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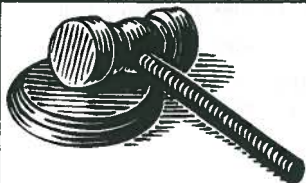
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**Next Regular
Board Meeting
6:30pm
Jan. 10, 2011
West Pool Office**

**THE JANUARY
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ASSOCIATION NEWS

**JANUARY HERALD
DEADLINE IS
DECEMBER 15th**

BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board of Directors meeting for community input and manager's reports will be

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2011

West Pool Office, 6:30 pm

Mark your calendars now. The board meetings are open to all Homeowners.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: In an effort to provide timely Board information to the Membership, UNOFFICIAL MINUTES of each Board meeting will be published in the next issue of the Herald. Official, Approved copies of all Minutes will be on file and available at the Association Office.

REPORTS TO THE ASSOCIATION When an Association member wishes to report observed problems or any concerns or helpful ideas pertaining to the assigned areas of responsibility of the Architectural Control and Design Review Committee, Landscape, Pools, or Business Office, please, when you call and leave a message on the answering machine, include your name and telephone number so that we may return your call. **We cannot act on any call when the caller is not identified.** Thank you for your help.

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COMMITTEES:

ACC/Design Review; Covenant Review Taskforce
Swim Team, Tennis

CENCON REP: available

MOVING FROM HOMESTEAD? If you move from Homestead and retain ownership of your home, it is your responsibility to pay the Homeowners dues. Remember: Please notify the Business office of your new address. Dues are always due March 1st. If you are a Renter, you should forward all notices to the Homeowner.

THE HOMESTEAD HERALD is published monthly for residents of Homestead in the Willows. **The Business Office is located at 5896 E. Geddes Ave., (West Pool House) Centennial, CO 80112.** News items or advertisements must be submitted by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Deliver or mail to Business Office. Call 303-793-0230 for commercial rates, ad sizes or other information.

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THE BUSINESS OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON MONDAY DEC. 26TH

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Commercial Ads (30 words or less)	\$ 12.00
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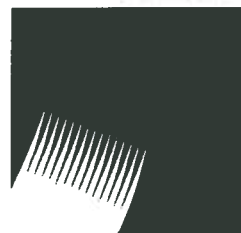
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Applications must be accompanied by complete plans, sketches, samples, color chips and/or other pertinent information so that the ACC has as complete an idea of your project as possible. When requesting fence changes, sheds, accessory buildings, or play structures, also submit a drawing of your yard showing the location of the fence or item and indicate the material, height and style of the proposed fencing, shed or structure.

Forms are available at the office or on the website at www.homesteadinthewillows.org.

BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

We need volunteers to serve on our Board of Directors. New Board members are voted in at our Annual Meeting in March 2012 for a term of three years. This is a great opportunity to get involved in our community.

Homestead is a self-managed HOA. Our Board of Directors, along with our managers and committee volunteers manage all of the affairs for our community. The actions and decisions of Board Members are made on behalf of our collective homeowner community, and are guided by primary governing documents.

Volunteers for Board Positions will review budgets and required operations activities to maintain the existing community property and on-going community activities. They will also make decisions and set aside reserve funds for projected needs as our community ages.

Serving on the Board allows you to use your experience and knowledge to benefit your community. You get to meet a lot of your neighbors, gain insights and information about our community and serve with some good hearted homeowners.

Please consider volunteering your time to Homestead. If you have any questions feel free to call any of the current Board members whose telephone numbers are on page two of this publication.



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HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Regular Board Meeting November 8, 2011 – Unofficial Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Board President, Reed Richardson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board Members present were Aloah Kincaid, Chris Raab, Christopher Molke and Bill Shelden; as well as Pool Manager, Jaylene Jones and Tennis Manager, Melissa Shuck. Also present were Swim Team Parent Representatives Joel Sironen and Steve Schmal and Eagle Scout Luke Williams.

MINUTES: The unofficial Minutes from the October 11th regular board meeting were read. Bill Shelden recommended the statement under New Business be re-written as it's meaning was unclear. The Board agreed.

SWIM TEAM: Parent Rep, Steve Schmal reported that they have advertised for Swim Team coaches for the 2012 season. The parent reps plan to interview applicants over the Christmas holiday. Steve asked what sort of tax information Swim Team needs to provide the HOA. Chris Molke suggested they give the Association their end-of-year records. The snack bar storage at the North Pool was cleaned out and further organizing would be completed in the spring.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer, Aloah Kincaid reviewed the financial statements. Landscape was under budget by \$23,000. Perhaps there were some outstanding invoices?. Bill would ask Nancy about it since she was absent from the meeting. He remarked the grounds look spectacular and complimented Nancy on maintaining the property so well while remaining under budget. Bill noted that next year the maintenance contract was due to be raised.

HOMEOWNER COMMENTS:

MANAGER REPORTS

1. **POOL:** Pool Manager, Jaylene Jones, had no report. She asked if the line items RM Pool and RM Pool equipment could be combined since they are both essentially the same. The Board will check with bookkeeper, John Fitzgerald.
2. **LANDSCAPE:** Landscape Manager, Nancy Bauer, was ill and could not attend the meeting. Reed mentioned that Katie had forwarded some information about rain sensors. Discussion would be tabled until Nancy was present. Bill asked for discussion regarding the \$25,000 budgeted for sprinkler renovation. Chris Raab said the \$25,000 was to replace sprinklers in sections each year – it was earmarked for sprinkler replacement only because the system is over 30 years old and no longer efficient. Bill wanted Water Ketch to create a calendar, or timetable or plan of action indicating which sections of irrigation line would be replaced when. The Board agreed that the 25,000 was for renovation only.

3. **TENNIS:** Demolition of the North Courts would begin shortly.
4. **BUSINESS:** Business Manager, Katie Kidwell was absent. The Board reviewed her written report. Katie had a recommendation for the retention of a collection attorney for delinquent accounts. The Board decided to table a decision until January when Katie would be present. Katie was still waiting for roofing bids at the pool houses. Katie had requested a roof inspection in accordance with the reserve study and had received two bids so far. One bid said the shake roofs were fine and there were some broken tiles on the north pool roof that could be replaced. The other company said the South Pool roof needed repair and the West Pool roof needed to be replaced. Bill thought that the bid by Agape was high and recommended that we get another bid from Floyd Sorenson. Reed asked if there were any leaks. The board decided to postpone a decision pending another roofing proposal.

ACC: Board Liaison, Aloah Kincaid, reported that the ACC met on Nov. 3rd. Jane Robbins assumed the chair position of the ACC. Two new members joined the committee and the various members of the ACC had volunteered to go over roofing materials, fencing materials, and sheds. They also plan to add to the display boards. Everyone on the ACC volunteered to take on a project. Aloah remarked that Jane did a great job leading the meeting. The Board took the enthusiasm of the committee as a positive sign.

COVENANT REVIEW TASKFORCE: A homeowner had requested that his fine for not returning taskforce letters be waived, however he was unavailable to attend the meeting for a hearing before the Board. The Board could not have a hearing without the person being present and decided his fine would continue in accordance with established procedures. A letter would be sent to the homeowner explaining the Board's decision.

OLD BUSINESS: The Board reviewed the trash proposals. Waste Connections, Pro Disposal and Waste Management submitted bids. Chris Molke ran a cost analysis on a per month basis for each of the submitted bids, as well as over the three years the contract(s) would run. Waste Management had the best price. Chris asked that the Board to allow him to proceed with Waste Management and get an actual contract to review.

The Board reviewed the budget. Jaylene answered questions about her proposed budget. Most numbers remained the same from 2010. Aloah remarked that \$830 had been added for pool gate repairs. Bill reminded everyone that the pool restrooms could be painted. Aloah explained the following changes to the budget from the October meeting: 1) The Comcast allocation was not included in the cash; 2) payroll taxes were adjusted; 3) Quarterly taxes on the Comcast allocation were added and 4) \$830 was added to the Pool budget for gate repairs in the spring. The Board went through the pro-

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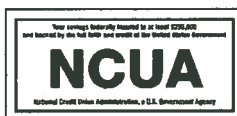


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By Nancy Bauer

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There are various styles of feeders to choose from. Websites like www.BirdWatcherSupply.com are a good resource.

Place feeders in areas that offer nearby cover for the birds and allow you to view them from inside your homes. Having dense ground cover shrubs or trees close by will help protect birds from predators.

With appropriate yard habitat and the proper combination of wild bird seed and feeders, you should be able to attract a good assortment of birds. Having neighbors who feed the birds will help as birds tend to make the rounds of 'food patches', and a neighborhood smorgasbord is great incentive for feathered friends. To read more go to www.coleswildbird.com



Why do the pine trees look so bad?

Evergreen trees will cycle their material in the same fashion as deciduous trees drop their leaves each fall. This process is known as abscission in trees, and is triggered by hormones in the trees. Pine trees have different cycles among them varying from every 2-4 years. This year needle drop seems more accentuated. The

abundant moisture this summer produced a more robust stock of needle tissue and the trees are unable to support the new tissue so they are shedding it..

Holiday Lights Repair Primer

A normal incandescent bulb lasts between 2,000 and 3,000 hours, but that depends on the quality of the filament.

Use a special voltage sensor pen that tells you where the short is or where the bulb needs to be replaced. These pens can be found at your local hardware store. Check a bulb every foot or so to try and figure out the area where the short is, then backtrack, going from bulb to bulb, to find out which one needs to be taken out.

The lights won't work if the fuses won't work. Each light set usually has two fuses in each plug. If a fuse blows, just replace it!

Watering

Be sure to winter water trees and shrubs at least once a month. If you have a spigot stop valve that reaches back behind the foundation wall you can deep root water with a hose on a sunny after noon. You can even use your sprinkler for 20 to 30 minutes to soak your lawn if temperatures stay above 50 degrees!



Recycle Christmas Trees

After the holidays you can chop the branches off your Christmas tree and lay them over bulb beds and perennial gardens. The added insulation helps protect plants against fluctuating soil temperatures and early warm-up.

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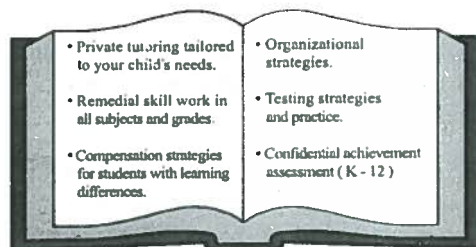
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Holiday tips are greatly appreciated by the drivers. You may give them cash or gift cards directly or you may mail a check or gift card to Waste Connections, 5500 Franklin St., Denver, CO 80216, Attention: Bill Maupin. **Makes sure your gift notes that you are a resident of Homestead in the Willows** and it will be delivered to the appropriate driver. Homestead has one driver for trash and a separate driver for recycling. No gifts of alcohol please as it can't be carried in the



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3-4	AK Cotton	303-544-0996
4-5	Laura Hirsch	303-779-0495

Donate your Kids Clothes & Shoes to those in need! Boy Scout Eagle Project.

Homestead resident, Andrew Tuitele from Troop 560, is currently collecting school-age kids clothes (**sizes 4T through Adults**), to support the "Clothes to Kids" organization, for his Boy Scout Eagle project. Donations can be dropped off any time in the month of December at 6703 South Locust Court. Or contact Andrew and he will pick up the donation from your house (tuitele@gmail.com, 303-771-4765). Shoes, new underwear, and new sock donations are also being accepted. Tax year-end donations slips will be provided for tax write offs, just leave your name and address on the bag, and one will be mailed to you. Thank you for your support of this Eagle project. Andrew and his fellow scouts will also be sorting, tagging, and hanging all donations for kids to come shop from. To learn more about Clothes to Kids, go to <http://clothestokidsdenver.org/>.

HOMEOWNER DUES ASSESSMENTS

HOA Dues Assessments will be mailed the first week of January and will be due March 1, 2012.

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Many homeowners ask if the HOA will accept credit cards for dues payments. The Association is unable to do so because of the merchant and transaction fees involved. However, the Association can accept the checks credit card companies often send urging you to transfer balances from another account. If you wish to pay your 2012 Dues with a check from your credit card company so that you can accrue miles or points, please be aware that the credit card company may assess you a fee to use such a check.

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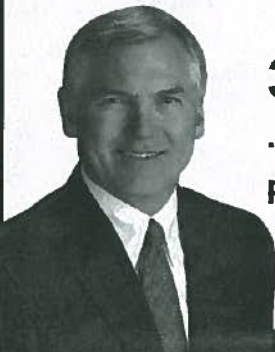
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Thirty-seven students from the Cherry Creek School District are among 16,000 students nationwide who have been named 2012 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$34 million, which will be awarded next spring. The Cherry Creek School District National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists are:

From Cherry Creek High School

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- Daniel Zheng

The 16,000 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists were selected from 1.5 million high school juniors who took the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. They must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal and earn SAT scores that confirm the students earlier performance on the qualifying test. The Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's essay and information about the student's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title. 2012 National Merit Scholarship winners will be announced next spring.

2011-2012 BREAK DATES

- Winter Break
 - Dec 19-Jan 2 – All Calendars
- Spring Break
 - March 26-April 6 – Transitional Calendar
 - March 26-20 – Common Calendar

The district's 11-12 four-track, transitional and common calendars are available on the district's website at www.cherrycreekschools.org.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN NEWS

Breakfast with Santa

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Ages 10 years and younger. Sat, Dec 3, 8:30 or 9:30 am seating at **Buck Recreation Center**, 2004 W.

Powers Ave. Littleton. For more information, please contact MikeK@sspr.org (303-730-4613) or visit

www.sspr.org. Fee: \$5/\$4 R, under 10 years \$2. Presented by Littleton Rotary.

Visit with Santa

Celebrate with Santa Claus prior to the 1 pm Skate with Santa session at **Family Sports Ice Arena**, 6901 S Peoria, Centennial on Sat, Dec 17. For more information, contact AmandaD@sspr.org (303-708-9500, x217) or visit www.sspr.org.

Skate with Santa and Community Holiday Ice Shows

Community members, tots to seniors all participate in the **South Suburban Holiday Ice Show** performances. Donate a non-perishable food item to Interfaith Community Services and receive **FREE** admission to the **Holiday Ice Shows** as well as reserve a spot to skate **FREE** with Santa Claus. All ages welcome.

Family Sports Ice Arena, 6901 S Peoria, Centennial and **South Suburban Ice Arena**, 6580 S Vine St, Centennial. For more information, contact

GerryL@sspr.org or 303-798-7881. See schedule below or visit www.sspr.org.

- Fri, Dec 16, **Ice Show**, 6 pm, **Skate with Santa**; 7-7:45 pm, **South Suburban Ice**

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- Sat, Dec 17, **Skate with Santa**, 1-1:45 pm;
Family Sports Ice Arena
- Sat, Dec 17, **Skate with Santa**, 2:15-3 pm; **Ice Show**, 3:15 pm, **South Suburban Ice Arena**
- Sun, Dec 18, **Skate with Santa**, 3:15-4 pm;
Ice Show, 4:30 pm, **Family Sports Ice Arena**

25th South Suburban Annual Holiday Arts & Craft Fair

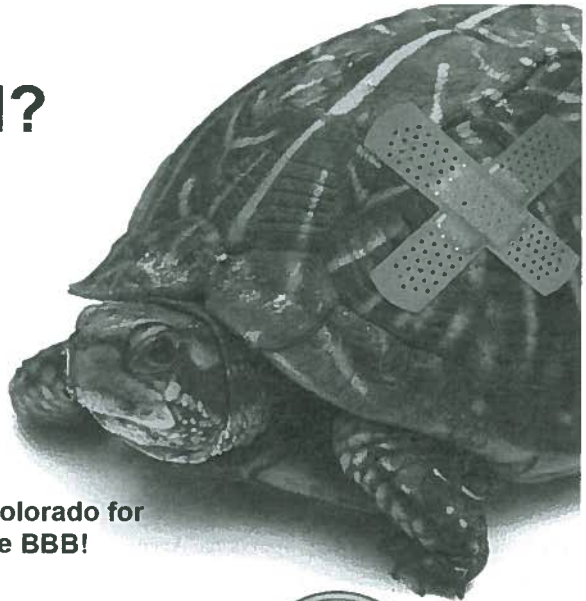
Visit 75 juried booths offering handmade crafts, pottery, jewelry, clothing, quilts, paintings, photography, floral arrangements, woodworks, holiday items and specialty foods. **FREE** admission to shop for your holiday gifts in one convenient stop. **FREE** gift wrapping. Sat, Dec 3 from 9:30 am to 4 pm, at **Goodson Recreation Center**, 6315 S University Blvd, Centennial. For information, contact VickieW@sspr.org (303-483-7072) or visit www.sspr.org.

Winter Break Adventure Camp

Enroll by the day or by the week at this South Suburban camp. Keep students active Dec 19-30, 7 am – 6 pm at **Family Sports Center**, 6901 S Peoria, Centennial with laser tag, eXerGame Zone, climbing wall, ice-skating & much more during Winter school break. For more information, contact AmandaD@sspr.org (303-708-9500, x217) or visit www.sspr.org.

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CAT/DOG SITTER: I am 11 years old, in 6th grade, and I would like to take care of your pets when you are on vacation. I have experience taking care of 2 cats and I have 2 dogs at home. I will feed them, love them and play with them. **Please call me. Molly L @ 720/556-9714 (cell) or 303/759-8830 (home)**

BABYSITTER: Looking for a responsible, fun, caring summer babysitter to entertain and care for your kids this summer or nights out? If so, you have found what you are looking for. CPR certified, Red Cross trained, and very experienced. You won't be disappointed! **Call Claire at 720-529-1778.**

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NANNY: 22 year old college graduate with a BS in Elementary Education. Past Head Coach of the Homestead Hurricanes. Available starting May 16th. **Call Jenna Jeffress at 303-204-2020 or jenna-jeffress@uiowa.edu.**

DAYTIME NANNY/DOG-WALKER: Fun, responsible, homeschooled 16 year old. Able to provide my own transportation to and from your home. CPR certified and willing to assist with household chores as needed. **Call Riley Olson 720-284-7312.**

KIDDOS 'N KERIANN: I'll keep your kiddo's happy and safe while you enjoy some "me time". I am Red Cross certified and ready for high school in the fall. **Call Kerriann at 303-741-1393.**

BABYSITTER /MOTHER'S HELPER: Responsible, savvy, Red Cross certified eighth-grade student. Fun, trustworthy, and ready to take on any challenge, from dirty diapers to afternoon boredom and everything in-between! **Call Isabella Bailey at 303-224-9228**

RESPONSIBLE PETSITTER LOOKING FOR WORK: Middle school student Red Cross Certified pet sitter willing to look after any kind of pet. Can administer CPR and Rescue Breathing to cats and dogs. **Call Fiona Bailey at 303-224-9338.**

BABYSITTER: Red Cross certified. 16 year old 11th grader. References available. **Call Morgan Cohen at 303-941-0023.**

BABYSITTER: Need a babysitter? Call me, Sarah Hellman, I have LOTS of experience with babysitting and I am a responsible, mature, hard working 13 that would love to help you. Please **Call 303-582-4337**, and leave a message if there is no answer. Thanks!

BABYSITTER/TUTOR: Red Cross CPR and First Aid certified 8th grade Honors student available for all of your babysitting needs. I am responsible, caring and eager to work hard for you and take care of your little one. I also am available to tutor your children in math, from basic math up to algebra. Thank you for reading and I look forward to hearing from you. **Call Audrey at 303-221-3022.**

PET-SITTER and DOG-WALKER: I am a responsible 10 year old who would love to spend time with your dogs! I can walk, feed and check on your pets when you're not home and make sure they are cared for and exercised to their hearts' content. I live on the west side and am available after school and on weekends! **Call Olivia at 303-221-3022.**

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RESPONSIBLE 16 year old will babysit your children. References available. **Call Nicole McVey 303-771-9958 or 303-325-6536.**

PARENT'S HELPER: College student, Homestead resident since 1994, swim instructor/lifeguard, CPR certified. Need a responsible adult to take care of pets or house while on vacation? Can also nanny on Thursday and Fridays. References available. **Call Katie Radcliffe at 720 971 4242. Thank you!**

BABYSITTER/PETSITTER: Responsible, Red Cross Certified 14 yr. old who enjoys playing games and making crafts. Loves kids & pets! **Call Jenny Siekmeier at 303-850-9369 or jsiekmeier@comcast.net.**

DAVID'S LAWN MOWING /PET SITTING SERVICE: Reliable 16 yr. old will trim and mow lawns & pet sit while you're on vacation. Lawns can be mowed all summer or vacation only.
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LACROSSE LESSONS: 3 year varsity lacrosse player, junior at Kent Denver, looking to give lacrosse lessons for the upcoming season: defense, longstick middle, and defensive middle.
Please call Jackson at 303-842-5311.

NANNY/BABYSITTER: 19 year old. CPR and first aid certified. Loves children and loves creating recreation for children.. Have own car for transportation. References Available. **Please call Kelzey Haun: 303-981-4940.**

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BABYSITTER/PETSITTER: I am a responsible tenth grade honors student at Cherry Creek High School. Red Cross certified with years of experience with kids, including volunteering in the Dixcovery Zone at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Loving pet owner with pet-sitting experience as well. Flexible hours.
Call Lauren at 720-298-6219 or 303 741-9770.

SAVING FOR FIRST CAR: I am a reliable, motivated and responsible 15½ year old CCHS student available all summer to do jobs/chores for you. I can pet sit, babysit, cut lawns and do odd jobs around the house. Excellent references! **Call Hunter 720-384-6866 or 303-221-4199. THANK YOU!**

BABYSITTER/HOUSESITTER: 19 year old college sophomore available over the summer for babysitting, housesitting or petsitting. Experienced and responsible. **Call Rachel Scharmann at 303-250-2986.**

BABYSITTER/PETSITTER: Experienced, responsible 17 year old high school junior looking for summer babysitter/nanny position. Great with kids. Can safely drive your children. References available.
Call Anne Scharmann at 303-717-3533.

BABYSITTER: A Red Cross Certified loving and fun 7th grader. Loves children, the outdoors, arts & crafts, and cooking.
Call Erin Keith at 303-290-6238.

BABYSITTER/PETSITTER/LAWN CARE: Elizabeth is a high school student at Cherry Creek certified in CPR& First Aid. She has a fun lovin' personality and experience with young children up to 12 yrs old, all sorts of animals, and years of lawn care under her belt. **Call Elizabeth O'Bryan at 303-779-3311.**

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BABYSITTER: Responsible 12th grader who loves kids & will make sure they have fun! I'm Red Cross Certified, have CPR and 1st aid training and have 6 years experience.

Call Kaylee Handwork at 303-791-4233.

PATRICK'S PARTIES & DJ SERVICE: Want to add some tunes to your parties? Book your birthday or graduation party now. **Call Patrick McClellan's DJ Service at 720-838-8863.**

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Call Jensen Handwork at 303-791-4233.

BABYSITTER/MOTHER'S HELPER: Need someone to call this summer to run a last minute errand, go to an appointment or just give you a few minutes of much needed "alone time"? You have found the right person! I am a responsible, fun, caring, CPR certified and babysitter trained 7th grader who is happy to help you out with your kids during the day or for a night out. **Call Aiden at 720-215-5447.**

BABYSITTER: Experienced, Red Cross Certified, gentle, responsible, fun 14½ year old who loves toddlers and kids. Loves creative play, art, sports, and cooking. I am available during the days and nights over the summer to watch your children whenever you need a break! Homestead references available.
Call Kaitlin Harmon at 303-773-8833.

BABYSITTER: Responsible 17 year old Cherry Creek High School junior looking for a regular babysitting job or as needed. I am a reliable older sister with years of experience as well as Red Cross certified. I am available on weekends and some week days.
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BABYSITTER: 15 year old w/4 years experience. Red cross and first aid certified. Also available for pet sitting and house sitting on the West side only. **Please call Ashley 303-694-4066.**

BABYSITTER/PETSITTER: Responsible, caring, fun 9th grader. Red Cross certified. Loves kids and pets!
Call Caitlyn Concklin at 720-200-4024.

BABYSITTER: Responsible, Red Cross certified honor roll middle school student; I love kids and enjoy watching your kids while you're at work or having a night out. **Call Ava Nazem @ 303-220-5301 or email: avocado15@live.com.**

BABYSITTER: 15 yrs. Old. Responsible, life guard, CPR & first aid trained. **Call Maddie at 303-843-0924.**

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PETSITTER: Responsible 7th grader with experience; loves all animals. Will walk your dog, feed your pets, and/or just play with them while you are away.
Please call Matthew at 303-470-3931.

NANNY/BABYSITTER: 15½ year old – CPR trained and Red Cross certified with 3 years experience. Mature and responsible. Great with babies. Let me help you at the pool! References are available.
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CITY OF CENTENNIAL NEWS

Sight Distance Triangles

As our residents begin their final yard work before the onset of colder weather, the City of Centennial would like to remind everyone of the City's requirement to provide adequate "Sight Distance Triangles" to protect lines of sight near intersections for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists. The City of Centennial has enforced Sight Distance Triangle requirements, consistent with the law in Arapahoe County, since the City's incorporation in 2001.

A "Sight Triangle" is a minimum area of visibility required on a corner to allow for the safe operation of vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists in the proximity of intersecting streets. Sight distance obstructions include: untrimmed trees, shrubbery, banners, signs, parked vehicles and permanent obstructions such as monument signs, retaining walls, fences, etc. In contrast, certain objects such as street light poles, tree trunks less than 18 inches in diameter and similar minor obstructions may be acceptable within the sight distance triangle.

Any object such as landscape, signage, fencing, etc. located within the sight triangle should be set far enough away to ensure the line of sight is not blocked. That distance is measured 30 feet from the intersection of the curb line. Any The height obstructions that are in the Sight Triangle must be provide an open and clear area between 3 feet and 8 feet in height, as measured from the center of the adjacent roadway pavement. The Sight Triangle requirements described above are less restrictive than what was previously in place, allowing private property owners more flexibility.

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posed reserve fund expenditures and determined that the Association could keep the single-family dues at the 2011 amount of \$865. Associate and Village I townhome dues would remain at 2011 amounts as well. Reed said the Board should be proud that just a few years ago the Association had a reserve fund crises and now the Board had continued the same dues amount for three years in a row while still keeping adequate reserves for repair and maintenance of the community. Aloah moved that the Board accept the budget proposing income of \$133,255, reserve fund expenditures of \$325,000 and no change in the dues. Chris M. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Covenant violation process description: Reed had reviewed the description provided and needed to add a paragraph. Final review would be tabled until January 2012.

The Board commented that the majority of comments on the sand volleyball court were negative.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT AND CALENDARING: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Chris R. moved and Bill Shelden seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Chris R. moved and Reed seconded that the Board move into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss the Dunbar-Hornek Lawsuit and ACC

ARAPAHOE COUNTY NEWS

Arapahoe County holds public hearings on oil and gas regulations

Residents are invited to attend Nov. 29 and Dec. 13 hearings on proposed rules

Littleton, Colo. – Last week, Arapahoe County hosted two open houses to gather public feedback on proposed draft regulations on oil and gas exploration within Arapahoe County. Representatives from the County and the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission were on hand to answer questions and provide information to attendees. More than 100 citizens attended the meetings.

The County is still accepting comments and suggestions on the draft regulations, which must be received by Nov. 17, 2011. The public can access the draft regulations and comment form online at www.co.arapahoe.co.us. Just click on the oil and gas link under “What’s New” on the home page.

Starting in late November, Arapahoe County will host two public hearings where the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners will review the draft regulations and proposed changes based on the feedback from the community. These meetings are open to the public.

- **Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m.** – Public Hearing with the Arapahoe County Planning Commission: Lima Plaza, Arapahoe Room, 6954 South Lima St., Centennial
- **Dec. 13 at 9:30 a.m.** – Public Hearing with the Arapahoe County Board of County Commis-

sioners: East Hearing Room, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton

The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (an agency managed by the State of Colorado) oversees statewide oil and gas regulations and is responsible for issuing state drilling and oil and gas exploration permits.

Arapahoe County’s role is limited to the oversight of local land-use issues. The purpose of the land-use regulations is to establish rules that provide reasonable limitations and safeguards for the exploration and production of oil and gas resources within Arapahoe County and the impact it has on natural resources, public health, safety and County infrastructure such as roads, etc.

For more information:

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UPDATE TO "LET'S TALK SHUTTERS!"

Previous Article read....

As many of us are updating and doing maintenance work on our homes, it is important to follow the guidelines of the covenants and restrictions that we all agreed to when we purchased in our lovely Homestead in the Willows community. There have been many issues regarding shutters, including needed repainting, slat repair and replacement, and total shutter replacement. Therefore, here are guidelines and helpful hints for you to have at your fingertips.

The manufacturer of the shutters that were used in Homestead is Amato Shutter and Door Co. They are now sold at Chateau Shutters 303-761-4084, and the model of shutter is called "Allegro". Ask for John Amato! Most shutters in Homestead are 22" wide and the height varies based on the size of the particular window. There are many sizes, so a homeowner should measure the size of the original shutter and get that same size. If a homeowner suspects that they may not have original shutters on their house, then they should measure a shutter from another home of the same model. Measure as if closing the shutter would perfectly seal off the window, including frame but not trim, from the elements. Or, to make it easier, Chateau Shutter will come out and measure/bid for free. They will also paint and install if desired by the homeowner.

Wood shutters should be primed on ALL sides with a high quality exterior primer and painted with an equally high quality paint color that has been approved by the ACC. Shutters are best attached with screws rather than nails, and should be attached correctly to prevent bowing. In Colonial times, shutters were hung so that they could be closed. On the exterior side, the slats would be tilted down and out when closed, to prevent water from coming in. Today, shutters are ornamental, and should be hung the opposite way. The slats facing the street should be tilted down and out as

they are hung on the house. This dramatically improves the life of the shutters and the siding behind them, by preventing trapped water from accumulating behind the shutter.

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Approved shutter styles are:

1. Louvered/Slatted with a flat top and a center stile that is slightly above the midline point of the shutter,
2. Paneled, with the same specifications.
3. Board and Batten with joined vertical boards and 2 symmetrically placed horizontal boards crossing the verticals. Shutters may NOT have cut-out designs in them.

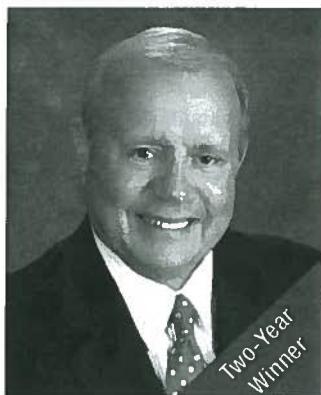
All shutters must be made of wood, except for louvered shutters which may be made of man-made materials so long as the sizes meet the previously mentioned specifications. Shutters made of man-made materials would be considered a **change** from the original shutter and thus would need to be approved by the ACC, even if you are duplicating the original shutter style. If considering vinyl louvered shutters, bear in mind that the shutters in stock at Home Depot and Lowe's are generally NOT the correct sizes. Call or stop by the office for more details.

Thank you for your support as we continue to review and update acceptable variations for our community!

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