

Cherry Knolls News

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March 2023

What's Happening?

March CKIA Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 14th, 7:00pm
Sandburg Music Room

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th
Cherry Field

April CKIA Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 11th, 7:00pm
Sandburg Music Room

Dumpster Days

Saturday, May 7th, 8:00am



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.

President's Corner



Thank you, neighbors, for your 2023 dues. We apologize for the mistakes on the bottom half of the dues letter. The board did not intend on volunteering every resident for every committee. While admirable we realize the odds of all 701 homes offering their volunteer service are higher than winning the mega millions lottery. We also assure you that your unlisted directory status will remain as it was in 2022. Please email contactCKIA@gmail.com with any changes.

Many neighbors have been asking who CKIA uses for trash service. CKIA recommended Pro Disposal (now Waste Connections) 4 years ago and made a gallant effort to move to everyone using the same company through the one truck initiative. In an effort to cut down on trash truck traffic and trash cans being left out across the community for much of the week. Currently Waste connections services 81% of the neighborhood 573 households. Here are some costs based off my limited research:

Waste Connections \$317.00 Annually- Tuesdays and Wednesdays pickups

Republic services \$416.00 Annually - Tuesday pick up

Waste Management \$505.00 Annually - Thursday pickups

I once heard a story where a neighbor remarked to a new neighbor in a cul-de-sac that Waste Management has to drive in their cul-a-sac, back up and pull forward every week and that's a lot of wear and tear on the street for one house. That new neighbor switched to the one truck initiative. I encourage everyone to take a good look at their trash service. Maybe consider moving to a company who picks up on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Dusty Laird | CKIA President



Nobles re-IMAGINED

In addition to annual dues, this year we are requesting an additional capital contribution to help fund a new landscape improvement project at Arapahoe Road and Nobles Road. These improvements represent the culmination of nearly two decades of planning by the CKIA Long Range Planning Committee.



The originally adopted long-range plan for this parcel included a park-like setting with a significant amount of Kentucky Bluegrass and other less drought resistant vegetation. In 2017, the LRPC stepped back and re-evaluated this plan, due to a tier two water shortage and future restrictions of the Colorado River Basin and the significant maintenance and watering costs that CKIA pays for Cherry Field.

CKIA's Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) was established nearly two decades ago to help Cherry Knolls' public-facing spaces reflect the quality of the community. This is widely thought to help boost individual property values. CKIA's LRPC has worked hard to maintain and improve our community. With nearly all of the perimeter now

improved through implementation of the plan, the last major component is now ready to be checked off the list: the Nobles Road and Arapahoe Road entrance to our neighborhood. This land was deeded to our community in 2022 by the City of Centennial. As a result, we can pursue improvement without risk that the City may subsequently alter that investment.

The LRPC spent the last five years consulting with experts in the field and reviewing multiple proposals to develop a beautifying plan that incurs less maintenance and water. They found the answer in using native drought-resistant vegetation to highlight this primary entrance and enhance the beauty of the community.

CKIA is proud to be developing this land parcel in a sustainable forward-thinking method.



At the May 2022 General Board Meeting the LRPC presented their recommended concept, introduced by Ransom Beegles of R. Design Landscaping Architecture.

The Board unanimously approved the concept to move forward to a full set of plans to be bid and presented at the November General Meeting. On December 13, 2022, Beegles and your LRPC presented the final plan to beautify this parcel of land.

Irrigation is required to establish this landscape for the first two to three years, then CKIA will cut the water back to supplemental water, only when needed in extreme circumstances. The LRPC will work on plan approvals with the City and Denver Water over the coming months. Our goal is to complete this project by 2024, if not in 2023, so we can finally see our newly acquired land in all its glory.

This project is estimated to cost our community \$200,000 to \$250,000.

While these costs may seem high, this plan was approved by our community nearly two decades ago, at approximately \$150,000 with no consideration of the future cost of water and maintenance requirements. CKIA is asking for your financial support to help us with the costs outside of regular dues. CKIA has set aside approximately \$150,000 in our account towards this improvement. CKIA is asking for your financial support to help with the costs beyond regular dues.



We're ready for a change...
Are you?

Support the Re-imagining of Nobles

Thank you for considering an additional contribution toward this project!

Give what you can to make our entrance reflect the community that it represents. Contributions of \$250 or more will be recognized in the newsletter and the directory with gratitude for your investment in Cherry Knolls.

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Centennial City Council Update

There are so many great things happening in Centennial, I hope I can get it all in.

The City of Centennial has partnered with the YMCA to provide activities for our Seniors and Youth. They are going to have over 6,000 sq feet of space at the Streets at Southglenn, just down from the library, so it will be easily accessible from the parking garage. The programs for seniors will include Nutrition, Health and Wellness, Senior Isolation, Silver Sneakers and so much more. The youth programming will include Leadership in Training, Model UN and E-Gaming.

They have worked with both our Senior and Youth Commissions to develop these programs and also have surveyed the community to ensure they are designing programs that people are interested in. The soft launch will begin in March and they should be fully operational by summer. You don't need to be a member of the YMCA to enjoy these programs, and the fees for Centennial residents will be at a discounted rate. I am looking forward to this wonderful inter-generational space and I hope many of you will take advantage of the programs they will offer. The YMCA will have a Centennial page on their web site and, of course, the Centennial web site will also have a link to all of the programs.

In December, Centennial adopted a 25 mile per hour limit on all of our residential streets. Our traffic engineers found that we had discrepancies throughout the city without any engineering reason for the different speed limits. We will change the signs over the next few years.

We are also launching a new yard sign program that neighbors can put up to remind folks to slow down. They are very bright and have fun sayings, my favorite being, "Drive like your Mom lives here and she's watching". This will require a neighbor to spearhead getting permission from those on your street to put up a sign, pick up and return the signs and complete some paperwork. The goal is to have the signs up for about a week so that driver's notice them and then return the signs to the City.

Housing is a hot topic in our state and Centennial has completed a year long housing study thanks to a grant from the Department of Local Agencies. I participated in the housing working group and the findings can be found on the Centennial web site. We started the process with 9 strategies and are now down to 5. Our consultants are working with staff to come up with land development code changes that will be presented to Planning & Zoning and Council this year.

Want to get involved? We are currently taking applications for our Boards & Commissions, The Centennial State of the City will be held on Thursday, May 11th. Centennial 101 is back but dates haven't been announced, and we will have a full line up of summer events such as Brew & Que and Centennial Under the Stars. The best way to find out what is happening is signing up for our newsletters or following the City of Centennial's social media accounts.

As always please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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Pink Pink Pink Pink, Pink Moon

Did you know?

"Northern Native Americans call April's full moon the pink moon after a species of early blooming wildflower. In other cultures, this moon is called the sprouting grass moon, the egg moon, and the fish moon."

(source: Royal Museums Greenwich)

This year's full Pink Moon can be viewed on the night of Wednesday, April 5th.



Did you also know that the Nick Drake song, "Pink Moon", was famously featured in a Volkswagen commercial, in 1999, 25 years after his death. This catapulted his album sales from only around 6,000 prior to the airing of the commercial, to well over 300,000 copies by the 2000s.

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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CKIA has decided to cancel our subscription with TownSq. They were not meeting our expectations and we've decided to move away from it.

We have replaced TownSQ with Google groups, you likely received an email confirming your membership, if not please submit a request to contactCKIA@gmail.com

You can also request an invitation to our private Facebook group.

CKIA will be utilizing the CKIA Google group, Cherry Knolls Facebook group, and CherryKnolls.org for distribution and communication. Google and Facebook are private communications for neighborhood residents only, and all neighborhood announcements will be on these platforms.

All CKIA governing documents, treasurers reports, and minutes will continue to be accessible on CherryKnolls.org

Moving to these free alternatives will save the neighborhood money and hopefully cause less confusion. Assuming a lot of people already have a Facebook/Gmail account, this will be an easy transition. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused and we're confident that this solution will work for our community. Please email contactCKIA@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

<https://groups.google.com/g/ckia>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cherryknolls>

2023 Pool Registration

Hello! We're brewing up a really exciting season at the Cherry Knolls Pool. Registration opened March 1st, and the pool itself opens May 26. Detailed "how to register" instructions are published on both CherryKnollsSwimClub.swimtopia.com and on Cherry Knolls' various social media platforms. Our memberships sold out in a matter of hours last year, so don't miss out.

For the charter members reading this, you've already received communication from me detailing the 2023 season (email us if you didn't receive it). For those of you who wish to be seasonal members this year, you can read a summary of the season on our website, linked above.

Reach out at cherryknollspool@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the pool this summer!

Steve Cahill | President, Cherry Knolls Swim Club

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AHS Theater Presents: **The Little Mermaid**

Looking for something for the whole family to enjoy? Don't miss the Arapahoe High School Theatre presentation of The Little Mermaid. March 16-18. Tickets available at: <https://bit.ly/ahstheatre>

Want a sneak peek behind the scenes and to meet the cast? Join Ariel and Friends for an up close look at the costumes, sets and preview a few songs on March 11. This event is free, but an RSVP is needed. This is a great event for young children that might not be ready to sit through an entire performance.



Goodbyes and Hellos:

CKIA Welcomes New Head of Perimeter Maintenance; Says Goodbye to Dustin Szenderski

A big thanks to Dustin Szenderski for all his hard work on the Cherry Knolls Board. Dustin has decided to move back to Ohio to be closer to family and has resigned his chair position. The board will appoint Kathleen Mathews to serve in his chair position. Dustin's dedication to this community should not go unrecognized. He stepped up in a big way when we called upon him to help with our perimeter maintenance. He was always willing to get his hands dirty for Cherry Knolls; he will truly be missed in this community. Good luck to you and your family for the many adventures you have ahead of you. Thank you for all your hard work.

In turn, CKIA would also like to welcome Kathleen Mathews as the new head of perimeter maintenance. A Colorado native, Kathleen has lived in Cherry Knolls for 28 years and has been active with our neighborhood schools and pool over the years. Now semi-retired, her career was in public health and academia. She started the Colorado School of Public Health with CU, CSU and UNC and before that was at the University of Denver. Most recently, Kathleen worked with all the counties in the state, planning, funding and serving as a liaison through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. She is currently on CKIA's Long Range Planning Committee and the Garden Club.

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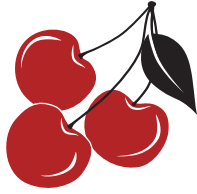
Looking to volunteer? We could really use your help. There are many committees to volunteer in Cherry Knolls and it's a great way to get involved with your neighbors. Help us keep the Cherry Knolls spirit going! Email contactckia@gmail.com for info.

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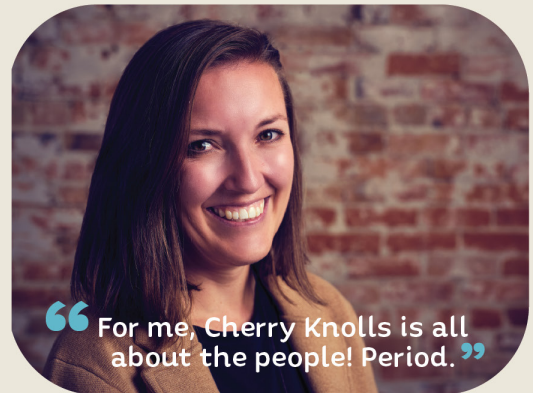
BROKER ASSOCIATE

Beth, along with her parents and two brothers, put down roots in Cherry Knolls in the fall of 1991. She spent her younger years swimming beautifully (yet very slowly) for the swim team, getting her ears pierced at the *indoor* Southglenn Mall, and crimping her hair before hitting the biggest sledding jumps she could find at Cherry Knolls Park.

It is because of wonderful memories like these that she finds herself back in Cherry Knolls with her handsome husband and three boys...but this time with a south-facing driveway!



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“For me, Cherry Knolls is all about the people! Period.”



“Beth was SO incredible to work with. She made what could have been a very overwhelming process **fun, exciting, and manageable**. She was super **organized**, explained each step of the process in detail, and was quick to set up visits.”

- Kelsey F.