Cherry Knolls News

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cherryknolls.org

"Striving for Excellence" Spring 2025

What's Happening, Cherry Knolls?

CKIA April Board Meeting
April 8, 7:00 pm
Sandburg Music Room

Easter Egg Hunt
April 19, 11 am
Cherry Field

CKIA- Dues, baby, dues!
April 30

Neighborhood Garage Sale
May 2-3

Dumpster Day
May 10, 8 am-12 pm
Cherry Field

CKIA May Board Meeting
May 13, 7:00 pm
Sandburg Music Room

Taste of Cherry Knolls
June 8, 4-7 pm
Cherry Field

President's Corner

Happy springtime, neighbors!

Despite a glimpse of warmer weather, we still expect some more snow over the next couple of months. Our snow plow service was recently purchased by another company, so we appreciate your patience as the new plow operators learn the route and our preferences.

We are looking forward to several spring events coming up, as well as the completion of planting by the Nobles entrance. Please see detailed updates below, and visit our website: cherryknolls.org. CKIA's purpose and goal is to maintain and improve our community and we rely on volunteers to make that happen! We have two more meetings before summer break — Tuesday April 8th and Tuesday May 13th at 7 pm in the Sandburg music room. We welcome your participation!

-Jenny Lang, CKIA President

CK Pool News

Happy Spring! With summer just around the corner the Pool Board has been hard at work creating an amazing line-up of fun at the pool this summer. Registration for the pool is officially open and you can find details at CherryKnollsSwimClub.swimtopia.com. Below is a calendar of exciting events that you can plan your summer around, we hope to see you there!

Please reach out to cherryknollspool@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer to execute these events!

Thanks, CK Pool Board

May 3 & 17: Community Volunteer Day

May 24: Opening Night Dinner

May 26: Memorial Day 5K & Breakfast

June 5, 12, 19, 26: Family Dinner Night

June 8: Taste of Cherry Knolls

July 4: Annual Pool Celebration

July 10, 17, 24, 31: Family Dinner Night

August 7, 14, 21: Family Dinner Night

September 1: Labor Day 5K & Breakfast

September 6: Pawsome Pool Party to close out year

Dues, Baby, Dues!

It's that time again to look for your CKIA dues invoice in the mail along with your current directory information for review and editing. We don't have another inspirational $5000 donation check to make up for past unpaid dues, but we knew how special that was last year!

Dues will remain at $180 for the year (only $15 per month) with your payment due by April 30. Many in our community double their dues payments to pay for capital improvements like the perimeter fence, neighborhood entrances and to provide funds for maintenance through our Capital Improvement Fund. That additional $180 amount or any additional contribution is needed and greatly appreciated. The costs of keeping Cherry Knolls beautiful have increased recently, and prompt payment of dues is essential for maintaining our neighborhood.

Based on a 30-year reserve study conducted in 2023, it is recommended that CKIA reserve approximately $33,000 per year for anticipated future expenses (e.g. fence repair and replacement). If 75% or more of homes pay their dues, we do not need to increase the amount, and should be able to use our Capital Improvement Fund to maintain Cherry Knolls as a beautiful, community-oriented neighborhood.

Payment Methods

Make checks out to CKIA (no fees!). New this year is a locked mailbox attached to the fence at the pool entrance. There are three boxes-CKIA Dues go in the box marked CKIA next to SWIM TEAM and POOL. Or drop your check off in the box or mail in the enclosed envelope-P.O. Box 2551 Centennial 80161

You can also pay on-line at **cherryknolls.org/paydues/** through PayPal/credit card. Click on the QR code below or on your invoice linking to the site to pay.

Directory Edits

Edits to your directory information can be dropped off with your checks or mailed. You can also send edits to: contactckia@gmail.com or complete a new directory form on the Cherry Knolls website under Resources: **cherryknolls.org/directory-form/**

The forms ask for Facebook name and preferred email if you want to join our official Cherry Knolls Neighborhood Facebook Page that is invite only for Cherry Knolls neighbors.

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2025 CK Neptunes Swim Season

Official swim team registration begins April 1st!

If you completed the Intent to Register form, you will receive an email with the registration link.

All of the important team dates are posted on the website now.

Kate-Hayden, Lucy, and all of the CKST Coaches can't wait to see all of you on May 19th at the Kick-Off Dinner/Parent Meeting!!

Visit the CKST website for all info swim team-related info!

ckswimteam.swimtopia.com/

Email us at cherryknollsswimteam@gmail.com with any questions.

Long-Range Planning Committee:

Nobles Re-Imagined Update

As you may have noticed, the initial "Cherry Knolls" on the new monument was not quite right. The newly cut stones have been installed by our stone sign maker that grew up in Cherry Knolls (thanks, ADCON!) and the mason is now set to finish the stone work as the weather warms. Next is to lay the low-water "80/20" fescue sod along the perimeter, install the gravel mulch path and seed with native flowers and grasses.

On the budget front, Conrad Steller has been working to manage unanticipated electrical engineering and irrigation costs but has also received savings from Denver Water providing courtesy construction services and credits from the stormwater authority. We will likely land under budget primarily due to Peggy Hanson's sweat equity into this project, saving thousands of dollars in labor for irrigation, plant establishment and volunteer coordination. This, along with our great community planting day in October, has saved us a significant amount of money in labor.

A big thank you to our volunteer Project Managers-Peggy Hanson and Conrad Steller!

HOP ON OVER FOR THE CHERRY KNOLLS

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

11 IN THE MORNING

CHERRY FIELD

The egg hunt will start promptly at 11:05 so please arrive in time to line up by age group

Kid-friendly snacks and drinks will be provided.

This special neighborhood tradition is brought to you by the CKIA, the CK Parents Co-op, and the CK Pool Board

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 Sarah Watson at CKParentsCoop@gmail.com.

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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.

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 2 and 3. Organized by The Steller Group—including Realtor® neighbors Conrad and Jennifer Steller, Bill Dehmlow, Beth Walden, and Missy Crew—2024 will mark the sixteenth 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.

Cherry Knolls neighbor Anne Kieft summed it up perfectly after last year's sale: "The advertising, signage placement, and marketing took such a load off me as a seller."

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 27.

TEEN SERVICES

To add your teen's name, please e-mail Melissa Pevarnik at melissapevarnik@aol.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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City of Centennial Update

Happy Spring – hope everyone is enjoying the longer days and warmer weather. Centennial will be posting our upcoming events which includes our District 2 Summer Social on Thursday, June 5th from 6 – 9 pm. This year it will be held at Cherry Park located at 6300 E Weaver Dr. This is a fun event for the entire family with food trucks, live music and games. Hope to see you there!!

Over the winter crews have been working on the Centennial Splash Pad at the Centennial Center Park which will now include a separated area for the younger kids. The splash pad is ranked in the top 5 in the country and will be open Memorial Day weekend.

For the 8th year in a row the City of Centennial has been awarded the Gallup Exceptional Workplace Award, recognizing it commitment to employee engagement and workplace excellence. Centennial remains one of the few government entities to be recognized.

Thanks to many of you that attended the Colo. Blvd Multi Modal project open house. I appreciate those that have reached out with questions about the project. There is more information at right.

Exciting things are happening around Centennial if you have any questions, please reach out anytime.

-Christine Sweetland, Centennial City Council Member District 2

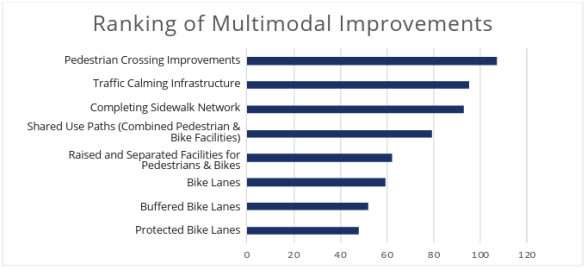
Colorado Blvd. Multimodal Improvement Project
Arapahoe Rd. – Dry Creek Rd.

Project Purpose

- **Enhance** the neighborhood feel of the roadway given the surrounding land uses and character;
- **Facilitate** traffic calming to reinforce appropriate driver behavior on the segment;
- **Shorten** exposed pedestrian crossing distances across Colorado Blvd.;
- **Provide** improved multimodal opportunities for users to choose from;
- **Establish** additional buffers and separation between vehicles and other users as well as between vehicles and neighboring properties.
- **Create** safer routes for pedestrians and cyclists traveling to Newton Middle School and nearby areas.

Project Background

- In June 2021, the City of Centennial adopted the Colorado Blvd. Multimodal Corridor Study to improve safety and accessibility for all types of transportation along Colorado Blvd. between Orchard Rd. and County Line Rd.
- This project is currently in the design phase, following the 2021 Corridor Study's recommendation to right size this portion of Colorado Blvd. to one lane in each direction with a center turn lane. The remaining roadway space will be repurposed for multi-use paths.
- The Study identified 30% of vehicles traveling northbound and 89% of vehicles traveling southbound were driving over the 40mph posted speed limit, with 129 of those vehicles traveling over 55mph.
- Citizens ranked the top three multimodal improvements as Pedestrian Crossing Improvements, Traffic Infrastructure, and Completing Sidewalk Network.



Traffic

- Since the completion of the Study, traffic volumes have remained consistent with 11,400 vehicles per day.
- Based on this data, one lane in each direction with a center turn lane provides sufficient capacity for this traffic volume.
- Colorado Blvd. currently operates with one-lane in each direction both north of Arapahoe Rd. and south of Dry Creek Rd., and the lane reduction will align this stretch of the road to be consistent with this mainly residential area. This right-sizing of lanes will result in traffic calming for drivers to stay the course, as opposed to speeding up to take the lead or feel the need to 'catch up' in the existing limited stretch of two lanes.

Funding

- Following the Study's adoption, the City applied for federal funding to construct the 1-mile stretch between Arapahoe Rd. and Dry Creek Rd., as the first major implementation of a multi-phased approach to enhance the full corridor.
- In 2023, the City was awarded a 2024-27 DRCOG Transportation Improvement Program grant of up to $9.4 million for construction:
  - 90% ($8.41 million) covered by federal and state funds
  - 10% match ($950,000) required by the City.
- To be eligible for this DRCOG grant, projects were required to provide air quality improvements or multimodal improvements.
- These grant funds can only be used towards the specific project that was applied for and would not stay with the City if this project was not implemented.

Please share your comments/questions about this project at centennialco.gov/coloradoblvd

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SATURDAY MAY 10TH
CHERRY FIELD PARKING LOT
8 AM - 12 PM

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2ND ANNUAL

Taste of Cherry Knolls

$12 ADMISSION PER PERON UNLIMITED TASTINGS

Sunday June 8th 2025
4 pm-7 pm

$100 Cash Prize to winner of each culinary category!

Cherry Field

Contact Ben Saggau
or Erica Ferlin with any questions

SUMMER FUN!

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