

Cherry Knolls News

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“Striving for Excellence”

October 2022

What's Happening?

October CKIA Board Meeting
October 11th, 7pm
Sandburg Music Room

Treat Street
Oct 22 11am-4pm
Arapahoe County Fairgrounds

Treat Street
Oct 22 10am-2pm
Cherry Creek State Park

Co-op Halloween Party
October 29

November CKIA General Membership Board Meeting (Elections)
November 8th, 7pm
Sandburg Music Room

Winter Fest
December 18th

President's Corner



Happy Fall Cherry Knolls.

We understand this community has been faced with the mandatory dues discussion before and there are strong opinions on both sides of the subject. We'll be hosting a series of town halls to gauge the community's interest. This board is seeking your opinions and we are going into this with an open mind and there is no agenda except to receive your feedback. We are all very passionate about this community and this board is looking to this community for guidance on what's best for Cherry Knolls.

Along with these town halls we are still continuing our monthly board meeting, which is open to all residents. These are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Sandburg music room. Please come and join us, volunteer for a committee. We will have our election in November and we welcome and encourage you to get involved.

Dusty Laird | CKIA President

November General Elections

At November's General Board meeting we will be electing current and new board members for the next 2 year terms.

Please reach out to ContactCKIA@gmail.com if you want to get involved. We are very flexible with these positions and are happy to work with you on whatever you are interested in.

We are in need of new members for the following positions:

Chair Positions:

- Treasurer
- Communications
- Perimeter
- Website/Portal

Committee Positions:

- Admin
- Communication/ Newsletter
- Long Range Planning
- Budget/Audit
- Ad Sales
- Architecture Control
- Covenant Control
- Community Events

WHAT'S A VAMPIRE'S FAVORITE FRUIT?



NECK-TARINES!

A Note from Neighbor & State Senator Chris Kolker

Hello Cherry Knolls neighbors! I am pleased to provide an update and highlights on this year's work in the State Legislature, especially some of the legislation that may have a direct impact on you. As your voice in the Colorado State Senate, I consistently worked this past legislative session to invest in our community through education, funding for law enforcement hiring and training, lowering fees, passing the biggest tax support for small businesses through the SALT Parity Act, and a special emphasis on improving our behavioral health system.

I am especially proud of our accomplishments in education and mental health. I worked to secure a record increase in funding for K-12 public schools by nearly \$550 per student on average through the 2022 School Finance Act, which will put more resources directly into classrooms and allow school districts to increase teacher pay and reduce class sizes. I also sponsored HB22-1243, which puts an additional \$2 million in federal pandemic relief funding toward the

behavioral health care professional matching grant program, and \$6 million to extend the popular I Matter program beyond its scheduled repeal in June 2022, paving the way to serve Colorado youth with free counseling sessions for another two years. Parents, you can see more about how to access it here, <https://imattercolorado.org>.

One final law passed this year that many of our new neighbors who have moved from out of state should know is the Vehicle Taxes & Fee Registration law, HB22-1254, which adds late fees and prorated taxes from the date you are required to register your vehicle. There is a grace period of 90 days after becoming a state resident. These fees and taxes help pay for maintenance and replacement of our roads and bridges, ala the current bridge work on Arapahoe, so make sure to update your vehicle registrations.

Finally, I have heard from many of you about redistricting. I currently represent Senate District 27, but due to redistricting our Senate District will

change to 16. My term will expire at the end of 2024, so I am not up for reelection this year. Senate District 27 is now an open seat and the election this year will fill it. I am proud of the work we did this session. I am busy now helping with the election this fall and preparing for the 2023 session working on three committees, preparing bills, and working with constituents on a variety of issues they face every day. Remember, I am here to serve and if you have any questions or problems that you do not know where to go for help, just ask. If I don't know the answer I will find someone who does.

Your neighbor,

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CKIA Field Day Highlights

Thanks to all who came out and participated in Field Day! It was such a fun day and we had lots of winners.

Big shout out to 7 year old Emmy Airheart! She blew the referees away with her incredible hula hooping skills. This spunky and fun gal asked what the high score was, then said "I'm going to double it!" She went for almost 10 minutes straight without dropping the hoop- incredible! Emmy is a second grader at Sandburg Elementary who

plays school soccer on team Ninja Puppies. This busy girl is also a second year Girl Scout in troop 67750, who loves to mountain bike—taking the hills like a champ! Emmy the adventurer loves to read *Dogman*, she enjoys math and science, and she even loves the challenge of spelling tests! She is a true competitor. Thank you Emmy for your awesome spirit and for kids like you making our neighborhood a great place to live.



A New Online Home for Cherry Knolls

We've modernized our public website at cherryknolls.org. The new site includes useful information such as a community events calendar, our governing documents and covenants, and regular reports from the Cherry Knolls Improvement Association. This website also includes the ability to log in to our resident portal at TownSquare, where you can sign up to receive alerts and announcements from CKIA, and send questions or requests to CKIA.

If you need a login to TownSquare, send an email to contactckia@gmail.com with your name, your phone number, and your home address.

Directory Update

Cherry Knolls 2022-2023 Directories have been mailed to all dues paying residents. We will deliver directories to anyone paying dues now. Please contact Sandy Wischmeyer swisch@aol.com if you have questions.

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

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Centennial City Council Update

As we move into fall I hope to see many of you at our upcoming Whiskey Warmer on Saturday, October 22nd from 1 - 5 pm at Centennial Park. Tasting tickets are \$20 and include 8 ½ ounce samples of Colorado Whisky and Spirit Distillers, along with live music, yard games and food trucks. Should be a fun afternoon.

The November ballot will include a question regarding a Centennial Lodging tax of 3.5% for those staying in hotels or AirB&B type establishments in Centennial with the money going towards public safety. Currently there is no lodging tax in the city and there was a robust discussion during our Sept 6th meeting that you can access at the Centennialco.gov web site.

In September the City Council also decided not to tax the recent delivery fee or the upcoming bag fees. This has been a topic of discussion in many municipalities and we were in agreement not to charge taxes on those additional fees.

We continue to look at housing within Centennial and I encourage you to go to the Centennial web site to get a better understanding of some of the options we are reviewing. There are survey questions regarding each strategy and we are hoping to hear from many in our community.

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

Christine Sweetland
District 2 Council Member, Centennial



CKIA Updates

Elizabeth Water Tap

In July we approved costs to install a water tap for the gardens at Elizabeth and Arapahoe road. Due to the Arapahoe bridge construction there was an opportunity for us to save money and put it in a water tap. We will budget to have irrigation installed once the bridge project is complete. Thank you to Ken Heisser and Gail Kousta for allowing us to use their water for so many years.

Recreation Vehicles

Please be reminded that the covenants state:

No recreation vehicle is permitted to be parked on the street or driveway longer than fourteen (14) days in a twelve month period.

A recreation vehicle is defined as a Motor home, mini-motor home, fifth-wheel trailer, travel trailer, slide-in camper, tent trailer, boat, boat trailer and other sport recreation vehicles and trailers used to store or transport them.

The covenants are clear that neighbors are prohibited from storing their RV on the street or driveway for an extended period of time. If you have a Recreation Vehicle on the street or Driveway that has been there longer than 14 days you will be receiving a letter asking you to move it, as you are in violation of our covenants.

Volunteers Needed

There are many committees to volunteer in Cherry Knolls and it's a great way to get involved with all your neighbors and activities. Pick one and keep the Cherry Knolls spirit going! Email contactckia@gmail.com or the committee chair for more information.

Board Member
New Neighbor Committee
Resident Directory
Website/Data Entry
Directory
Advertising
Community/Perimeter Maintenance
Covenants & Architectural Control
Events (holiday events and dumpster day)
Communications/Nextdoor/Town Square
Garden Club
Long Range Planning Committee
Neighborhood Newsletters

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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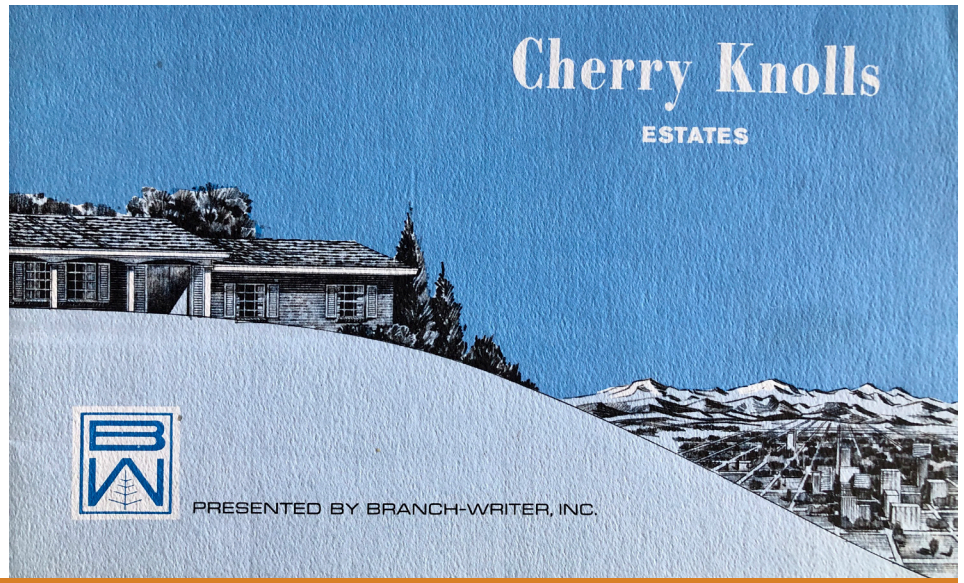
CENCON Update

The number one crime in our city is theft from motor vehicles. The city advises you to lock your cars, and don't leave your valuables in them. There has been an increase in car thefts, due to the Tik Tok viral videos. Stolen vehicles are commonly used in other crimes and some are chopped and sold off as parts. Did you know airbags are worth money? If a car is not found in 7 days, it's not likely to. The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) has steering wheel locks to give away. If you own one of the targeted brands (Kia and Hyundai) of this car theft trend, please contact the Sheriff's office for a lock.



houses of Cherry Knolls

by Rolf Asphaug

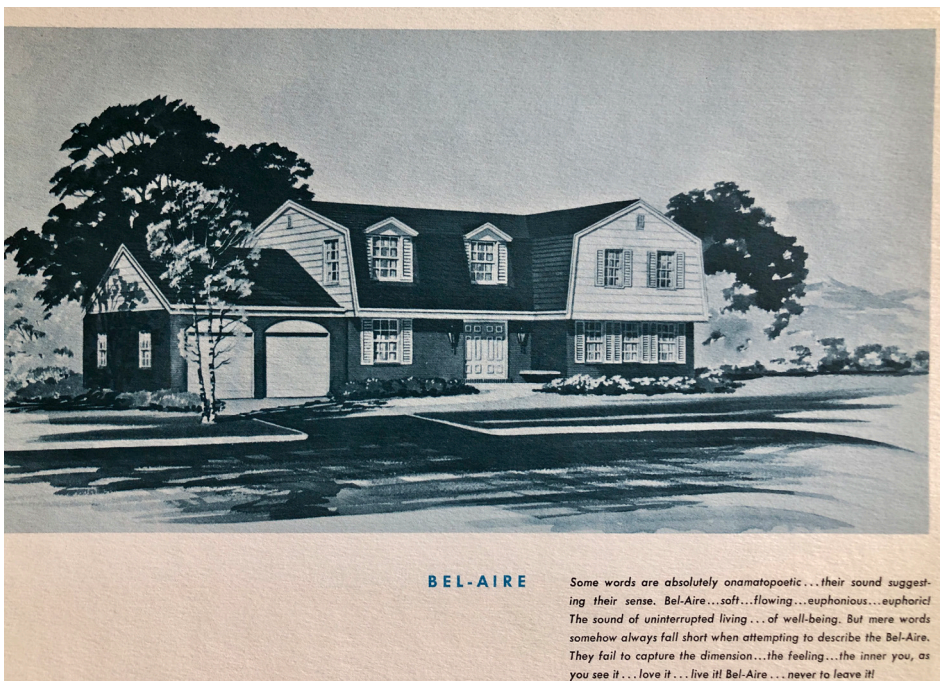


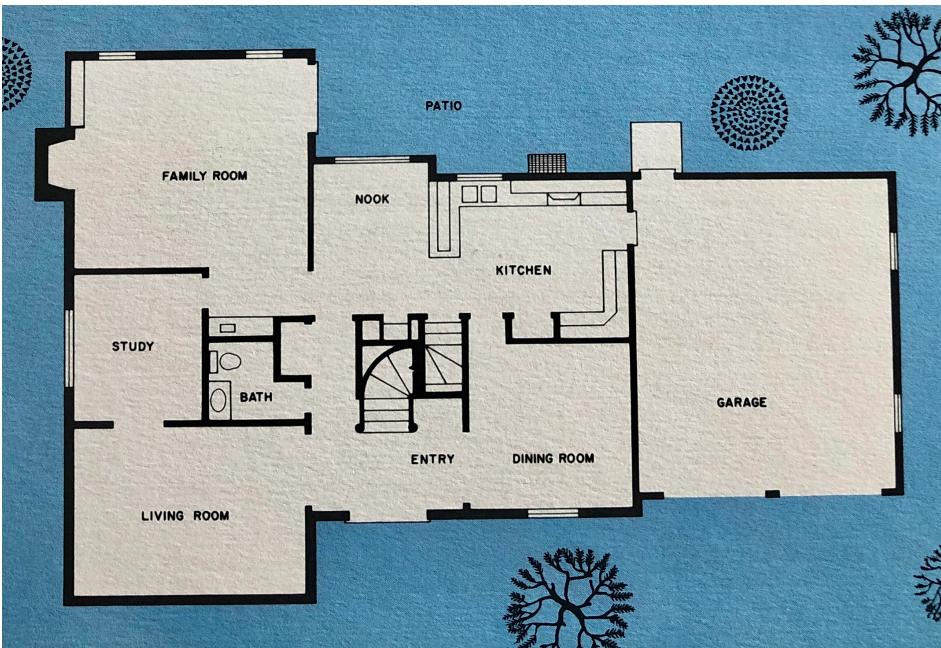
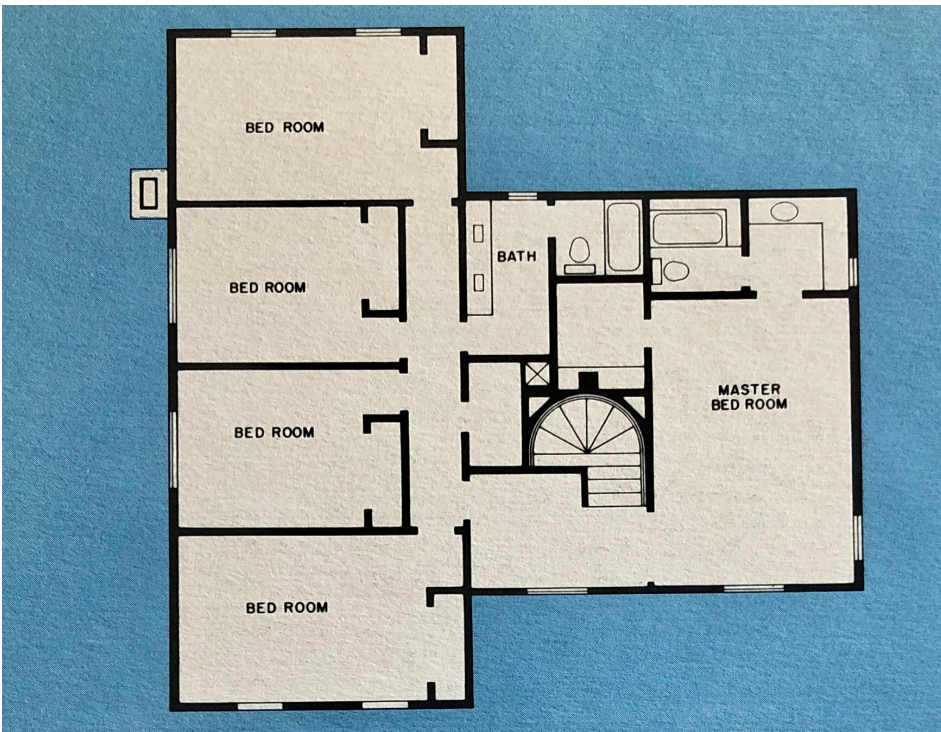
Our next installment of our series on Cherry Knolls homes features a handsome model – the “Bel-Aire” - which sold for \$33,500 in the mid-1960s, which inspired Branch-Writer Inc.’s copy writers to quite possibly the pinnacle of their advertising prose as well as cascades of ellipses:

“Some words are absolutely onomatopoeitic ... their sound suggesting their sense. Bel-Aire ... soft ... flowing ... euphonious ... euphoric! The sound of uninterrupted living ... of well-being. But mere words somehow always fall short when attempting to describe the Bel-Aire. They fail to capture the dimension ... the feeling ... the inner you, as you see it ... love it ... live it! Bel-Aire ... never to leave it!”

The Bel-Aire is a large home with 3,012 square feet and five bedrooms. It featured the typical Branch-Writer “Roman bath with sunken tub” and “soundproof Master bedroom,” plus a circular stairway, wet bar, and wood paneled family room.

Note: The original ad copy actually misspelled “onomatopoeitic” (which I only realized because the original spelling was flagged by my word processing program as inaccurate). But who are we to quibble with writers who were so optimistic about their audience’s reading proficiency. Onomatopoeitic? Euphonious? Have any other builders’ house ads ever included such ambitious words? Look for





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future installments of "The Houses of Cherry Knolls" in the next issue of *Cherry Knolls News*.

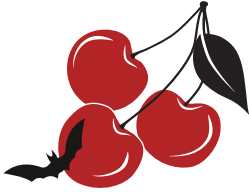


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Meet Your Cherry Knolls Neighbor and Realtor®



Molly Smith

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Molly Smith grew up in Cherry Knolls on Jackson Way with her parents, her little sister, and various golden retrievers. She coached and/or participated in Cherry Knolls Swim Team for over 17 years (go Neptunes!) and still considers Cherry Knolls Pool to be her favorite place in the world. She feels incredibly fortunate to have grown up in such a community-oriented neighborhood with wonderful people, and will always consider Cherry Knolls home.

Molly has been with The Steller Group for three years. She works hard to build relationships with her clients and always has their best interests at heart. Molly is a Certified Negotiations Expert® and uses empathy and tact throughout the buying and selling process to bring her clients their desired results!



Molly and her team did an amazing job helping me nail down my first home. They made the buying process very simple and helped me get into my first property timely. I would absolutely use them again and will be referring them to friends when they are ready to buy or sell!

- *Julia W.*

“ One of the things I love most about Cherry Knolls is the constant activity in the neighborhood. There are always kids playing outside, people walking their dogs and sitting on their front porches; it's a neighborhood where everyone actively wants to engage with neighbors, and I think that's what makes it such a special place. ”