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## ANNUAL HOA MEETING

**March 10, 2014**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Homestead's Annual Meeting for all homeowners will be held in the Homestead Elementary School Gym. The Board of Directors will again offer a drawing for 1/2 off the 2014 dues for one eligible attendee.**

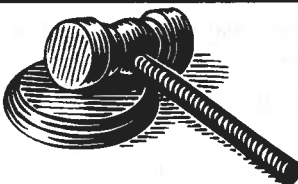


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**Next Regular  
Board Meeting  
6:30pm  
Feb. 11, 2014  
West Pool Office**

**THE FEBRUARY  
HERALD DEADLINE  
IS  
FEBRUARY 14TH**





## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### MARCH HERALD DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 14TH

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#### COMMITTEES:

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

**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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## BOARD MEETING

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

**Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014**

**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.

**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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## 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.

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# **HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

## **Regular Board Meeting January 14, 2014 – Unofficial Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President, Chris Raab, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board Members present were Aloah Kincaid and Cole Wist; as well as Landscape Manager, Nancy Bauer and Business Manager, Katie Kidwell. Swim Team Parent Representatives Erik Steinberg, Mark Atwell and Paul Eckerman also attended a portion of the meeting.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting were approved as read.

**SWIM TEAM:** Parent Rep Eric Steinberg reported that the Hurricanes had hired the 2014 coaches. A goal of the 2014 program will be to develop swimmers and all coaches will be fully involved in the 10 and under age groups. The coaches also will work to strengthen the H2O program that develops future coaches. The Hurricanes will have a new website and new registration software which will be introduced along with new swimwear at the parent meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Erik had contacted Jaylene Jones of Front Range Recreation to coordinate the purchase of new lane lines that the HOA Board approved at the September 2013 meeting. Changes are also planned for the snack bar at swim meets. The parent reps want to offer healthier food choices and more clearly track inventory. Erik introduced Mark Atwell and Paul Eckerman, the Parent Reps for the 2015 season. Mark and Paul will take an active role in helping to run the 2014 season. Erik also formally requested the annual \$2000 donation the HOA Board grants to the swim team each year.

### **MANAGER REPORTS**

1. **POOL:** No report.
2. **LANDSCAPE:** Landscape Manager Nancy Bauer reported that she had ordered four new benches to be placed throughout the property on greenbelts. Three dead linden trees had to be removed from the Quebec corridor and shrubbery was also removed from the corner of Costilla Avenue and Homestead Parkway to improve visibility. The Ginella maples along Quebec were pruned in preparation for perimeter fence painting and refurbishment to take place in the spring. Nancy requested \$2,665 for additional landscaping around the West Tennis Courts. These funds were in Nancy's 2013 budget but the landscaping could not be implemented before the end of 2013. Aloah moved and Cole seconded that the Board allocate the funds from the 2014 reserve budget. The motion passed unanimously. Nancy confirmed for the Board that as Homestead cycled through the perimeter fence maintenance schedule any deteriorated boards and posts

were replaced. This practice should keep the Association from having to replace entire sections of fence. She added that if homeowners keep plant material away from the perimeter fence it would contribute to the life of the fence as well. The Board has notified all homeowners with perimeter fence sections to have any plant material removed by April 2014.

3. TENNIS: No report.

4. BUSINESS: Business Manager Katie Kidwell reported that over 100 homeowners had already paid their 2014 dues. The renewal rates for the Association insurance policies increased by 3.5% which was lower than estimated for budget purposes. Katie had obtained a preliminary quote from ADT Security to install cameras at the pools to reduce the incidence of vandalism. The estimated cost was approximately \$6000 and the Board agreed to obtain quotes from other companies for comparison. Katie and the Board discussed other minor business items regarding electrical issues, trash pick-up and HOA legislation.

**HOMEOWNER COMMENTS:** The owner of account # 342 asked the Board to approve a payment plan for her 2014 HOA dues because of a financial hardship. The Association Collection Policy allows payment plans in the event of a sudden disruption to cash flow. The Board agreed that homeowners who needed to avail themselves of this provision must apply in writing prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board would consider all requests and approve payment plans when appropriate. Cole moved and Aloah seconded that the Board approve a payment plan for account # 342. The motion passed unanimously.

The owner of account # 470 requested that the board grant him an extension to complete work cited by the Covenant Review Taskforce in 2013 and that the Board waive the \$250 fine imposed when the work wasn't completed by December 31, 2013. After consideration of the work required, the timeframe allotted, the owner's circumstances and communication with the Board and Taskforce, Cole moved that the Board grant an extension until April 30, 2013. If the work is satisfactorily completed the Board will waive collection of any additional penalties beyond the \$250 already imposed. Aloah seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Treasurer Aloah Kincaid reported that operating revenues for 2013 were \$8,496 over budget. Land Maintenance expenses were under budget by \$31,611, Tennis expenses were under budget by \$7,363 and Pool expenses were under budget by \$4,276. Utilities were \$42,089 under budget. The Association net income totaled \$220,296 which was \$90,768 under budget. The Association had \$308,000 in reserve funds and \$143,000 in

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cash at the end of 2013. The audit would commence on January 15<sup>th</sup> and would be completed in time for the Annual Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Board discussed the annual meeting to be held on March 10, 2014. They agreed to offer a drawing among attendees for ½ off the annual dues. The Board also had a general discussion about snow removal in the Association.

**ADJOURNMENT AND CALENDARING:** The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Business Office.

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## **CENTENNIAL NEWS**

Centennial has begun a new website, [www.connectcentennial.com](http://www.connectcentennial.com) which will be an online town hall meeting. Here's the definition from the website: Welcome to Connect Centennial! Think of this as an online town hall meeting - a place to share creative and practical ideas about shaping Centennial's future. We appreciate your input and look forward to hearing from you.

*More news from the City of Centennial can be found on page 25 of this publication.*



# Cherry Creek Schools News

For information about Cherry Creek Schools, visit [www.CherryCreekSchools.or](http://www.CherryCreekSchools.or)

For questions or concerns about Cherry Creek Schools, contact Tustin Amole, Director of Communications, at 720-554-4475.

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## CCSD TEACHERS ACHIEVE NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

Thirteen teachers in the Cherry Creek School District earned National Board Certification in 2013, and another six renewed their certification, according to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), which sets the standards for teaching excellence and administers the rigorous National Board Certification program. The Cherry Creek School District now has 113 National Board Certified teachers, the third most in the state of Colorado.

“We are so proud of these exceptional educators and the deep commitment they have made to their own learning and their students’ learning,” said Dr. Harry Bull, superintendent of Cherry Creek Schools. “They have invested an incredible amount of time and effort to take their teaching to an ever-higher level. That, in turn, contributes to the academic growth and success of each and every one of their students.”

National Board Certified teachers have successfully demonstrated advanced teaching knowledge, skills and practices. Certification is achieved through a rigorous, performance-based assessment that typically takes one to three years to complete.

National Board Certified teachers must renew their certification every 10 years.

Nationally, less than two percent of teachers have earned National Board Certification. In 2013, 4,117 teachers achieved National Board Certification, bringing the total number of National Board Certified teachers nationwide to 106,356. All 50 states, the District of Columbia and more than 700 local school districts recognize National Board Certification as a mark of distinction and excellence.

## CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS HONOR BANDS TO PERFORM

More than 130 outstanding student musicians representing every middle and high school in the district will perform in the Cherry Creek School District Honor Bands Concert at 4:30 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 1, in the Overland High School Auditorium, located at 12400 E. Jewell Avenue, Aurora. The concert is free and open to the public.

The CCSD Honor Bands program, now in its eighth year, is designed to continually raise the standard of music education in the district and recognize exceptional student musicians.

“We have combined efforts to host an event that will provide our students with a unique experience of working with gifted conductors and the chance to work alongside similarly talented and motivated peers,” said Sara Wynes, associate band director at Cherry Creek High School. “The district honor band event allows us to affirm the critical role that the Arts play in the education of all students throughout the district. Music is essential in Cherry Creek! The instrumental music programs are continuing with our exciting journey of collaboration and excellence. We are honored to

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# Landscape Logic

By Nancy Bauer



## 2014 Landscape Trends

In this day and age of smart phones, apps and texting, people have become dependent upon a “wired” lifestyle for everything from news to socializing and keeping current. In its 12th annual Garden Trends Report, Garden Media Group spots a positive trend revealing people are searching for ways to be happy. According to the report, people are re-evaluating values, re-defining “happiness” and re-considering how gardening and caring for Mother Nature bring joy and satisfaction.

**2014** is about balance. People understand the serenity the outdoors brings to their lives, but they want that space to provide both a private oasis and a hangout for socializing. The following trends defined offer insight into how individuals will seek to bring balance to their lives through the garden.

### Mainstream Reversal

Low maintenance gardens, drought tolerant plants and less turf grass have become the norm in landscape design. Homeowners now assume that sustainable design will be a major part of the plan for economic and environmental reasons.

### Aqua Forces

“Waterprint” is the new “carbon footprint.” The need to reduce water consumption is driving the demand for drought tolerant plants, including succulents, ornamental grasses and natives. Fountains and ponds are getting smaller and the use of rain gardens, rainwater/gray water harvesting, and drip and water efficient irrigation is on the rise.

## Dress Up Your Yard

From decorative throw pillows to fanciful furniture and colorful garden ornamentation, homeowners are putting their personal stamp on their yards. There is a growing emphasis on using outdoor spaces as extensions of today’s homes, fueled by the social trends of outdoor gatherings for barbeques and lawn parties.

### Keep it Simple

Classic elegance in colors and visuals will become a popular attitude of 2014.

Think monochromes or pairing a single color with white for simplicity, whether for plants, pots, outdoor fabrics or furnishings. This is achieved with a planting of a single variety for an even more dramatic sense of unity.

### Shared Forces

The new shareable economy is giving rise to an emerging collaborative 21st century lifestyle. From sharing sustainable living spaces to plant swaps, this cultural shift is gaining steam.

Community gardens, CSA’s and Farmers Markets are becoming the new grocery stores where people go for fresh produce and good company. The new movement of sharing yards, tasks and bounty is totally grassroots with neighborhoods creating a sense of community.

### Young Men in the Dirt

Young men are discovering the great outdoors and are grilling, growing and taking their kids out to play in the dirt. Young men are spending more annually on the lawn and garden sector than the average gardener. This demographic is also heavily involved in the brewing and wine making trends, growing their own hops, grains and grapes. They also gravitate towards edibles, like hot peppers, that can be used grilling.

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### Bee-nificials

Bees are at the forefront of environmentally aware consumers' minds, inspiring them to plant native, pollen-rich flowers, trees and veggies to provide safe shelters. With more than 85 percent of the planet's plant species dependent on pollinators for their existence, many of them foods crops, the fact that one-third of all honey bee colonies in the country are depleted is of grave concern.

### Tree-mendous Reversal

Losing more than four million urban trees a year, Americans are being asked to plant trees. Trees increase property values, save on heating and cooling expenses, reduce stress, clean the air and foster safer, more sociable neighborhoods. Americans are being asked to plant or care for trees to replenish



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This year, Dr. Matthew Roeder, Assistant Professor of Music and Associate Director of Bands at the University of Colorado, will be the high school clinician. Mr. Mike Perez, Director of Bands at Kinard Middle School in Fort Collins, will be the middle school clinician.

### STUDENTS SAY VOLUNTEER WORK IS "LIFE-CHANGING"

They have found purpose and passion in their own lives and made a positive difference in the lives of others. Some work with young patients at Children's Hospital or young people living in difficult circumstances. Others support special needs students through animal therapy or Special Olympics. Many help raise awareness of important issues or money for worthwhile causes.

Ten high school students from across the Cherry Creek School District shared their personal stories of volunteerism with parents and community members at the Jan. 7 Parent Information Network (PIN) meeting.

"There's not a better feeling in the world," said Isabella Decocco, a senior at Grandview High School, who volunteers once a week with a horse therapy organization. "You learn so much about yourself and about humanity."

"Walking out of Children's Hospital after an eight-hour shift, I'm on the top of the world," said Walker Crowley, a junior at Cherry Creek High School who has volunteered at Children's since he was 13 years old.

Crowley, Decocco and several of the other students come from families who do a lot of volunteer work, but others, like Rebecca Alfaro, got involved through school, specifically the International Baccalaureate program, which requires students to volunteer a minimum of 150 hours. Alfaro, a senior at Smoky Hill High School, spends a lot of time tutoring other students, and also formed a club, called "Girl Up," based on a program sponsored by the United Nations.

"We focus on empowering girls in third world countries who want to get an education," said Alfaro.

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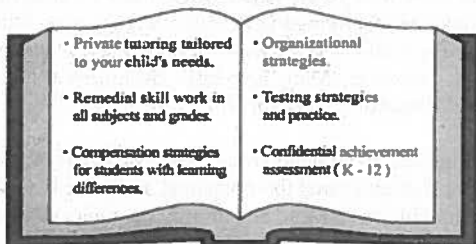
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Alex Vidmar, a senior at Overland High School, said he started volunteering "by accident" after a teacher asked him to help with a softball program for inner city students.

"A lot of the fun is getting to know the girls, helping them learn the basics, watching them develop a love for the sport," said Vidmar, who added that the experience has helped him develop "genuine empathy" for others.

All of the students agree that they've gained far more than they've given through their volunteer work, and they encourage others – students and adults alike – to get involved.

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### YOU'RE INVITED!

#### Cherry Creek High School

Feb 4

Feb 11

Feb 26-28

Mar 1

7-8 pm, Band Feeder Concert

7-8 pm, Theater Feeder Night

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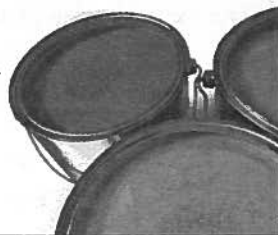
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Thank you from the Weidknecht family

### Homestead Residents

Are you looking for a tennis team to play on this summer? Please contact Susan Wist, Homestead Tennis Liaison at 303-378-1626 or [susanwist@me.com](mailto:susanwist@me.com). Let her know your level and if you are looking to play evenings or daytime.



### HOMESTEAD PLAYGROUPS

For more information, please contact:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Contact</u>
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3-4	AK Cotton <a href="mailto:ak_cotton@yahoo.com">ak_cotton@yahoo.com</a>

## Comments From Your Neighbors

The office has received many calls asking that the Association remind residents to shovel their sidewalks in a timely fashion after it snows. The City of Centennial lacks the resources to remove snow from public sidewalks but asks that citizens remove the snow from the sidewalks adjoining their property within 24 hours after a snowstorm. For many Homestead residents, that would mean shoveling the sidewalk behind their homes if they back to streets such as Easter, Geddes or Costilla Avenues..

A 30 foot pine tree was removed from the wrong house a few weeks ago. If you need to have a tree cut down on your property, please request that the company doing so knock on your door prior to beginning their work to confirm they are at the right address. Perhaps doing so will prevent this kind of mistake from happening again.

### CALL TO REPORT

<b>Waste Connections</b>	<b>303-288-2100</b>
(HOA Trash Co.—Pick-up day is <i>Wednesday</i> )	
<b><a href="http://www.wasteconnections.com">www.wasteconnections.com</a></b>	
<b>Airport Traffic Complaints</b>	<b>303-790-4709</b>
<b>Centennial City Services (24/7)</b>	<b>303-325-8000</b>
<b>Vandalism or Speeders</b>	
Arapahoe County Sheriff's Dept.	<b>303-795-4711</b>
<b>Street Light Problems</b>	<b>1-800-895-1999</b>
<b>Barking Dogs</b>	
Arapahoe County Animal Control	<b>303-325-8070</b>
<b>Pot Holes</b>	<b>303-325-8000</b>
<b>Hazardous Waste Pick-up</b>	<b>1-800-449-7587</b>
<b>Graffiti</b>	<b>303-795-4711</b>
<b>Water Breaks</b>	<b>303-770-8625</b>
<b>Sewer Back-up's</b>	<b>303-779-0261</b>
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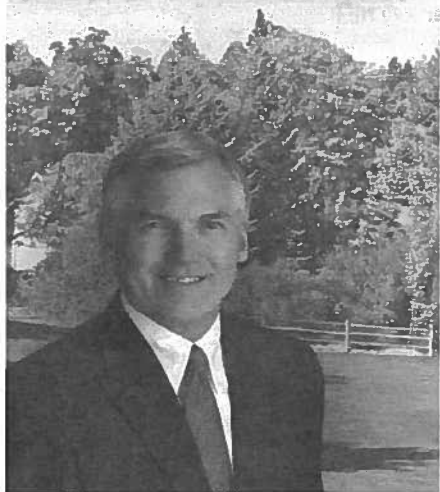
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## 2014 Event Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Wednesday	April 9	6:45 – 8:15 pm	Information Meeting	Homestead Gym
Thursday	April 17	12:01 am	Registration begins	Team website
Friday	May 2		\$20 fee increase	Team website
Mon – Tues	May 12-13	3:30 – 5:00 pm	6 & under swim tryouts	North Pool
Wed – Fri	May 14-16	3:45 – 6:45 pm	Swim Practice	North Pool
Mon – Fri	May 19-23	3:45 – 6:45 pm	Swim Practice	North Pool
Friday	May 23		Registration closes	Team website
Saturday	May 24	6:00 am – noon	Intra-club Meet	North Pool
Tues – Fri	May 27-30	3:45 – 6:45 pm	Swim Practice	North Pool
Friday	May 30	6:00 pm	Pep Rally!!!	North Pool
Saturday	May 31	6:00 am – 2:00 pm	Dual Meet – Stonegate	North Pool
Saturday	May 31	7:30 am	Team Picture	North Pool
Mon – Tues	June 2-3	3:45 – 6:45 pm	Swim Practice	North Pool
Tuesday	June 3	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Star Meet (10 & under)	North Pool
Wed – Fri	June 4-6	7:00 am – noon	Morning Swim Practice	North Pool
Wednesday	June 4	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Stroke Clinic	South Pool
Saturday	June 7	6 am – 2 pm	Dual Meet – @ SH	
Sunday	June 8	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Pirates Cove Outing	Pirates Cove
Mon – Fri	June 9-13	7:00 am – noon	Swim Practice	North Pool
Tuesday	June 10	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Star Meet (10 & under)	North Pool
Wednesday	June 11	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Stroke Clinic	South Pool
Saturday	June 14	6:00 am – 2:00 pm	Dual Meet – HG	North Pool
Monday	June 16		Age Group Pictures	North Pool
Tues – Fri	June 17-20	7:00 am – noon	Swim Practice	North Pool
Tuesday	June 17	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Star Meet (10 & under)	North Pool
Wednesday	June 18	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Stroke Clinic	South Pool
Friday	June 20	7:00 am – noon	Pancake Breakfast	North Pool
Saturday	June 21	6:00 am – 2:00 pm	Dual Meet – @ HF II	
Saturday	June 21	7:00 – 10:00 pm	Parent party	
Monday	June 23		Swim-a-thon	North Pool
Tues – Fri	June 24-27	7:00 am – noon	Swim practice	North Pool
Tuesday	June 24	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Star Meet (10 & under)	North Pool
Wednesday	June 25	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Stroke Clinic	South Pool
Saturday	June 28	7:00 am – 2:00 pm	Dual Meet – CCV	North Pool
Mon – Wed	June 30–July 3	7:00 am – noon	Swim Practice	North Pool
Tues	July 2	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Rain day for Star Meet	North Pool
Friday	July 4	11:00 am – 3:00 pm	Fourth of July Party	North Pool
Mon – Fri	July 7-11	TBA	Swim practice	North Pool
Mon – Fri	July 7-11	6:00 am – 3:00 pm	RMSL Prelims	
Monday	July 7	6:00 am – 3:00 pm	6 & Under & 7-8 Prelims	
Tuesday	July 8	6:00 am – 3:00 pm	13-14 & 15-18 Prelims	
Wednesday	July 9	6:00 am – 3:00 pm	9-10 Prelims	North Pool
Thursday	July 10	6:00 am – 3:00 pm	11-12 Prelims	
Friday	July 11	6:00 pm	FINALS Pasta Pep Rally!!!!	North Pool
Saturday	July 12	6:00 am – 3:00 pm	RMSL Finals	
Sunday	July 13	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Award Ceremony	South Pool
Sunday	July 13	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Pool Party	South Pool



**Annual Information Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Homestead Elementary School Gym**

**6:45 – 8:15 pm New and Returning Swimmer Parents Meeting**

There are some exciting changes to the swim team, new swim suits to try on and spirit wear to buy. Therefore, this meeting is for **all** swimmers and families. The kids will spend some time with the attending coaches.

- Meet some of your coaches for this summer
- Learn about the new swim team website
- Learn how to register for swim team this year. Swimmer and Volunteer registration begins April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Representatives from SwimLabs and Territory Shorts will be on site to get you fitted for your new Hurricanes swim suit and order spirit wear

If you have any questions about the swim team, please contact the parent representatives:

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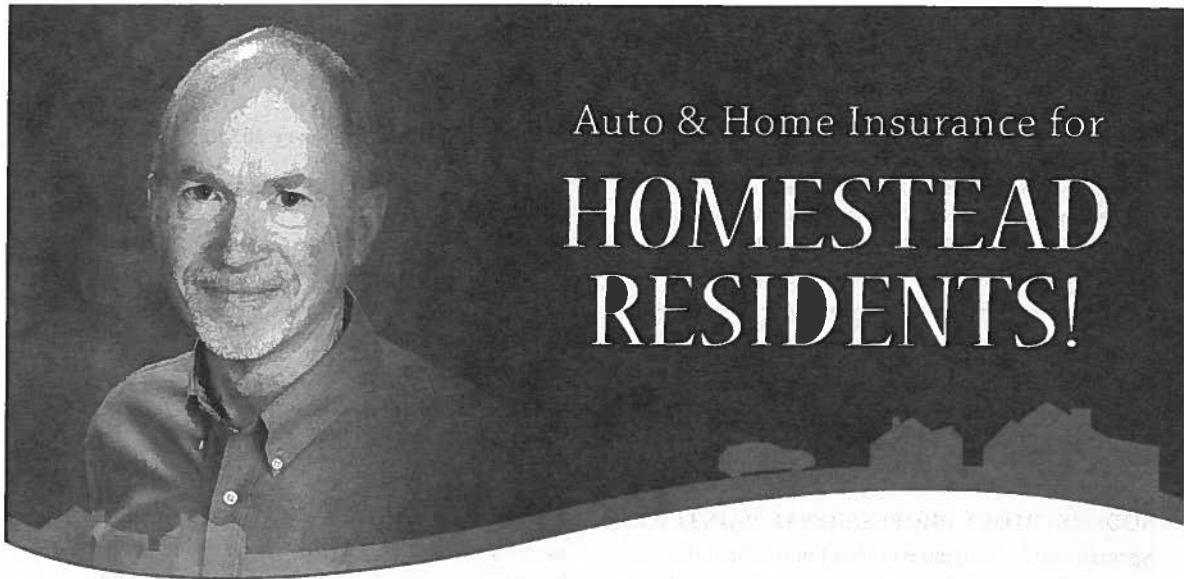
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# ARAPAHOE COUNTY NEWS

## Arapahoe County seeks citizens to serve on advisory boards and committees

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Arapahoe County Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors  
Board of Adjustment  
Board of Review  
Citizen Budget Committee  
Citizen's Review Panel  
Community Corrections Board  
Fair Planning Committee  
Liquor Authority  
Water and Wastewater Authority

Qualified applicants must be residents of Arapahoe County, except applicants for the Community Corrections Board may live in Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert or Lincoln counties. To serve on the Board of Adjustment, applicants must live or own property in unincorporated Arapahoe County. Citizens applying for positions on the Citizen's Review Panel or Liquor Authority must pass a background check prior to being appointed. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 7, 2014 to be considered.

To fill out an online application, visit the County's website at [www.arapahoegov.com](http://www.arapahoegov.com) and go to Government, Citizen Boards and Committees. Applications also are available at the Commissioners' Office in the Arapahoe County Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton, Fourth Floor. For more information or to have an application mailed or faxed to you, call Carol Dosmann at 303-795-4531.

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**BABYSITTER/MOTHER'S HELPER:** I am a 8<sup>th</sup> grade Red Cross certified babysitter and experienced with ages 2 – 8 years plus some experience with babies. Also I am experienced with babysitting 2 to 3 kids at a time. I am an honor roll student and would love to help your kids with their homework. I love kids and love to do arts & crafts and outdoor activities to keep your kids from getting bored. **Call Camille Harmon at 720-425-5954 or 303-773-8833.**

**BABYSITTER:** Red Cross certified 8<sup>th</sup> grader and honor roll student at West. I love kids and will entertain them with games and boost their imagination.  
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**TUTORING:** Tutoring available in all subjects for kids 8th grade or younger. I am an Honors student in 9th grade at CCHS. I can work with your child at any location and am Red Cross certified.  
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# CENTENNIAL NEWS

## City of Centennial unveils new website and social media

(Centennial, COLO) The City of Centennial has launched a new and improved website, [www.CentennialCo.gov](http://www.CentennialCo.gov). Along with the new URL comes a clean look and new layout with several features aimed at making it easier for users to access City services and information.

More and more people are accessing the Internet from their mobile devices or tablets, therefore the City has incorporated a responsive design, which means the site is resizable for any screen, including any mobile device. The new site is hosted on the Amazon Cloud for reliability and availability. Other features include easy-to-share documents and pictures, new navigational options based upon popularity and timeliness, advanced predictive search capabilities, online services, enhanced mapping capabilities and an electronic record portal.

The City is unveiling its official Twitter and Facebook pages to compliment the enhanced and easy-to-use website. Follow the City of Centennial on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/CentennialGov](http://www.twitter.com/CentennialGov) and like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CentennialGov](http://www.facebook.com/CentennialGov) to receive important news and information about the City. Citizens also have the opportunity to connect with their local leaders and contribute ideas and feedback on "Connect Centennial," the City's new online town hall page, [www.connectcentennial.com](http://www.connectcentennial.com).

"The City of Centennial is excited to introduce our new website with easier navigation and improved search capabilities. Part of this new design includes a simplified web address, social media (Facebook and Twitter) and an online town hall known as Connect Centennial making this a more dynamic experience for users,"

says Centennial Public Information Manager Allison Wittern.

The City of Centennial website was designed, developed and hosted by Real Time Solutions, a web development company specializing in government websites and applications.

## Centennial opens new Eagle Street Facility

The City of Centennial celebrated the remodeling of a former lumber yard into a fully functional facility to house Centennial Public Works, Animal Services, Code Compliance and the 24/7 Citizen Response Center. Renovations for this facility have been substantially completed since starting work in October. Centennial-based Saunders Construction is the general contractor completing this project.

This property, located at 7272 S. Eagle Street, includes a 14,550 square foot office building, a 12,500 square foot maintenance facility, 15,000 square feet of covered bays for vehicles, and an existing outdoor yard covering approximately five and a half acres, which one and half acres is available for lease. Renovations to this site include a Traffic Operations Center (TOC) which allows the City capability to monitor the status of traffic signals in real time and make adjustments to better manage traffic. The TOC is currently connected to 15 signalized intersections and will be connected to an additional 48 intersections by the end of 2014. A secondary use of the TOC will be to serve as the City's "Control Center" during snow storms.

Centennial Animal Services will have a holding area at this location where customers may pick up their lost dogs. The Eagle Street Facility has three meeting rooms available for rental by the community and non-profit organizations. The community room has capacity for 100 people, the large conference room which holds up to 14 people and the small conference room that accommodates six people.

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## **SOUTH SUBURBAN NEWS**

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Don't miss your chance to get your passport and get rewarded for being active and healthy by joining South Suburban's **Passport to Health**, a FREE fitness and wellness rewards program. **Earn 35 points and you will receive a \$10 South Suburban Recreation Gift Card!** You will also be entered into a drawing to win a variety of great prizes including a 30-punch pass, 3 month admission pass, 18 holes of golf for 2, one night's stay at the Lone Tree Hotel, 30 minute massage and more! **FREE to all patrons. Register at [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org) and receive your Fit Pass.** For more information, call 303-347-5999.

**Day Camp Fun-Non School Day, Monday, Feb 17, Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University, Centennial, and Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgeway Circle, Lone Tree.**

Licensed day care for children ages 5-10 on non-school days. Children will be picked up from Goodson and transported to Lone Tree for daily activities such as swimming, group activities, crafts, daily field trips and more generally between 7-8:30 am. Children will be transported back to Goodson generally between 5-6 pm. Register online at [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org). For more information, contact [maryk@sspr.org](mailto:maryk@sspr.org) or call 303-708-3518.

**Valentine's Day at South Suburban:**

**Valentine Photo Gift, Saturday, February 8, 2014, 9:30-11:30 am, Douglas H. Buck Community Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton.**

Youth ages 8-14 can have their portrait taken by a professional photographer and use the image to make a beautiful keepsake box as a gift or for you. For more information, call 303-347-5999.

**Valentine-Cookies, Tuesday, February 11, 1-2:30 pm, Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgeway Circle, Lone Tree,**

Make, bake and decorate Valentine cookies, ages 3 ½ -6. For more information, call 303-347-5999.

**Valentine's Latin Dance Workshop Friday, February 14, 7:30-9:30 pm at Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgeway Circle, Lone Tree**

Valentine's Day special dance event for ages 14-Seniors. Bring your sweetheart and spice things up with some new Latin Dance moves. A rose for every couple. For more information, call 303-347-5999.

**Super Sunday Fun Run, Sunday, February 2, 10 am; Mary Carter Greenway, Littleton**

The entire family can participate in the 5K run/walk before 'the big game'. Friendly dogs on leashes and strollers are welcome. Pre-registration race fee is \$25; \$30 on race day. Fee includes timing and race t-shirt. Register soon at [www.RunningGuru.com/Event/SuperSunday](http://www.RunningGuru.com/Event/SuperSunday). For more information, call 798-7515.

**Tantalizing Tastes, a Wine Edition, Tues., Feb. 11 from 6-8 pm, Lone Tree Golf Club & Hotel, 9808 Sunningdale, Lone Tree.**

The second in a series of Tantalizing Tastes will be held on Tuesday, February 11 from 6-8 pm. It will feature five wines paired with five scrumptious food dishes prepared by Executive Chef Joseph Westley, CEC. Southern Wine and Spirits will supply the wines. Cost is \$30 per person. Reservations are required for this limited seating event. Call 303-790-0202 for more information.

**South Suburban seeks Nominations for Three Board Positions**

South Suburban Parks and Recreation District is accepting nominations for three Board of Directors positions from qualified members of the community. A South Suburban Board of Directors election for three director positions will be held Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

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Interested candidates must be registered to vote in Colorado. They must be either a resident of the South Suburban district for at least 30 days, or an owner or a spouse of an owner of taxable real property or personal property located in the district.

A self-nomination and acceptance form must be filed with South Suburban on or before 5 p.m. February 28, 2014 for inclusion on the ballot. Forms and more information about the election are available from Executive Director David Lorenz, or Deanna Heyn, designated elected official for South Suburban Parks and Recreation, 6631 S. University Blvd., Centennial, 303-798-5131.

The five-member board of directors is elected at large to four-year terms, on a non-partisan basis. The board of directors meets on the second and fourth Wednesday evening of each month at Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 South University Boulevard in Centennial. Additional study sessions or special meetings are called as needed. The directors are compensated up to \$1,600 per year.

Current board members include John Ostermiller, Susan Rosser, Michael Anderson, Pamela Eller and Scott LaBrash. Ostermiller, Anderson and Eller are eligible for reelection in May 2014. LaBrash is eligible for reelection in May 2016.

# ARAPAHOE LIBRARY NEWS

## **Children (ages 5-11)**

**2014 Library Winter Olympics** – Learn about the winter games in Sochi, Russia as you compete in your own Olympic events. Make some crafts to take home as souvenirs. (February 5, 9 and 16)

**Doggie Tales (ages 6-10)** – Improve your reading skills by reading to a dog. Register for a 30-minute session. We have teamed up with Have Paws Will Travel, the Guide Dog Puppy Raising Club of Arapahoe County. (February 8)

**Games 'n Goodies (ages 9-12)** – Board games, card games, Legos® and dominoes – we've got it all! We also have supplies to make tech mechs and pipe cleaner ninjas. And what would game day be without something to nosh on? (February 4 and 15)

**Kids' Chess Club** – Join us to play chess, the game of kings! Bring your own chess set or use one of ours. (February 9)

**Some Buggy Loves You** – Join in our ladybug themed heart-shaped extravaganza. Hear a story about friendship and craft three lovely ladybug valentines. (February 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 12 and 13)

**Stories and More** – Are you caring for young children ages 0-5? Join us for a special storytime with extended activities for you to do at home. Sponsored in part by the Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council. (February 7, 10, 12, 14, 18 and 21)

**Teletale Story Line** – Teletale brings a story to children ages 2-5 over the telephone any time, at 303-220-8935. New stories are offered weekly and updated on Thursdays. Spanish stories are offered the first Thursday each month and are available for one week. English stories are available the remaining weeks.

**Young Rembrandts (ages 7-11)** – Have fun in a group setting as you receive a basic drawing lesson from a professional art instructor. This class will help you build a foundation of basic drawing skills. (February 18 and 22)

## **Teens (ages 11-17)**

**Alive at 25 (ages 15-24)** – Take responsibility for your driving behavior. No driver's license needed. Learn from a certified trainer. Register online at [aliveat25.us](http://aliveat25.us). Click on "Find a Course," then click "Colorado" and lastly, select the library where the course is being offered. Tuition is \$79. An additional \$25 surcharge is required for county court referrals. Students who are under age 17 and identify that they are taking the course to obtain their driver's permit will receive the discounted tuition rate of \$39. (February 21)

**Bottom of the Inkwell** – Join us for our monthly meeting to strengthen your craft and meet other writers. (February 19)

**Game On** – Play computer games and video games – you never know what games you'll get. Come find out and have fun playing! Video games are rated E – Everyone through T – Teen. For information, visit [esrb.org](http://esrb.org). (February 7, 14, 21 and 28)

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**Marshmallow War!** – To join in a marshmallow war, first you have to build a catapult. Use some science know-how, creativity and everyday objects to create your masterpiece. Then see how far your marshmallow will fly. (February 5, 20, 26 and 27)

**Teen Advisory Board** – Share your ideas for programs, earn volunteer hours and more. (February 2)

**Adults (ages 18 and up)**

**A ARP Tax Assistance** (one hour sessions) – AARP offers free tax preparation assistance to low income taxpayers, especially those ages 60 and older. The assistance is for regular tax returns only. For information on the type of help offered, what to bring or to register, visit [arapahoelibraries.org](http://arapahoelibraries.org) (Programs & Classes). (February 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22 and 25)

**Affordable Care Act** – Learn about the value of health insurance, Colorado's expanded Medicaid program, and the new health insurance marketplace, Connect for Health Colorado. Stop by our information table (February 6, no registration needed) or attend an overview session (February 20). Presented by Boomers Leading Change in Health.

**Bardy Women** – Discover the wild women of Shakespeare's plays and times. You'll be entertained with captivating interpretations of these "she-roes." (February 14 and 26)

**Bonfils Blood Drive** – Call 303-363-2300 to schedule an appointment through Bonfils Blood Center for your donation at Smoky Hill Library. (February 13)

**Classic Film Series** – Watch and discuss the classic film, Roman Holiday (1953, rating unavailable). (February 13)

**English Conversation Circles** – Practice your English language skills. For details, including dates and locations, visit [arapahoelibraries.org](http://arapahoelibraries.org) (Programs & Classes).

**eReader and Tablet Lab** – Learn how to download eBooks from the library's website. Bring your eReader or tablet with charging cord, library card number and Amazon account log-in (for Kindles). (February 1, 5 and 15)

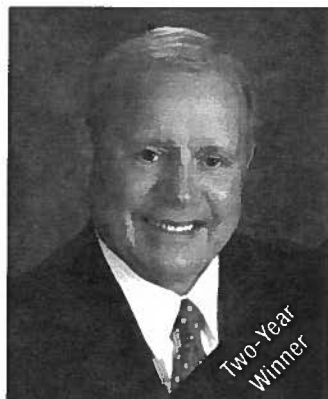
**Goggle at Google Glass** – Peek into the future with a look at the Library District's pair of Google Glass. Glass is a computer that a user wears like eyeglasses. You can't buy them yet, but we have a pair and we want to share them with you. (February 10 and 22)

**New American Support Services** – Jewish Family Service of Colorado offers free guidance and counseling to new Americans who have lived in the United States for less than three years. To register, call 303-542-7279. (February 4, 11, 18 and 25)

**Writers Circle** – Join us for encouragement to strengthen your writing craft. (February 12)

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