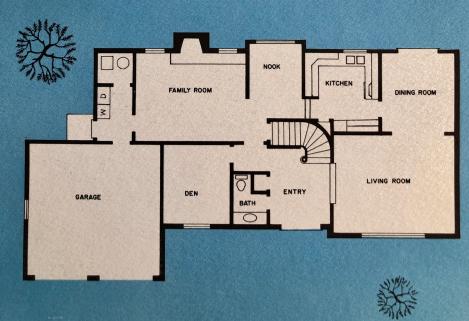
May our own spirits soar as we continue to enjoy our well-built homes in our beautiful neighborhood.





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### Neighborly News



A special thank you to our amazing neighbors DJ Inman & Diane Gimber. They've committed themselves to our neighborhood in so many ways for so many years—recently, by voluntarily picking up trash along our perimeter. If you see these two, don't hesitate to say hi! On behalf of the community, thank you DJ and Diane for all you have done to make this a wonderful place to live.



eigh Miller has lived in Cherry Knolls for over a decade and works for Blue Raven Solar, one of the top reviewed Solar installers in the country.

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