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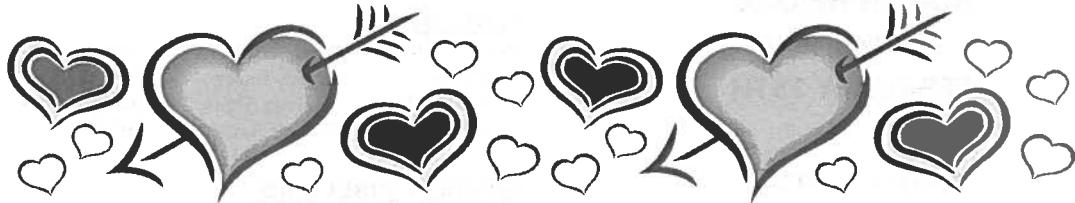


# Homestead Herald

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## ANNUAL HOA MEETING MARCH 12, 2012 7:00 P.M.

The meeting will be held in the Homestead Elementary School Gym.

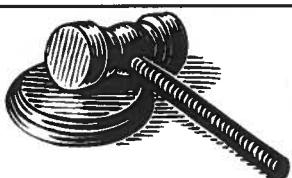
The Board of Directors will again offer a drawing for 1/2 off  
the 2012 homeowner dues for one eligible attendee.

## DUES ASSESSMENT

Dues assessment letters were mailed January 3, 2012. If you have not received yours,  
please call the Business Office immediately at 303-793-0230. Dues need to be paid in full  
by March 1, 2012 to avoid penalties.

## PROPOSED OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS

see page 3 for details



Next Regular  
Board Meeting  
6:30pm  
Feb 14, 2011  
West Pool Office

THE MARCH  
HERALD DEADLINE  
IS  
FEBRUARY 15TH





## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### MARCH HERALD DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15TH

#### BOARD MEETING

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

**Tuesday, Feb 14, 2012**

**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.

#### BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

**5896 E. Geddes Ave.**

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#### MANAGERS:

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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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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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20TH FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY**

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**South Suburban**  
PARKS AND RECREATION

**We want your comments.** South Suburban Parks and Recreation invites Homestead area residents to provide input on proposed trail improvements in the Willow Spring Open Space and on the Willow Creek Trail. A public input meeting will be held at **7:00 pm on Thursday, February 16, 2012** at the South Suburban Administration Office located at 6631 S. University Blvd. Centennial, CO 80121.

The proposed trail improvements include:

- Upgrading the habit trail adjacent to the sewer line on the east side of the Willow Spring Open Space to a crusher fines trail. This trail extends from the Englewood Dam south to Homestead Elementary School.
- Upgrading approximately 800 linear feet of the crusher fine surfaced Willow Creek Trail south of South Suburban's Willow Spring Service Center to a concrete surface.
- Upgrading the asphalt surfaced Willow Creek Trail from Dry Creek Road southeast to Quebec Street to a concrete surface.

These proposed improvements are the result of citizen requests, erosion/drainage problems, or maintenance needs. Please visit <http://www.ssprd.org/southsubnew/construction.asp> for a map showing these locations. For additional information, or to submit comments, please contact Melissa Reese-Thacker, Senior Park Planner, at 303/795-6531 or melissar@sspr.org.

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## Announcement from the Board of Directors

Dear Members of our community:

We are writing to follow up on our prior letter (March, 2011) about the lawsuit brought against Homestead by Mr. Dunbar and Mr. and Mrs. Horneck. We are happy to report that we prevailed in the case as the Trial Court granted summary judgment against all claims of the Plaintiffs before trial started. A copy of the Court's Order is in the Business Office if you would like to review it.

The reason that this announcement is being made so long after the entry of the Court's August 24, 2011 Order is that after judgment was entered in favor of Homestead, the Plaintiffs asked the Court to reconsider its order and, even then, asked the Court to allow the Plaintiffs to amend their Complaint to include a new demand for punitive damages against the Association. Punitive damages, you will recall from our last letter about the suit, are a sort for which there is no insurance coverage. The Court's refusal to reverse its Order entering summary judgment, and decision not to even address the Plaintiffs' Motion to Add Punitive Damages, was another positive outcome for us. Some of the claims that the Plaintiffs brought include provisions that the prevailing party is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees. As a result we have asked for an Order awarding Homestead its fees, and a hearing on our request has been set for April 19, 2012.

Regarding the summary judgment Order, please remember as you read it that a Motion for Summary Judgment necessarily asks the Court to accept all of the allegations of the complaining party as true, and asserts that even with such a one-sided assumption in place, there is still no way that the Plaintiffs could win as a matter of law. The Order, then, makes factual statements about matters which the Court *assumed* to be true for the purpose of the legal review. It is doubtful, in our opinion, that all of the facts which are referenced in the Order, and alleged by the Plaintiffs in the suit, could have withstood the scrutiny of the jury had the matter gone that far.

The Plaintiffs have filed an appeal with the Court of Appeals, but for the reasons discussed below, we believe that it will be stricken as untimely filed. Plaintiffs' counsel filed what is called a Notice of Appeal with the Court of Appeals on January 13, 2012. Under the rules, a party seeking an appeal is required to take this step to initiate an appeal within 45 days of the entry of final judgment in a case. An exception to this rule is when a "post-trial" motion is filed with the Court. Such a filing stops the clock on the appeal deadline from starting for a time. Here, Plaintiffs filed a Motion to Reconsider (they called it a Motion for New Trial) with the Trial Court after the summary judgment motion was granted. Under the rules, the Plaintiffs' Motion to Reconsider was automatically denied 60 days after it was filed unless the Court granted it before then. After the expiration of 60 days, the 45 day clock started on the Plaintiffs' deadline

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to appeal. So, as the Motion for Reconsideration was filed on September 7, 2011, it was automatically denied on November 6, 2011. Even if you move to the next business day (November 7) the deadline to appeal was 45 days later: December 22, 2011. We believe that as of December 23, 2011, the Plaintiffs were outside of the time frame within which an appeal could be filed.

Plaintiffs apparently disagree with our analysis, and seem to have calculated their own filing deadline from November 30, 2011, which was the day that the Trial Court entered two orders: one ordering the hearing on the Motion for Fees, and another denying the Plaintiffs' Motion for Reconsideration. We believe that the Order denying the Motion for Reconsideration is ineffective since the Motion was already denied by rule on November 6, and that the appeal is barred as a result. It will be for the Court of Appeals to decide whether or not the appeal of the Plaintiffs can proceed.

While we are very pleased to have had this strong outcome in favor of the Homestead Association, we regret that so many people were impacted by the suit and the allegations that were made in it. Because the Plaintiffs are persisting in their case, it would be premature to call this a win. It is, however an opportunity for us to come together again, as neighbors, and keep working to make this a great place to live. We remain happy to answer any questions that we can about the case, and the Court's Order in our favor, should you have any. Thank you for your continuing support through a challenging time. We look forward to sharing a wonderful 2012 with each of you.

The Board of Directors, Homestead in the Willows



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## **HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

Regular Board Meeting January 10, 2012 – 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 Business Manager, Katie Kidwell; Pool Managers, Jaylene Jones and Jenn Schultz; and Landscape Manager, Nancy Bauer. Also present were Swim Team Parent Representative Joel Sironen. Homeowners Kami Nazem, David Honeyfield, Robert House, Marc Braun and Jack Lutz also attended a portion of the meeting.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the November 8th regular Board meeting were approved as read. Chris Raab moved and Christopher Molke seconded that the revisions to the October 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting minutes be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

**SWIM TEAM:** Parent Rep, Joel Sironen, reported that the Swim Team board had interviewed and made formal offers to coaches, many of whom were returning from last year. They were beginning to plan the scheduling for the season and thought the schedule would be similar to that in 2011. Joel also commented that the Swim Team Board had been approached by residents asking to borrow Swim Team equipment. The Board had decided not to loan equipment to homeowners.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Treasurer, Aloah Kincaid reviewed the financial statements. The final expenses for the year came in only \$168 over her estimate. Chris Molke reminded the Board that he had negotiated a new contract with Waste Connections, the company who purchased Eagle Waste. Waste Connections agreed to an 11% rate decrease, no fuel surcharge and a 2% annual cap for the next three years.

**HOMEOWNER COMMENTS:** Jack Lutz asked the Board to put a notice in the Homestead Herald asking residents not to steal a neighbor's newspaper. When a newspaper is stolen and the Denver Post replaces it at no cost to the resident, the newspaper charges the delivery person for the cost of the paper, which is unfair. Mr. Lutz also commented for the record that he preferred Eagle Waste to Waste Connections. David Honeyfield approached the Board about an ACC decision. Mr. Nazem and Mr. House approached the Board about the Covenant Review Taskforce policies.

### **MANAGER REPORTS**

1. **POOL:** Pool Manager, Jaylene Jones, reported that the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) had modified their requirements for swimming pool access requiring public pools to offer either a lift system or a sloped entry ramp. After some investigation and calls to the ADA, Jaylene was told that HOA's were exempt from the changes as they were not considered public pools.
2. **LANDSCAPE:** Landscape Manager, Nancy Bauer, reported that Water Ketch had completed the renovation of zones 5 – 9 on North Homestead Parkway, rock was installed to complement the sprinkler renovation and trees were being pruned on the West side of Homestead.
3. **TENNIS:** In the absence of Tennis Manager, Melissa Shuck, Chris Raab reported that the demolition of the North tennis courts had to be halted because the Southeast Metro Storm Water Authority (SEMSWA) required new engineering drawings to detail drainage. Work would resume the week of January 16<sup>th</sup>.
4. **BUSINESS:** Business Manager, Katie Kidwell reviewed the status of outstanding 2011 HOA dues. She reported that the Board President of Mill Creek had contacted her asking that Homestead repair the fence between the homes of Homestead and Mill Creek residents. Since that

fencing is not part of the perimeter fence that the Association maintains, the Board agreed that the affected Mill Creek and Homestead residents should collaborate on repairs. Katie had had the roofs of the pool houses inspected by three roofing companies. Two of the three agreed that the broken tiles on the North Pool house were the most pressing. The Board authorized Katie to have them repaired. Katie reported receiving many calls about the cancelled trash service on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Although many homeowners believed service should not have been cancelled, Waste Connections contract did allow for service cancellation due to weather. Waste Connections has agreed to call all homeowners who are published in the directory for any future service interruptions.

**ACC:** The ACC did not hold a meeting in January. They will meet in February and expect to review additional fencing and roofing materials at that time.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Board reviewed the Covenant Violation process and the final insurance policy renewal rates.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Katie reported that Landscape Manager Nancy Bauer and our grounds company, Colorado Designscapes were praised by a resident who reported that he walked the entire neighborhood regularly and wanted to commend both Nancy and Designscapes for the thoroughness of the grounds maintenance and overall great appearance of Homestead. The Association was randomly audited by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. The auditor informed the Association that the teens who deliver the Homestead Herald had to be classified as employees of the Association rather than independent contractors, based on the fact that the teens provide that service only for us, and not other similar clients.

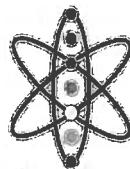
**ADJOURNMENT AND CALENDARING:** The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. Aloah moved and Bill seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to meet with counsel at 8:35 p.m. Motion Passed. The next regular Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. at 6:30pm at the Business Office.



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## CENTENNIAL NEWS

### Ordinance passed to keep right-of-way clear

The Centennial City Council recently passed a ordinance prohibiting any object to be located within the public right-of-way. For the safety of residents, all sidewalks, which are public right of way, should remain clear at all times. Trash containers should be placed at the end of driveways, construction materials and debris should be placed on private property while waiting for removal and vegetation (trees and shrubs) should be trimmed so as not to hang onto the sidewalk.

Many residential areas in the City have large, mature trees that make for attractive looking yards and neighborhoods. Trees that hang over onto the streets can cause problems by damaging large vehicles such as emergency equipments, delivery trucks and school buses and make it difficult to walk along sidewalks

forcing pedestrians out into the street or ducking below branches to pass under.

Any obstructions on the City right-of-way (sidewalks and streets) which impedes pedestrian and vehicular traffic is unlawful in the City of Centennial. Pedestrians should not be forced to walk around obstructions. The City is required to make all city programs, services and activities accessible to individuals with disabilities. Public sidewalks are a vital part of our community and ensuring obstructed pathways contributes to enhanced public safety.

In 2009 a citizen survey was conducted. The majority, 68% of survey participants stated they would support an ordinance requiring property owners to remove and prevents obstructions within the public right of way.

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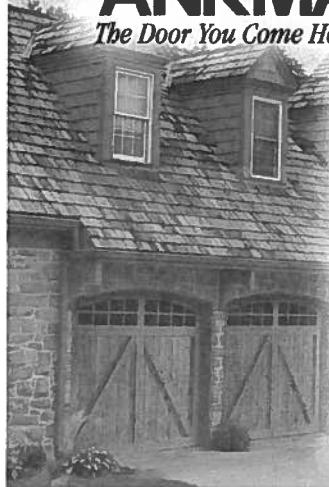
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# LANDSCAPE LOGIC

By Nancy Bauer



## Snowpack Conditions

The Denver Post cited in January that the first manual check of Colorado's snowpack showed only 73 percent of normal- and not one year during the last 30 years that started this far below average was there a return to normal snowpack by the start of spring. The Front Range has gotten sufficient moisture so far this winter, but relies on the snowpack in the mountains for summer water supplies.

It's been 10 years since the last serious drought in 2002. Because the cycles of Nature continue, we may be due for another drought, maybe not this year but some year. The difference from the 2002 drought will be the knowledge gained in irrigation technology, the development of low water requiring plants, and commitment of professionals in the landscape industry to create more sustainable landscapes.

The Homestead in the Willows HOA has had the foresight to plan for lower water usage. For the last (4) years the existing sprinkler system has been renovated, as our budget allows. New irrigation technology has been installed, allowing the common areas to be irrigated with less water. In conjunction with the sprinkler system renovation, areas of sod have also been removed and replaced with rock or low water usage shrubs and mulch.



## Backyard Birds by Kate Frost

We don't have cardinals or tropical birds and many of our colorful summer birds are in their winter plumage but there are plenty of more subtly colored birds to be appreciated in Colorado. If you are interested, here are some tips for successful feeding:

\*Be sure to begin with a clean feeder- disease can be spread otherwise.

\*Black oil sunflower seed is popular with many feeder birds. (Chickadees, finches, nuthatches, red-winged blackbirds, jays and flickers)

\*Suet will bring another cast of characters. (Bushtits, nuthatches, woodpeckers)

\*Niger (thistle) seed will keep the goldfinches happy year round.

Remember, if you do backyard feeding, you are helping the wintering birds, which may become dependent on this food source. Also, if you feed birds, you feed squirrels. And, participating in the food chain, there are Cooper's hawks and Sharp-shinned hawks in the neighborhood who dine on feeder birds.

If you have questions about birds or feeding, contact the Audubon Society of Greater Denver or feel free to contact me.

Kate Frost: [ksf1922@gmail.com](mailto:ksf1922@gmail.com) ASGD:  
303 973 9530

## Gardening Tips for February:

### Outdoors

\*Comprehensive pruning should be done on all trees and shrubs (except maples) for correction, height, damage, or shape, while you can see plant structure.

\*Apply dormant oil to trees and shrubs infested with oyster shell scale such as Aspen, ash, willow and lilac.

\*Check to make sure the mulch is still covering plants that are exposed to the south and southwest.

### Indoors

\* This is a good time to allow your indoor plants to rest. Water just enough to keep them in a maintenance mode. Do not fertilize or prune at this time, as this will stimulate new growth, which should be delayed until March. Misting regularly will add additional humidity that will help them through this stressful period.

\*Check your indoor plants for insect problems like scale, mites and mealy bugs. If you detect a problem, take a sample to a reputable garden center and one of their plant specialists will diagnose the problem and recommend the appropriate control.

\*Start seeds of cool-season crops such as cabbages, cauliflower, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts indoors.

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# CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS NEWS

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## DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS LEAD CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS

January was National School Board Recognition Month and the Cherry Creek School District proudly acknowledged the dedicated service and invaluable contributions made by the members of the Cherry Creek Schools Board of Education; Jennifer Churchfield, Claudine McDonald, **Jim O'Brien (Homestead Resident)**, Randy Perlis and David Willman.

The board members – who are unpaid volunteers – spend countless hours studying complex issues like student achievement and school finance, working with lawmakers and educational experts, meeting with district administrators, teachers, staff members, parents and students, and attending school and district events. They are responsible for the academic success of 50,000 students, as well as the efficient management of a district with 7,500 full and part-time employees and an annual general fund budget of just over \$400 million.

Each board member represents one of the district's five director districts, but they are elected 'at-large' to four-year terms by registered voters via a non-partisan ballot.

Board of Education meetings are generally held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at one of the Cherry Creek schools. Contact information for the Board of Education is 720-554-4300 or [ccsd-board@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:ccsd-board@cherrycreekschools.org).

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## STUDENTS EARN PERFECT ACT SCORE

Eight Cherry Creek schools students scored a perfect 36 on the ACT last spring.

Congratulations to:

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- Rachel Hoffman, Cherry Creek High School, National ACT
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- Joseph Sandoval, Smoky Hill High School, Colorado ACT
- Diane Schulze, Cherry Creek High School, National ACT
- Tong Yin, Cherry Creek High School, National ACT

Colorado is one of ten states to offer the ACT to all high school juniors. The National ACT is an optional test for high school students.

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## 2012-2013 CALENDARS APPROVED

The Cherry Creek Schools Board of Education has approved the calendars for the 2012-2013 school year. They are available at <http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/pages/schoolcalendars.aspx>

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## 2011-2012 BREAK DATES

Spring Break

- March 26-April 6 – Transitional Calendar
- March 26-30 – Common Calendar

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## YOU'RE INVITED!

### Cherry Creek High School

Feb 9 Ethnic Fest  
Feb 28 6:30 & 8 pm, Choral Concerts  
7 pm, Band Festival

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HOMESTEAD PLAYGROUPS

For more information, please contact:

Age	Contact	Phone
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2-3	Jill Martini	303-459-2282
3-4	AK Cotton	303-544-0996
4-5	Laura Hirsch	303-779-0495

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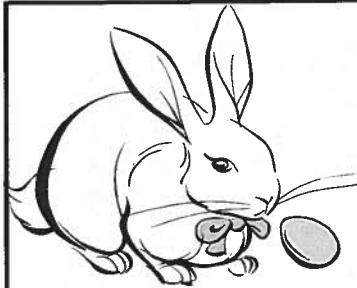
### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL NOTICE

Homeowners are required to submit an "Application for Architectural Change" form to the HOA if you are planning to make updates, replacements or other improvements to the exterior of your home or property; even if you are replacing or updating with similar products or the same paint colors. Anything visible on the outside of your house or within the yard must be submitted for approval to the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) as our covenants require.

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.

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**TIME: 11:00 A.M.**

**RAIN DATE: SATURDAY March 31**

**WHERE: NORTH POOL GROUNDS**

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Annual Homestead Hurricanes Swim Team Registration and Informational Meeting will be held the evening of April 4<sup>th</sup> in the Homestead Elementary School Gym. More details will follow in the March Herald and on our website: <http://homestead.rmsl.org/Home.aspx>

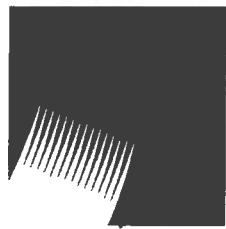
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# CENTENNIAL NEWS

## City will plow residential streets

Plowing of residential roadways will begin after the Priority 1 and 2 routes are completed and accumulating snow has stopped. Crews would like to avoid snow packed streets developing a layer of ice when the temperatures rise slightly above freezing back to freezing again. One pass by a truck mounted snow plow in each direction will occur in residential areas throughout the City.

### **The Street Maintenance Policy is:**

**Priority 1** – These roadways are the major arterial streets and are generally located on the one-mile grid and have four or more travel lanes (Dry Creek Rd, Smoky Hill Rd). Also included are streets that provide access for emergency services such as fire stations, medical facilities and the Sheriff's Office. Priority 1 streets are maintained for all snow events.

**Priority 2**- These roadways are minor arterial and major collector streets and are generally streets that connect major arterial streets to residential streets. Also included are streets that provide access to school zones, major office areas and business areas such as grocery stores and service stations. Priority 2 streets are maintained for all snow events.

**Priority 3**- These roadways are generally minor collector streets (residential). Guidelines to be considered to maintain Priority 3 streets include:

- 1) A forecast below freezing temperatures for the next 24 hours after the storm,
- 2) A forecast of significant snow with the next 12+ hours after the storm,
- 3) Snow accumulation from the storm expected to be in the range of 10 to 12 inches.

The City's Snow Plan requires the plowing of only Priority 1 and 2 streets unless certain conditions are met,. The additional cost to plow the residential streets is approximately \$20,000 and will be taken from the Public Works Budget.

## Centennial Youth Corps Scheduled to Meet

(Centennial, COLO) The Centennial Mayor's Youth Corps is seeking dedicated teens (ages 13-18) to assist with, organize and implement community service and outreach programs with the Centennial Youth Commission. The Centennial Youth Corps' first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26 from 6 pm to 7 pm in Council Chambers at the Centennial Civic Center located at 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd. Enjoy pizza, meet the Youth Commission, fellow members of Youth Corps and learn more about the 2012 projects including planning the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle of the Bands and upcoming community service to be determined by the Youth Commission.

Starting February 23, the Centennial Youth Corps will meet the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 6 pm to 7 pm. For more information, contact Kara Peters, at [kpeters@centennialcolorado.com](mailto:kpeters@centennialcolorado.com) or 303-754-3403.



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# **SOUTH SUBURBAN NEWS**

## **Rec and Rock for Youth**

Twice a month themed activities, contests, and swimming are available along with DJ and dancing, basketball and other gym activities plus concessions at Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., 303-798-2476, Centennial. This is a supervised, secure program. Ages 9-14. Fee: \$10. Register at [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org). You may also book your very own private themed Teen Party during Rec and Rock.

## **South Suburban Announces Matching Gifts Program to Benefit Neighborhoods, HOAs, Businesses, and Service Clubs**

South Suburban Park and Recreation District's Board of Directors has allocated \$10,000 for its annual Matching Gifts Program. The program matches donated dollars with District funds, resulting in double the money available for the development and improvement of community parks, trails, facilities and programs. Neighborhoods, homeowner associations, sports groups, businesses, service clubs, individuals and other community organizations are encouraged to apply for matching funds to complete their community projects on District-owned or leased property.

South Suburban's Matching Gifts Program is designed to benefit a number of projects throughout the District, which serves residents of Littleton, Lone Tree, Sheridan, Columbine Valley, Bow Mar, western Centennial and portions of unincorporated Jefferson, Douglas and Arapahoe counties. Application requests for projects cannot exceed \$2,000. Projects submitted for consideration must be completed within 2012.

Requests must submitted by Fri., March 9, 2012. Projects selected for funding will be announced at the Wed., April 11, 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Guidelines and Application can be downloaded or picked up at the South Suburban Administrative Of-

fice, 6631 South University Blvd. For more information, call Nancy O'Connor at 303-798-5131.

## **Super Sunday Fun Run 5K Run/Walk**

Exercise and have fun before you watch the nation's top football teams compete in the Super Bowl. All ages and abilities welcome as well as friendly dogs on leashes and strollers! Packet pickup and registration at 9 a.m. Race starts at 10 am on **Sun., Feb 5**, at **Platte River Bar & Grille, 5995 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton**. Run along the Mary Carter Greenway. Cost: \$20, pre-race; \$25 race day. Includes race t-shirt; register by Friday, Jan 27 to guarantee t-shirt size.. Register online at [RunningGuru.com](http://RunningGuru.com).

## **President's Day Camp for Kids**

Kids ages 6-12 spend a full-day of exploring nature at the South Platte Park, 3000 W. Carson Dr., Littleton, 303-730-1022, finding native animals and playing wildlife games, then go inside to warm up for crafts and snacks. All-weather program unless dangerous conditions. Send child wearing clothes to get wet/dirty, sturdy shoes (no sandals), sunscreen, hat, insect/West Nile precautions, raingear, warm jacket, snacks, LUNCH, water. Sign in at Nature Center classroom, **Mon., Feb. 20, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** Fee: \$32/\$26 Resident. Register at [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org).

## **Give Me Shelter Hike**

Bring your favorite stuffed animal on a hike and create it shelter as you see how real animals survive winter at South Platte Park, 3000 W. Carson Dr., Littleton, 303-730-1022. All ages, ages 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. **Sat. Feb. 18, 1:30 – 3 p.m.** Fee: \$9 adults; \$7 youth; \$24 household (2 adults; 3 youth at same address); Residents: \$6 adults; \$5 youth; \$17 household (2 adults; 3 youth at same address). Register at [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org).

## **Spring Art**

Get ready for spring by creating multi-media art projects at **Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd.**, Centennial, 303-798-2476, **Mon., Feb. 20, 9 a.m.**

to 12 p.m. Ages 6 – 12 years. Fee: \$23/\$20 Resident. Register at [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org).

### Molina and Morales in Concert

The guitar vocal duo Manuel Molina and Suzanne Morales perform elegant, passionate and vibrantly colorful music with Latin American origins at The Theater at Buck Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton, 303-347-5999. Sat., Feb. 11, 7 p.m. Ages 12 to adult. Fee: \$10/\$8 Resident. Register at [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org).

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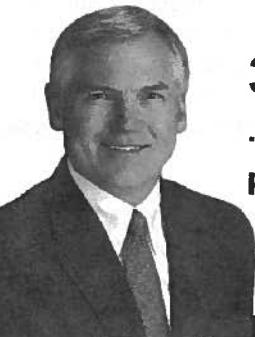
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**BABYSITTER/PETSITTER:** Responsible, caring, fun 9<sup>th</sup> grader. Red Cross certified. Loves kids and pets! **Call Caitlyn Concklin at 720-200-4024.**

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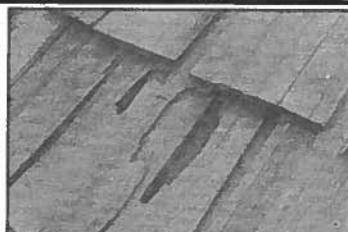
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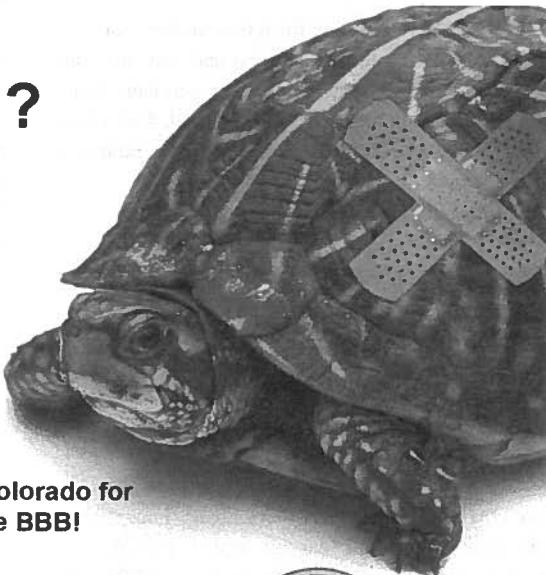
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**BABYSITTER/PETSITTER:** I am a responsible tenth grade honors student at Cherry Creek High School. Red Cross certified with years of experience with kids, including volunteering in the Dixcovery Zone at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Loving 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 7<sup>th</sup> grader. Loves children, the outdoors, arts & crafts, and cooking. **Call Erin Keith at 303-290-6238.**

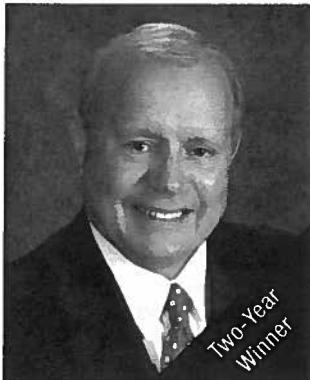
**BABYSITTER/PETSITTER/LAWN CARE:** Elizabeth is a high school student at Cherry Creek certified in CPR & First Aid. She has a fun lovin' personality and experience with young children up to 12 yrs old, all sorts of animals, and years of lawn care under her belt. **Call Elizabeth O'Bryan at 303-779-3311.**

**BABYSITTER:** Responsible 12<sup>th</sup> grader who loves kids & will make sure they have fun! I'm Red Cross Certified, have CPR and 1<sup>st</sup> aid training and have 6 years experience. **Call Kaylee Handwork at 303-791-4233.**

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