Cherry Knolls News

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"Striving for Excellence" Spring 2024

What's Happening, Cherry Knolls?

Neighborhood Garage Sale
May 3 & 4

Dumpster Day
May 12
Cherry Field

CKIA May Board Meeting
May 14, 7:00pm
Sandburg Music Room

Taste of Cherry Knolls
June 2
Cherry Field

President's Corner

On behalf of CKIA, I would like to sincerely thank our outgoing board members – Dusty Laird, Brendan Carroll, and Sarah Keene – for their hard work, leadership, dedication, and countless contributions to our neighborhood. We are so fortunate to have these neighbors who generously volunteered their time to make this community better for us all.

Following in their footsteps, I am excited to serve as your new board president in 2024. Along with our new and returning board members, I am eager to continue (and complete!) important projects under way and sustain the traditions that make this community a truly great place to live. Your participation – by sharing your opinions and ideas, as well as paying your annual dues – is vital to CKIA's ability to maintain the high standards of this community and enrich your experience living here. I look forward to learning more about our collective priorities for the coming year and how we may best serve this community.

Thanks to Ryan Mueller, we have a great new updated neighborhood website: https://cherryknolls.org/. There you can find all the latest information about what's going on in our community and how to get involved, including upcoming events, news, volunteer opportunities, board activities, and more. As always, CKIA welcomes your participation and your feedback.

-Jenny Lang, CKIA President

Denver Water Update

Denver Water continues to make progress on the replacement of water mains on a number of streets in our neighborhood.

The City of Centennial, Denver Water and contractors have asked that neighbors pay close attention to signage, particularly the No Parking and Road Closed signs. Do not go around the signs even if it looks repaved-the process includes covering the openings temporarily with a softer material that is not drivable.

Plan your alternative routes in and out of the neighborhood as each street is identified for work.

If your street is going to be closed, Denver Water will place door handle signs 72 hours in advance.

You can always find info by emailing WaterUDoing@denverwater.org

Customer Care 303-893-2444 | After hours 303-628-6801

"Sincere Gratitude"

CKIA was surprised with a **$5000** check from a neighbor who wanted to pay up her past dues. This incredible, generous neighbor shared that she was financially challenged while working and raising her children. Along with her check, she included a touching letter, excerpted below:

> *"I did live w/guilt each year but was always thankful to live in this safe, beautiful neighborhood that helped give my children more stability in life & see them graduate from Arapahoe HS.*
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> *But NOTHING ever gave me more pride than the fact that we had the experience of my youngest son being able to live and thrive in the former group home for Developmentally Disabled children in our neighborhood. The lessons in civics and politics were very REAL for my family. But so were the words, ACCEPTANCE & INCLUSION.*
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> *Cherry Knolls has touched my soul in so many positive ways & I will always be grateful. My finances have improved & I am happy to finally be able to pay for many (35) past years of dues and for 2024. Please use it where it is most needed.*
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> *In SINCERE GRATITUDE" (name withheld)*

We return our SINCERE GRATITUDE to you neighbor!

2024 Neighborhood Dues

Your dues invoice has likely been delivered along with your current directory information for review and editing. Dues will remain at $180 ($15 per month) for the year, with payment by April 30.

Many in our community have doubled their dues payments over the years to initially pay for the perimeter fence and then to provide funds for maintenance and other capital improvements. That amount or any additional contribution is greatly appreciated.

In late 2023, CKIA completed a 30 year reserve study to learn how we can better prepare for future expected expenses (i.e. fence repair and replacement, Elizabeth Street entrance).

The good news is that if we can achieve 75% or more of homes paying dues, there will be no need to increase dues, and we should be able to save just under the recommended yearly amount (roughly $33,000) for our Capital Improvement Fund.

Just like voting, you can mail in your dues with the enclosed envelope-P.O. Box 2551 Centennial 80161 or place in the drop box at 6795 S. Steele Street. Make checks out to CKIA (no fees).

You can also pay on-line at https://cherryknolls.org/paydues/ through PayPal/credit card.

Edits to your directory information can be mailed or dropped off with your checks or you can send edits to: contactckia@gmail.com

Are We Connected?

Want to know about construction and utility updates, upcoming events and more?

CKIA wants to be connected with you but also protect the privacy of our neighbors.

You can receive direct emails through Google Groups by going to https://cherryknolls.org/our-community/ and click on Google Groups. You will be prompted by our extraordinary webmaster Ryan to send your email address.

We also have an official Cherry Knolls Neighborhood Facebook Page that is invite only. Ask your neighbors on FB (and only your CK neighbors) if they are members. If not, please invite them to join on your page. This site is not visible if you search FB to keep away scammers and spam.

The newest (temporary) resident of Cherry Field.

Long-Range Planning Committee:

Nobles Re-Imagined

Thanks to Conrad Steller's and Peggy Hanson's work in obtaining permits and coordinating with multiple agencies, we are on track to get started this Spring. Denver Water is currently installing our water tap to help establish the new trees and plants and provide drought back-up.

Storm drainage work is also happening in the next few weeks so Denver Water is going to finalize tap location after the storm drainage work is complete.

We feel fortunate that the wait resulted in saving money, plus not having work re-done to address water and storm sewer needs. The monument work will start soon after, and we can follow the design of the Elizabeth Street entrance that was part of the City of Centennial's bridge project. Thanks also to our generous neighbors for your patience!

-Long Range Planning Committee

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Senior Citizen Tax Rebate Program

Littleton Public Schools' Senior Citizen Tax Rebate Program is an opportunity for homeowners over the age of 60 to earn a rebate toward their Arapahoe County property taxes by volunteering in the LPS district. Participants inspire and complement the student learning experience. Includes the new EPIC campus that provides career path education.

More details at: *https://littletonpublicschools.net/volunteer*

or contact Amy Marszalek, Senior Citizen Tax Rebate Coordinator at 303-347-3414

Arapahoe Library News

The Arapahoe Libraries Seed Library will be available at all locations, including the bookmobile for the 2024 growing season. A variety of flower, herb and vegetable seeds native to Colorado will be available free for patrons starting March 4 through June 15. Households are encouraged to collect up to three seed packets per day, with no need to return unused seeds at the end of the season. Seed packets are available while supplies last.

Film Screening and Community Conversation: The Quiet Epidemic

Friday, April 19. 1:00pm to 3:30pm
Koelbel Library

A community conversation and film screening of the award-winning documentary The Quiet Epidemic, on the history of Lyme disease. Register on-line https://arapahoelibraries.org/locations/KO

2023 Winterfest a Huge Success

The 4th annual Winterfest was another fun and festive event. I must say that it truly warms my heart to see this neighborhood come together in such a fun and festive way. That is what I strive for and will continue to do so. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to express my gratitude to this community and the CKIA. A big shout out to the Winterfest committee, Erica Ferlin, Brett East, Carrie Laird, Sarah Keene, Marc Mandell, Lauren Thompson, Fred and Elfi Chacone. Ken's Christmas Quartet was so much fun and they will also be joining us next year.

Santa and his sleigh will also be back next year so mark your calendars now for Sunday, December 22, 2024.

Until then, *Lindsey Blankenship | Events Chair, CKIA Board*

Be a Block Buddy

The Cherry Knolls Improvement Association(CKIA) was formed in 1960 "for the promotion of friendly relations between and the betterment of the general welfare of the residents of Cherry Knolls".

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, please call, text or email Kathleen Matthews at 303-915-1276 or kamatthe@comcast.net

TEEN SERVICES

To add your teen's name, please e-mail Marc Mandell at marc.w.mandell@gmail.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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2024 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 25. 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 2024 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

Cherry Knolls PARENTS CO-OP

The Cherry Knolls Parents Co-op exists to connect and support families and the Cherry Knolls community. Membership in the Co-op includes an active network for parents to discuss, ask, offer, support and volunteer in the Co-op and community. We host bi-monthly member meetings and other opportunities to build relationships with the wider community. We provide meal trains for families during times of celebration and in times of need. We host many community and holiday events all through the volunteerism of our members!

UPCOMING EVENT:

New Members Mixer
Sunday, April 14 1:30pm
Hosted by Beth Fleming

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Want to join or have more questions?

Shoot any of us a text or email the Co-op at ckparentscoop@gmail.com

SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE!

Neighborhood Garage Sale in May

Save the dates for the Cherry Knolls, Knolls, and Tiffany Joint Neighborhood Garage Sale happening on Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4. Organized by The Steller Group—including Realtor® neighbors Conrad and Jennifer Steller, Bill Dehmlow, Beth Walden, and Missy Crew—2024 will mark the fifteenth year of this community tradition.

Participation is free: all marketing expenses are underwritten by The Steller Group. Advertising will be placed in The Denver Post, The Centennial Citizen, and online outlets, while professionally printed directional signs will be put out the weekend of the sale. During the sale, buyers will be able to strategically navigate the neighborhood with the use of maps that designate which homes are participating.

Blair Austad from Tiffany shared her positive experience from last year's sale, "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!"

Sellers registered with the garage sale will also have an opportunity to send out a "wish list" to other participants so that they can shop early, avoiding the need to leave their sale unmanned during the event.

Beyond fantastic exposure and bargain hunting, the community garage sale has become a favorite social affair, fostering connections among neighbors old and new.

For an information sheet or to register for free as a garage sale location on the map, visit StellerRealEstate.com/GarageSale. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Steller at 720-352-8086 or Jennifer@StellerRealEstate.com. The deadline to participate is Sunday, April 28.

Be heard!

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by **Sunday, April 28** to be included in the neighborhood map, wish list, and event marketing!

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