

Cherry Knolls News

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June 2023

What's Happening, Cherry Knolls?

July 4th Parade
Tuesday July 4th 9:30am
Parade begins at
Cherry Knolls Pool

**CK Parents
Co-Op Meeting**
July 18
To join send an email to
ckparentcoop@gmail.com

**CK Pool and
CKIA Summer Fest**
August 12
Cherry Field - Kids Craft Fair
& All Ages Talent Show

**CKIA September
Board Meeting**
September 12, 7:00 pm
Sandburg music room

President's Corner



CKIA has accomplished a great deal this year, as we break for summer. We are more than halfway through the

Nobles re-imagined campaign and our volunteers continue to put in the hours to deliver a beautiful landscaped primary entrance to our community. CKIA is moving forward with phase 1 and 2.

We are working with the City of Centennial to complete/repair our Elizabeth entrance monument. Last year we installed a water tap for CKIA to

water our garden beds CKIA manages. We are also in the process of building an irrigation plan for these flower beds.

CKIA has approved the cost to have a 30-year reserve study. This is necessary due to the lack of resources we have allocated to a future reserve on the repair and eventual rebuild of the perimeter fence. We raised Dues in 2021 to \$180. While this has helped enormously we are concerned it is still not sustainable for a volunteer community.

Thank you to all our community volunteers. Your dedication to this neighborhood is truly appreciated.

Dusty Laird | CKIA President

Pool Update

Summer is finally upon us, and with that, the pool season has officially commenced! Our next social events are the Flick n Float on June 24th, and our annual 4th of July Celebration and Parade. More details at CherryKnollsSwimClub.swimtopia.com

Many people have asked for more details around the 4th of July—keep your eyes peeled toward the back half of June for instructions on reserving your own square.

For those in the neighborhood who decided not to become members of the pool this year, I'm excited to

remind you that tickets to our social events—as well as our delicious Family Dinners every Thursday evening at the pool—are open to the entire Cherry Knolls community! These are great opportunities to meet your neighbors and to catch a sneak preview of life at the pool. If you've been on the fence about joining the pool, a very small number of seasonal memberships are still available.

Contact us at cherryknollspool@gmail.com if you're interested.

Steve Cahill | President, Cherry Knolls Swim Club

Long-Range Planning Committee:

Nobles Re-Imagined Update

We are currently bidding out Phase 1 and 2 of Nobles Re-imagined

Unfortunately the City of Centennial did not accept our grant proposal application last month . Thank you to Kathleen Matthews for her efforts on applying for the \$10,000 grant thank you to the long range Planning committee for all their hard work in moving this project along.

Know Your Knolls a Success!

To start: *Thank you all so Much!!*

The Know Your Knolls Event had a simply marvelous inaugural day! The Cherry Knolls community has once again shown why it is such a fantastic and special neighborhood. This thing was amazing and, it took a team to make it that way. This is such a special place, and it is with the greatest happiness to say thank you, Cherry Knolls.

To the CKIA Board: All of you were so amazing, supportive and helpful.

In addition to nearly \$700.00 for the Capitol Campaign fund, around 200 neighbors visited the park for the day's activities.

Special Thanks:

Lindsey and Liz: your early input really helped to grow the flame! The dunk tank was a great idea!

Sarah Keene: you were fantastic, and your help with awareness and the flyer were great! Always lovely, always helpful.

NOBLES RE-IMAGINED FINANCIAL OUTLINE	
\$195,568	Current cash balance (as of 5/31/23)
\$20,643	Anticipated additional (un-received) dues payments and ads
-\$39,721	Remaining general expenses for 2023
-\$15,000	Reserve Funds
-\$4,000	Outstanding Capital Project (Irrigation at Elizabeth Entrance)
-\$35,000	Phase 1- Nobles Re-Imagined (Monument)
-\$45,000	Phase 2- Nobles Re-Imagined (Water tap)
-\$130,000 (est)	Phase 3- Nobles Re-Imagined (Landscaping)
-\$92,510 to 52,510	Deficit in capital funds to complete Phase 3 - \$92k is deficit at high estimate of \$250k - \$52k is deficit at low estimate of \$210k

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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Dusty: My man. You were terrific! Helping to coordinate with the pool, your enthusiasm was awesome!!

Leigh: Thank you for your help and sponsorship, it always a better voyage with you on board.

Steve and Katie: you two were so helpful, and we couldn't have done it with out you guys! The pool is awesome, and you guys were wonderful!

Conrad: Big thanks for your input and sharing your knowledge and contribution! It was a pleasure to have the Stellar group on board.

The Mandell family sincerely thanks you all for the support, the love, and participation of the first ever Know Your Knolls Festival!

Happy Summer!!



CKIA President Dusty Laird just moments before being dunked

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Centennial Social Events

Centennial Under the Stars

A community favorite for the past 18 years featuring all the makings of a memorable summer celebration for the whole family.

Live music featuring Libelula as the opener and 6 Million Dollar Band as the headliner

Local Vendors and Food Trucks

Family-friendly activities

When: 5-9 p.m. on Saturday, August 12

Where: Centennial Center Park
13050 E. Peakview Dr.

Chalk Art Festival

Watch as local artists create sidewalk masterpieces using only chalk and their imaginations. Arrive early to spend the day browsing local businesses and vendors and enjoying an outdoor concert. If you're interested in registering as a chalk artist, click here. All ages and abilities welcome!

30+ Chalk Artists

Live Music featuring Some Sweet Day

Family Activities

Local Vendors

When: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday,
September 16

Where: The Streets at SouthGlenn
6851 S. Vine St.

Sip in Centennial - New Event!

The new Sip in Centennial event combines two community favorites, Brew-N-Que and Whiskey Warmer, for one amazing afternoon of beer and liquor tastings, food trucks, yard games and live entertainment. This event is free to attend and open to all ages, however guests must be 21+ to partake in alcohol tastings. Tickets for tastings may be purchased in advance. Click here to subscribe to receive Special Events notifications by email and receive an alert when tickets go on sale.




Colorado Breweries and Distilleries

Food Trucks

Yard Games

Live Music

When: 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, October 21

Where: Centennial Center Park
13050 E. Peakview Ave.

Centennial City Council Update

As I write this, we are kicking off Centennial events for the year and planning the Centennial/YMCA ribbon cutting on June 7th. I hope many of you will take advantage of all the programs that will be offered at the new YMCA facility over at the Streets at Southglenn. Centennial Under the Stars is Saturday, August 12th at the Centennial Center Park. Centennial Chalk Art Festival is on Saturday, September 16th at The Streets at Southglenn. And a NEW event this year will be SIP in Centennial which will have samples from Breweries, Distilleries and Wineries. Live Music, Food Trucks, vendors and fun activities for the entire family. This will be at the Centennial Civic Center Park on Saturday, October 21st. Hope to see you at these fun events.

I wanted to take some time to write about the recent Legislative Session and the Land Use Bill (SB23-213) that was introduced this year. Centennial City Council voted unanimously to oppose this bill for a number of reasons both as introduced and after several lengthy amendments. The Council truly appreciated Senator Kolker reaching out to us throughout the process to understand how it would impact our city. The Arapahoe County Commissioners including Commissioner Warren-Gully were also instrumental in contacting our state legislatures.

The most concerning issue in this bill is our belief that decisions about land use are best made locally. After the City of Centennial was formed a Home Rule committee developed a Charter that was overwhelmingly supported in a vote by our citizens. If passed, this legislation would have appointed a Housing Committee of 18 to decide land use codes for the entire state.

The bill, after being introduced, went through 4 major revisions and at times included Accessory Dwelling Units by right on every single-family lot, Multiplexes by right on every single-family lot, and no parking requirements. The bill was amended so that Rural Resort communities and College towns would be excluded. The bill did include a regional housing study & needs assessment, which is a good first step to truly define the problem.

The bill also exempted many locations including Counties (Highlands Ranch, Meridian, etc). In Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Centennial would have had to absorb the required number of units around light rail and bus lines, resulting in impacts to existing neighborhoods.

The Governor has stated that he will continue to work on housing and we at the City of Centennial agree that the lack of housing in our community is an issue. We have spent the last 18 months determining

our needs, engaging with the community and are now in the process of implementing strategies. We are hopeful that the Governor and the General Assembly will engage the local municipalities going forward so we can work in partnership to address our housing needs.

The Centennial Council also unanimously approved a resolution to ask the General Assembly to update the Construction Defect Law which is preventing condominium units from being constructed. Condo units used to be 20% of our total housing stock and is now down to 3%. Many of us are staying in our family homes as there is no place to downsize, resulting in lack of inventory. Condos allow first step to home ownership, are accessible by all, and allows those that want to stay in their community and opportunity to do so. The Council feels that if the state legislature were to work on this issue it will do more to resolve the housing crisis on a statewide level, then one size fits all zoning code.

I also want to thank all of you that contacted the members of the general assembly letting them know how you felt about this bill. I encourage all of you to stay engaged to ensure that local decisions continue to stay local.

Christine Sweetland | District 2 Council Member, Centennial

We Need Your Help to Recruit Advertisers!

The Board agrees that the Newsletter is important to this community. It is the one way we as a board can share the information with the entire neighborhood.

Our newsletter is fully funded and managed by CKIA. It consists of contributors in the community primarily, Sarah Keene, Rolf

Asphaug, and various board members. Our local designer Aaron Hilst takes much time laying out our newsletter.

We are in desperate need of advertisers. Each newsletter allocates seven ads to local businesses we currently have four advertisers. There are many sales people

in this community and 700 households frequent hundreds of local businesses every month.

Show the businesses you frequent this Newsletter and get them to advertise locally with CKIA!

CK Website Update

We're delighted to share an exciting update with our neighborhood: the new website I've been diligently working on is nearing completion! Despite juggling demanding work projects and family commitments, I've dedicated my time to bringing this digital platform to life within the next few months. The website will serve as a valuable resource, providing important neighborhood information, an option to pay your dues, and a calendar of events. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we put the finishing touches on this project. Stay tuned for the launch of our new neighborhood website, which promises to bring us closer together and foster a stronger sense of community.

Ryan Mueller, CKIA Board

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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Down in the Dumps Over Dumpster Day

The neighborhood Dumpster Day event is an event that CKIA has put on for the community for quite some time. This is a service we are thrilled to provide to our dues paying members and an event we all look forward to each year. This year, while it was a success, it was also abused.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the dumpsters were not able to be picked up on the same day. Because of this, we had to leave the dumpsters out overnight. When our "Event" ended around noon of Sunday, May 7th, the dumpsters were as full as they could be in order to be picked up. After our event was over, people decided that they would continue to "Dump" things in the dumpsters which led to both

overflowing with all kinds of things. So much so, that the dumpster company refused to take them. See the photos.

Because of this, CKIA was forced to rent another dumpster, recruit more volunteers early Monday morning, and offload all overage. Even while doing so, cars packed to the brim with trash, pulled up expecting to leave their trash. To say that this was frustrating and disappointing is an understatement.

We hope that if you were one of those that made this decision and you have not paid your dues, we ask that you do the right thing and pay them.

The CKIA Board puts in a lot of work to bring our community together

and provide services for you. We all volunteer our time and love to help this neighborhood be the best it can be. Needless to say, we have learned our lesson and know that we will not plan the way we did this year.

I personally want to thank all that came out to volunteer their time that day. And a special shout out to Dusty Laird and Justin Dodson for going above and beyond and helping do the dirty work!!! We are so lucky to have them.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Blankenship | Community and Events

Do the Dues!

Hi neighbors! This is a friendly reminder to pay your annual CKIA dues if you have not! Your dues contribution helps fund maintenance of our community, as well as build community through neighborhood events like Dumpster Day and Winterfest. In addition, your dues help pay for these helpful and informative newsletters letting you know about all the wonderful things happening around the neighborhood!

Dues are \$180 annually. You can pay online via venmo @ckiatreasurer OR on Paypal through the website. You can also send a check to: CKIA PO Box 2551 Centennial, CO 80122.

Be a Block Buddy

We are still recruiting Block Buddies to connect and improve communications with neighbors. Block Buddies will represent your streets in Cherry Knolls and collect your input on important issues.

Some of our ideas for Block Buddies:

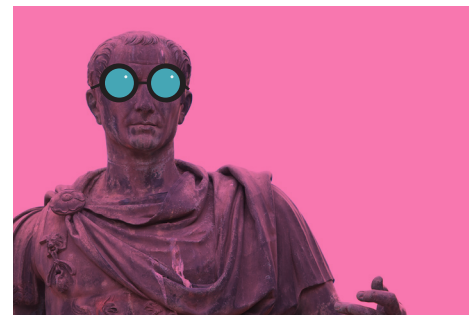
- Deliver the CK Directory and possibly the newsletter to save mailing costs
- Help follow-up with new neighbors to support the neighborhood greeter
- Be a contact to raise issues for CKIA Board consideration
- Survey their street(s) when input is needed for decision-making

We plan to begin at the end of summer.

This is a low commitment, no pressure way, to get involved with your Cherry Knolls neighbors.

Thanks to those that have already volunteered!

If you are interested, please call, text or email Kathleen Matthews: 303-915-1276 | kamatthe@comcast.net



MARC ANTONY NAMED THE MONTH OF JULY, IN HONOR OF JULIUS CAESAR.

Neighborhood Garage Sale Recap

What an incredible weekend it was at the Cherry Knolls, The Knolls, and Tiffany Joint Neighborhood Garage Sale! More than 110 homes came together on May 5 and 6 to make this annual tradition a huge success. The event was sponsored in Cherry Knolls for its fourteenth year by The Steller Group, comprised of Realtor neighbors Conrad and Jennifer Steller, Bill Dehmlow, Seth Jones, Beth Walden, and Missy Crew.

Because marketing for the event was coordinated by The Steller Group, neighbors who took part in the event were free to focus on setting up their merchandise and running their sales. With newspaper ads, online and social media buzz, colorful banners, helpful directional signs, and detailed maps showcasing the participating homes, buyers flocked to our neighborhood!

In fact, an outstanding 90% of sellers surveyed agreed that the community garage sale surpassed their expectations and outperformed individual sales efforts.

Blair Austad from Tiffany shared her excitement, saying, "I made over \$650 thanks to the advertising of The Steller Group! It was so nice to only have to focus on my sales and not worry about advertising. I loved talking with people and seeing my kid's toys passed to another family to enjoy!"

Our neighborhood garage sale has become the talk of the town, eagerly anticipated by bargain hunters and treasure seekers alike. It's renowned as one of the largest—if not the largest—events of its kind, kicking off the garage sale season in style.

A third-time participant talked about the ease of unloading unwanted items: "Every year at this time I clean my house and put things out for free and it pretty much all goes! I'm so glad things I don't need any more are finding people that need and want them."

So, mark your calendars for another shopping extravaganza next year! The neighborhood garage sale will be back on the first Friday and Saturday of May 2024. Don't miss out on the chance to declutter, find incredible bargains, and build connections with your amazing neighbors. It's an event you won't want to miss!



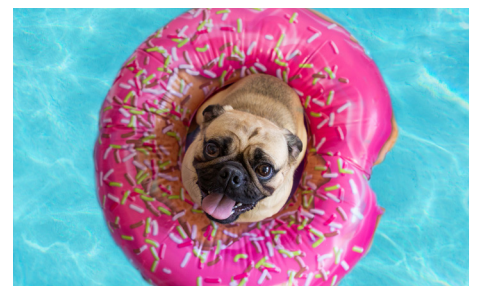
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