

Cherry Knolls News

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“Striving for Excellence”

September 2023

What’s Happening, Cherry Knolls?

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

**CKIA October
Board Meeting**
October 10, 7:00pm
Sandburg music room

**CKIA November General
Membership Meeting**
November 14th 7:00pm
Sandburg music room

Hi, Barbie!

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES:



President’s Corner



As the summer winds down, we find ourselves ramping up again to finish one of the biggest improvement projects CKIA has ever done at our main entrance, Arapahoe and Nobles. Weather, contractors, and funding have slowed us down a bit, but please know how much we appreciate your contributions for those who added onto the dues payment toward Nobles Re-Imagined.

While dues have been steadily coming in, this year we are sitting at 56% of CKIA members (395 households) having paid dues. This is baffling, as in recent years we have achieved dues payments of 72% (504 households). We want to make sense of this.

If you haven’t yet paid your 2023 annual dues because life got in the way, please find time to pay—we need you. If you did not pay your dues, please let us know why you chose to not support our Cherry Knolls neighborhood by filling out an anonymous survey at <https://forms.gle/kAT8tG1owESuWpab9>, or scan the QR at right:



What do your dues pay for?

- Community newsletter
- Neighborhood directory
- Connection to Centennial
- Maintenance of the perimeter
- Cherry Field Park upkeep
- Neighborhood events
- Dumpster Day
- Holiday lighting
- Snow removal
- Covenant enforcement
- A board to address issues and plan needed improvements

My presidential term comes to an end in November and we will be holding our second annual membership meeting. We need volunteers to step up to keep our real estate value high and help with maintenance and improvement aspirations put forth by this community. Please reach out to our board members to get involved. Many hands make light work.

The CKIA Board is a great way to meet new neighbors and help improve life in our special neighborhood.

We are in need of two new Board members in 2024 and additional volunteers:

- A newsletter/directory advertising manager
- Newsletter Journalists
- Block Buddies
- Committee volunteers

Dusty Laird | CKIA President

Long-Range Planning Committee:

Nobles Re-Imagined Donor Recognition

It gives us great pleasure to recognize the following neighbors to this community for donating an additional \$250 on top of their \$180 dues to CKIA for Nobles Re-imagined.

The list below includes neighbors who donated \$250 or more to the Arapahoe and Nobles parcel improvement:

Charles and Paula Boyd

Gary and Linda Brune

Steve and Kati Cahill

Brendan and Kate Carroll

Scott and Tiffany Copeland

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Peter and Kathy Egan

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Peggy and Greg Hanson

Bill and Ann Hastings

Denzil Inman and Diane Gimber

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Patricia Sutton

Betsy and David Trefz

Andrew and Beth Walden

Gail Wells

Janet and Douglas Wertz

The VanWinkle Family

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.

GIVE VIA PAYPAL



GIVE VIA VENMO



Thank you to all of you who donated any amount to this effort. We truly appreciate the additional donation from everyone in this community. We wish to celebrate each one of you with a commemorative weed grown on the plot of land owned by Cherry Knolls. Neighbors are welcome to come dig up your weed anytime before winter wipes them out :)

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Newsletter design & layout by Aaron Hilst

Second Dues Letter

CKIA apologizes if you received a second notice for the 2023 annual dues. Only 346 letters were supposed to be sent out to those who had not paid. If this error caused you any stress or anxiety, we truly apologize. We feel we have addressed all concerns regarding this error, but please reach out to contact CKIA with any additional concerns.

Recreation Vehicles

Please be reminded that the CKIA 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.

-CKIA Board

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Leigh 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.

Centennial City Council Update

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Centennial events including September 16th at Streets at Southglenn for the Chalk Art Festival from 10 am – 4 pm. There will be over 30 chalk artists, live music and family activities. On Saturday, October 21st from 1-5 pm, we will host our first Sip in Centennial at Centennial Center Park. This will include food trucks, live music and tastings from Colorado Breweries and Distilleries. Tickets can be purchased in advanced and you must be 21+ to partake in alcohol tastings. Our park expansion is now complete and the Centennial Splash pad at the park has been ranked 5th in the country.

The Arapahoe Bridge project continues and the girders on the north side were set on Saturday, June 17th. Traffic will continue to travel in the new lane configurations to accommodate construction through the duration of the next construction phase extending into September. Please continue to drive with care while going through the construction zone.

Centennial will be installing rectangular rapid flashing beacons and replacing ADA curb ramps at the intersection of Links Parkway with Colorado Boulevard

(near the South Suburban Golf Course), providing a safer and visible crossing at the intersection.

We are also working with the City of Greenwood Village to make a safer crossing at the High Line Canal & Orchard Road crossing. Centennial will be adding sidewalks, underground storm line and curb and gutter on our side of Orchard Road.

Lastly, as I write this Centennial has been in the news recently regarding our Pickleball moratorium on outside courts within 500 feet of residential homes. We understand that Pickleball is the fastest growing sport and is loved by all ages and any outdoor courts that are over 500 feet from residential as well as indoor courts are not impacted by the moratorium. Our staff is working with a sound engineer and made recommendations to Council in August.

Reach out if you have any questions about our great city.

Christine Sweetland
City Council Member
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720-788-0253

Cherry Knolls Hood Gems

How often do you walk the streets of Cherry Knolls and notice something you have never noticed before? Wilfried Streicher moved into 3620 E. Nobles Road in Cherry Knolls back in 1998, only to find that his home needed some retaining wall work. He hired a landscaper to build the beautiful walls surrounding his home today but his landscaper specialized in brick work, specifically heart shaped planter boxes and sold him on this heart-shaped planter a Cherry Knolls gem seen here:



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Be a Block Buddy!

Big thank you to those who have volunteered already!

CKIA needs to hear all of your voices, whether you've lived here 50 years or 5 months. We understand that you may not be able to attend the CKIA Board Meetings, so we want a better way to communicate with you and track the issues that are important to all of our neighbors. We are recruiting BLOCK BUDDIES—neighbors that represent your streets in Cherry Knolls.

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

If you are interested and want to learn more about the roles and benefits of being a Block Buddy, please call, text or email Kathleen Matthews:

303-915-1276, kamatthe@comcast.net

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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A Note from Senator Kolker

Hello Cherry Knolls neighbors! I am pleased to provide an update on this year's work at the State Legislature, and to highlight some of the important legislation we passed that will have a direct impact on you. As the voice representing you in the Colorado State Senate, I consistently worked this past legislative session to invest in our community, and I am proud to say we delivered real results that will position our community and our state well for the future.

I am especially proud of our work in a few key areas. Colorado's children are the key to our future and our most important investment, which is why we pushed this year to increase funding for our schools and support students, families, and teachers. We raised the statewide average of per pupil funding to \$10,614, and fought to reduce the Budget Stabilization Factor by a record \$180 million while committing to fully eliminating it by the 2024-2025 school year. These critical funds will make sure educators have the resources they need to ensure our kids get the world-class education they deserve.

Ensuring our young people can access the life-saving mental health services they need, no matter their zip code or family's income, has remained a major focus for me. My bill, SB 174 ensures young recipients of Medicaid have the same access to critical care that their peers do, including therapy, treatment planning, and more. I also supported legislation to offer mental health screenings in schools, and to streamline the hiring process to employ more licensed mental health professionals as quickly as possible.

As a parent, keeping our students and our schools secure is one of my top priorities, which is why I also sponsored bills to make our schools and our communities safer. SB 70 requires school resource officers to complete ongoing training from the Attorney General's office on Safe2Tell, which will improve school safety and ensure tips received through the program are responded to promptly and appropriately.

Democrats also are committed to doing everything we can to reduce the scourge of gun violence in our state and make our communities safer. I was proud to support a package of commonsense policies this session that will prevent gun violence and save lives. That package included my bill, SB 168, which removes Colorado's overly broad gun industry immunity law and provides another avenue for survivors to pursue justice if they are harmed by irresponsible business practices.

Further, we passed bills to expand who can file an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO), require gun sellers to wait for an approved background check or three days from the initiation of the background check - whichever is later - to deliver a firearm, raise the age limit to purchase any firearm to 21, with limited exceptions, and to crack down on so-called ghost guns. This historic package will protect our families, keep our public spaces like schools and grocery stores safe, and reduce the threat of violence across Colorado.

Finally, I know that the cost of housing remains top-of-mind for many families in our community. We took bold action this session to increase our housing supply and eliminate barriers to growth that get in the way of creating more homes for Colorado families. And for homeowners, we passed SB 303, which refers Prop HH to the voters to save Coloradans money on their property taxes by reducing the assessment rate on residential, commercial and agricultural property, preserving funding for critical community services, and creating more housing flexibility for seniors by making the senior homestead exemption portable.

I am proud of the work we accomplished this session, and will continue to deliver transformational changes that will position our state well for the future and build a stronger, safer and healthier Colorado for us all.

Chris Kolker, State Senator for District 16
chriskolkercosenate@gmail.com

Wanted: Newsletter Director

I have dearly enjoyed volunteering for the Cherry Knolls community. The Newsletter has been a great pleasure of mine, and is something I will very much miss being a part of. In early 2024, we will be welcoming another sweet girl to the Keene family and therefore I have decided to step down from the CKIA and Newsletter. I would love to fill my positions (Communications Board Member and Director of

the Newsletter) as soon as possible so that I can help with a smooth transition. Please reach out directly to myself, or our President Dusty Laird, if you have any interest in either of these positions. It has been an honor serving this community and I look forward to doing it again in the future.

Sarah Keene, skeene@dealerinspire.com, 480.262.0583

Cherry Knolls Neptunes Celebrate a Winning Season

Congratulations to our very own Cherry Knolls Neptunes on an extremely successful 2023 season! After less-than-ideal weather at the beginning of the summer, the Neptunes made a splash in their Rocky Mountain Swim League division. Friends were made, records were broken, and ice cream was devoured!

Coaches Caleb Weldon and Sadie Fitzpatrick led the team to the league finals, where they took first place in their division. The team also won division C trophies for Boys 7-8, Girls 9-10, Boys 9-10, Boys 11-12, Girls 13-14 and the Boys 15-18. And to top it all off, the boys 7-8 100M freestyle relay also broke a 20+ year-old team record at finals with a winning time of 1:25.42. Way to go boys!

Huge thanks to all of the coaches, parent reps, and volunteers. See you in 2024!



2023 Cherry Knolls Neptunes Finalists and Coaches



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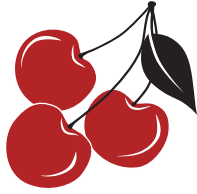
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