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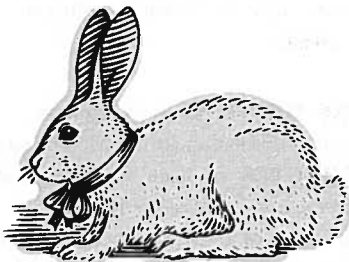
# Homestead Herald

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A Covenant Controlled Community for the Benefit of All

Swim Team Registration begins on April 17th.  
Find out all you need to know at the Information  
Meeting April 9th. Details on page 15.



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on April  
12th. See page 17 for more information.

Krislyn Sayre is once again organizing  
the Homestead Neighborhood Garage  
Sale. See page 17 for details and how to  
register.



**Next Regular  
Board Meeting  
6:30pm  
April 8, 2014  
West Pool Office**

**THE MAY  
HERALD DEADLINE  
IS  
APRIL 15TH**





## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### MAY HERALD DEADLINE IS APRIL 15TH

#### MANAGERS:

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Mem/Large	Cole Wist	303-793-0230
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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.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00am — 3:00pm

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## BOARD MEETING

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

**Tuesday, April 8, 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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### THE COVENANT REVIEW TASKFORCE

#### WALK IS LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AWAY

The snow is still falling and on the ground, but it is not too soon to start thinking about maintenance issues for the exterior of your home that you want to address this spring and early summer. As has been the process for the last few years, the Covenant Review Taskforce will be walking the community to review all homes and properties in late May and early June, helping to ensure that properties are maintained and high property values are retained. The items that will be considered are:

#### HOUSE CONDITION:

- Paint - faded or blotchy
  - chipping and peeling
- Siding - rotting or deteriorating
  - holes in view
- Window frames - rotting
  - paint chipping

- Shutters - broken vanes
  - paint chipping
  - no shutters on the house.
- Garage doors - paint peeling or chipping
  - in general disrepair
- Roof - missing shingles
  - gutters missing or deteriorating
- Driveway - heaved and buckled
  - heavy oil stains
  - badly flaked

#### PROPERTY CONDITION:

- Dead Branches & Trees - 50% or more dead branches on one or more trees
- Shrubs/Vegetation - dead and dying shrubs,
  - overrun with weeds
  - blocking sidewalk
- Lawn - 30% or more weed infested (dandelions, etc.)
  - dirt patches
  - dead grass areas
- Fence - falling down
  - missing boards or rails
  - pulling away from house
- Trash cans - “stored” in view
- General debris - “stored” around house or porch
- Mail box—general disrepair
- Vehicles-Commercial or stored vehicles parked in view

**ACC guidelines are outlined in the Colonial Aesthetic which can be found on page 32 of this publication. All exterior changes to your home must be approved by the ACC. Applications are at the Business Office or online.**

## HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS EXPERT



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**HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Annual Homeowner Meeting – March 10, 2014, 7:00 P.M. – Unofficial Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Homestead Board President, Chris Raab, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 373 performed the opening flag ceremony with recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance." Mr. Raab introduced the boys performing the ceremony: Matt Folkman, Sam Bosworth, Christian Peavler, Ryan Rhillips, Alex Rau, Ben Rau, Elliot Steinberg, Shane Todd, Ethan Warrick, and Trevan Warrick.

**BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS:** Mr. Raab introduced the Board of Directors and noted new members were still needed. He introduced Mary Anne Buczyrna , Vice President; Aloah Kincaid, Secretary and Treasurer; and Cole Wist, Member at Large.

**MANAGER INTRODUCTIONS:** Mr. Raab introduced the managers employed by the Association, speaking briefly about each manager's role: Nancy Bauer, Landscape Manger; Jaylene Jones, Pool Manager; Melissa Shuck, Tennis Facilities Manager; and Katie Kidwell, Business Manager. Mr. Raab further explained that the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) and Swim Team also served under the Board and introduced Erik Steinberg, one of the 2014 Swim Team Parent Representatives. Mr. Raab explained that Tennis programs were organized by Team Captains under the guidance of Vicki Sutherland whom he thanked for her service during the last five years. Vicki was resigning the position and Susan Wist would fill the vacancy.

**PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBER:** There are two vacant positions on the Board of Directors. Mr. Raab introduced Bev Ruud who is running for one of the open positions. Bev is a 25 year Homestead resident with a B.A. degree in finance from the University of Illinois. A Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter, Bev is a manager with J.P. Morgan in their Retirement Plan Services department. Having raised two children in Homestead and volunteering for various church and school events, Bev now hopes to contribute to the community by serving on the Association Board.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:** Mr. Raab spoke about the importance of neighbors, mentioning that his service on the Association Board made him even more conscious of the value of good neighbor relations. Good relations doesn't mean neighbors have to agree on all issues, but it does mean being able to approach your neighbor to have a discussion. He encouraged all attending to have direct conversations with their neighbors, follow through when agreeing to share a task, and not to be afraid to ask your neighbors for time if you need it to consider their re-

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quest. Homestead is a great community and getting to know your neighbors will enhance your quality of life in Homestead.

Mr. Raab then reported on the state of the Association noting that Homestead is physically and financially in good shape. The Boards over the last five years have managed to sustain operations so that the Dues Assessments have only had to be increased 1.5% during that period. The Dues Assessments go toward the operational budget and toward the reserve replacement fund which is used to repair or replace the amenities such as pools, tennis courts, retaining walls and perimeter fencing. Mr. Raab mentioned that due to changes in state law, the Board would begin exploring the possibility of transitioning to an outside management company. Effective July 2015, all associations must be managed by a licensed community manager therefore Homestead must either develop a pool of trained managers or cede that position to an outside company. The management company would still report to the elected volunteer Board of Directors. As far as improvements to the property, 2013 was a quiet year. The West Tennis Courts were re-built, sections of the irrigation system were renovated and some landscaping changes were made. The Board worked with legal counsel to review the Governing Legal Documents of the Association and drafted policies required by changes in state law. In 2014, the Board plans to continue to renovate a portion of the irrigation system, replace concrete on some area paths, replace greenbelt benches, purchase a new boiler for the North Pool, replace sections of concrete on the pool deck, re-plaster and replace tiles at the pools and install gas lines to the grills. The total of these renovations will be \$191,000 which can comfortably be withdrawn from the Reserve Fund.

**ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE:** Board Liaison Mary Anne Buczyrna remarked that she attended the ACC meetings monthly communicating the goals and directions of the Board of Directors. Currently the ACC has six members who volunteer many hours monthly. She thanked outgoing members Jane Robbins and Barb Thacker. In 2013 the committee reviewed 209 applications and received an average of 20 – 30 applications monthly between March and August. The 2014 objective of the ACC is to explore new products and materials while still maintaining the Colonial Aesthetic. The ACC is currently working on color guidelines for exterior paint. A color board will be available shortly in the Business Office. Mrs. Buczyrna also mentioned that Homestead is approaching its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. She suggested that owners be mindful that items such as driveways, roofs, fencing and landscaping might all be reaching the end of their expected useful lives and homeowners might plan accordingly for repair and replacement in much the same way the Board does for the community property. Mrs. Buczyrna also mentioned the Covenant Review Taskforce which operates under the ACC. She encouraged owners to volunteer for the committee.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Aloah Kincaid, Association Treasurer, presented the financial report. Ms. Kincaid explained that the Association bookkeeping was done by John Fitzgerald, a CPA, and that the Association was also professionally audited each year. The 2013 audit would be completed shortly. Ms. Kincaid went on to state that 96% of the Association's income came from homeowner dues. Advertising income, late fees and fines comprised the

remaining 4%. Operating costs totaled \$632,529 in 2013. \$193,000 was spent on trash and utilities, \$173,000 on land maintenance, and \$149,000 to maintain the pools and tennis courts. The administrative expenses totaled \$114,000 with insurance being the largest expenditure at \$38,000. Ms. Kincaid explained that the reserve fund provided for capital projects or large maintenance expenses. In 2013, the Association spent \$104,000 on the West Tennis Court replacement; \$41,000 for pool repair and maintenance, and \$43,000 for landscape, including \$29,000 for sprinkler zone replacement. The reserve fund had a balance of \$308,000 remaining at the end of 2013.

**ELECTION RESULTS:** 77 Homeowners were in attendance. 53 ballots and 10 proxies were collected unanimously electing Bev Ruud to the open position on the Board. Mr. Raab took a few minutes to thank outgoing Board Member Aloah Kincaid, remarking that upon joining the Board she immediately put her CPA talents to work. Ms. Kincaid could be counted on to attend to Board business with diligence. In working with fellow Board Members or homeowners she consistently showed fairness and compassion. In short, she has been an excellent Board Member who has given much to the community and will be greatly missed. Ms. Kincaid thanked Mr. Raab and remarked that she joined the Board immediately upon moving into the community. She believed doing so enabled her to meet people and to quickly get to know the neighborhood. She encouraged others to consider joining the Board.

Mr. Raab then opened the meeting for audience questions or comments:

**COMMENTS:** The following comments were made:

1. Wayne Harrison addressed the community about the traffic at Homestead Elementary School. He commented that at 3:00 pm Homestead Parkway becomes impassable and that if an emergency vehicle needed to access the route it would be impossible. He suggested the Association send a letter to the school asking them to contact parents asking them not to block the street. He believes there is a safety issue.
2. William Owens commented that where Geddes Avenue meets Holly Street, the slope can be dangerous when icy. Because the road slopes down where it joins Holly, cars can skid right into the traffic on Holly. Does the community have any ideas to prevent accidents here? Perhaps there could be a bucket of ice melt kept on the side of the street for use during freezing weather?
3. Emily and T.J. Maxfield introduced themselves and announced they were working with the Board about building a playground in Homestead. The Maxfields lost their three year old daughter in a car accident last summer and want to build the playground as a way of giving back to the Homestead community which has rallied around them since the accident. The Maxfields will privately fund the playground as their gift to Homestead. However, since

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playgrounds are actually quite expensive to build, outside donations will also be accepted. They want the community to know they are working with the Board to determine the best location, functionality and other details.

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS** – The following questions were asked:

1. **When will the streets get repaved in Homestead?** The City of Centennial has a review process based on the age and condition of the street. Streets could be re-paved or re-oiled. The City welcomes calls from individual homeowners reporting on the condition of their streets. Alternatively, homeowners can check the City of Centennial website for more information on the City's street maintenance schedule.
2. **Was there any update on Xcel's plans to cut down trees under the power lines on Dry Creek?** No.

**DRAWING FOR 50% REBATE OF ANNUAL DUES:** Blythe Leinwand was the recipient of the dues rebate.

**CLOSING REMARKS:** Mr. Raab thanked the community for their support of the Board and their attendance at the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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**Rockin' on the River 5K Run/Walk, Sunday, April 13, starts and finishes in front of the Hudson Gardens & Event Center, 6115 South Santa Fe Dr., Littleton.**

Course runs along the beautiful Platte River on the Mary Carter Greenway - flat and fast! Prizes will be awarded in age and gender categories for the 5K. Race will be timed using timing chip technology. No dogs are allowed on Hudson Gardens property so this will be a pooch-free event, sorry pups. Pre-registration fee

is Adult - \$25 (\$30 fee day of race) Youth - \$15 and includes race T-shirt. Register by Friday, April 4 to guarantee t-shirt size. Online registration at [www.RunningGuru.com/Event/Rockin](http://www.RunningGuru.com/Event/Rockin) closes at 5 pm, Friday April 11. For more information, email [Reedd@ssprd.org](mailto:Reedd@ssprd.org).

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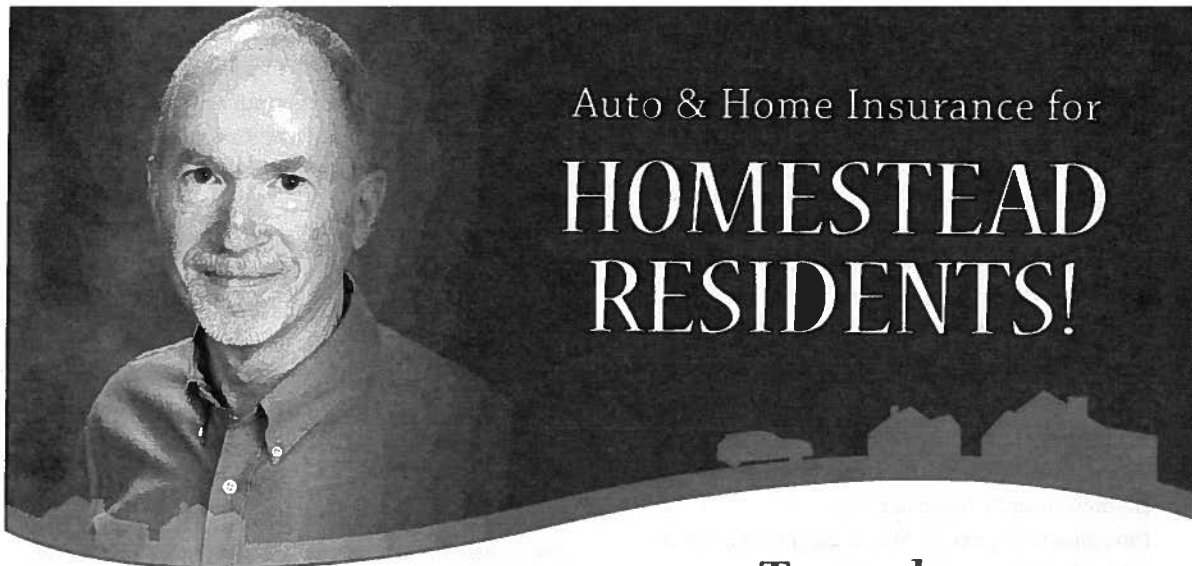
**High Line Canal Run, Sat., May 10, 8 am 10K; 9 am 5K, South Suburban's deKoevend Park, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial.**

Register at [www.runningguru.com/Event/Highline](http://www.runningguru.com/Event/Highline). Children and friendly dogs welcome. Registration includes a pancake breakfast, a long sleeve race shirt, goody bag and prize drawings. Awards will be given to top male and female finishers in both the 10K and 5K race. All ages welcome. Pre-registration encouraged; same day registration available. For more information, call 303-483-7030.

**Friday Nite Xtreme, First Friday of every month, 6:30-10 pm, Family Sports Center, 6901 S. Peoria St, Centennial, 303-708-9500.**

Activities include: Ice skating (skate rental not included), laser tag, eXerGame Zone, climbing wall, bumper cars, bungee run, obstacle course, and more for ages 8-13. Fee \$14/\$12 Resident and includes all activities. Concessions and arcade games extra. Register online or at the door. Please bring your SSPRD ID for Resident rates. This is a supervised program. Parents and adult chaperones must sign their children in and out of the program. For more information, email [Reedd@ssprd.org](mailto:Reedd@ssprd.org).

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# Landscape Logic

By Nancy Bauer



**If the gardener in you just needs to get outside and do something, here are five things you can do now to get your garden ready for spring.**

**\* Compost.** If you didn't work compost into the soil last fall, throw fresh compost over the garden – even if it's snow covered. It will settle over the soil and you can work it right in before planting.

**\* Get going on seed.** You can plant cool season crops as soon as the ground can be tilled (March, April). So have your seed ready. Find a local garden center or order seed online or from catalogs.

**\* Select your crops.** Carrots, spinach, lettuce, beets, green onions, and peas are veggies to plant soon. Once these veggies are harvested in about mid- May, the garden can be re-planted with warm season crops- like tomatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, small cabbage and squash.

**\* Plan what grows where.** Rotating veggie placement each year is a good practice in order to avoid insects and diseases that can overwinter in the soil and attack specific veggies. They are more threatening if the debris was not cleaned out of the garden last fall. Tomatoes and corn are crops to move to a new place each year.

**\* Rototill** or hand till the ground to work in the compost before planting.

## Harvest Boosters:



Urban famers will benefit by understanding and utilizing the essential connection between pollinators (bees) and a plentiful harvest. Harvest boosters are flowering perennial plants that are especially attractive to bees. By inter-planting into the vegetable garden or containers, these long bloomers will attract bees to insure larger harvests. Plants like; Monarda, Agastache, Nepeta, Solidago, Echinacea and Origanum will help complete the web of life involved with home food production. One of each is recommended per 200 s.f. of vegetable garden.



## Right Tree Right Place

As the spring planting season approaches it is interesting to note that trees properly placed around residences and buildings can save up to 30% on heating and cooling costs.

## Summer Cooling

“West is Best”, planting trees on the west side of your home will provide the greatest summer cooling benefits. Second best place is the east side. By planting (2) 25' shade trees on the west and (1) on the east you could save over 20% of you're A/C bill per year!

## Winter Warming

Evergreen trees should be planted on the north and northwest sides of your home to block cold winter winds. Avoid planting on the south side, which can block the winter warming sun late in the day.

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### Gardening Tips for March:

\*If a heavy snowfall occurs this month, use a broom to lift up branches and gently shake off the snow. Don't press down on the branches because this pressure plus the weight of the snow could cause them to break.

\*If you didn't cut back perennials and clean up flowerbeds in the fall begin to do these tasks this month before new spring growth appears. If you wait too long to begin clean up tasks you are likely to damage delicate new growth.

\*Winter months are a great time to prune many trees and shrubs. Dormant pruning is beneficial because a tree's branch structure is readily visible and there are fewer disturbances to gardens. It is advantageous to thin shrubs during the winter to encourage healthy spring growth.

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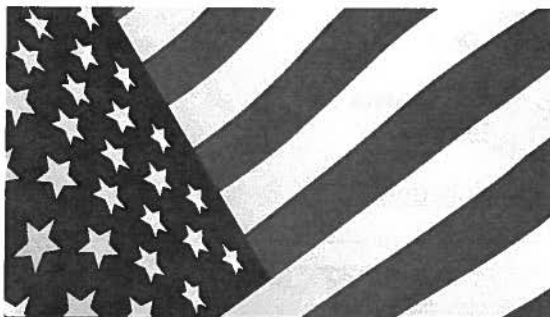
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## 2014 Event Schedule

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
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- 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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Greg & Tiffany Steinmetz  
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**RAIN DATE:** Saturday, April 19)

**TIME:** 11:00 AM

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### HOMESTEAD PLAYGROUPS

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Age

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Contact

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Homestead offers two types of Pool Parties: after hours events in which you have the pool facility to yourself for your group; and parties during regular pool hours in which you share the pool with other residents. Parties during regular pool hours are limited to 20 people and may require that you pay for an additional lifeguard to be hired during your party.

To schedule a pool party at Homestead in the Willows, log on to [frontrangerecreation.com](http://frontrangerecreation.com) and click on the tab labeled "Pools". Scroll down to the Homestead in the Willows pool you are interested in, complete the necessary forms and submit your request. You can also call Front Range at 303-617-0221.

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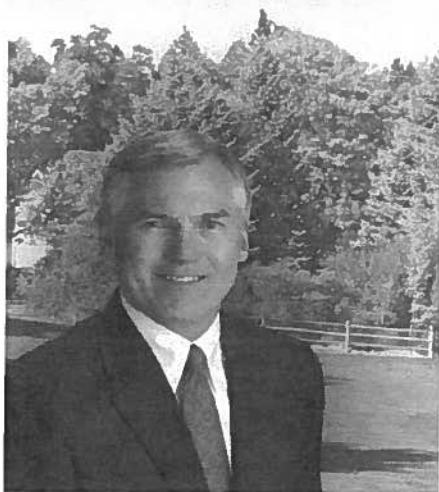
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**Night Light Egg Hunt, Friday, April 18, Colorado Journey, 5150 S. Windermere St.**

Have fun hunting for eggs at night. Please bring your own basket and flashlight. **Start times are scattered by age group:** Ages 4 and under at 7 pm; Ages 5-8 at 7:30 pm; Ages 9+ at 8 pm. Fee: \$2

For more information, call 303-734-1083.

**FREE! Family Egg Hunt, Sat Apr 19, 9 - 11:30 am, Family Sports Dome, 6959 S Peoria St, Centennial.**

The Egg Hunt is open to ages 12 and under. **Start times are staggered by age group:** 3 and under, 9:30 am; 4-6 yrs, 10 am; 7-9 yrs, 10:30 am, 10-12 yrs, 11 am. Please bring your own basket to collect eggs. For more information, contact Christina Ibarra at 303-754-0552 or email her at [Christinai@sspr.org](mailto:Christinai@sspr.org).

**FREE! Showtime on Ice, Friday-Sunday, May 9-11; Fri and Sat, 7 pm and Sat and Sun, 1 pm, South Suburban Ice Arena, 6580 S Vine St, Centennial.**

Presented by South Suburban's 2 Figure Skating clubs. The talents of over 100 skaters from beginners to top levels are showcased in this exciting event in 4 performances. For more information, call 303-798-7881.

**South Suburban Recreation Centers feature Local Artists in April.** South Suburban Parks and Recreation's Douglas A. Buck, Goodson and Lone Tree Recreation Centers are featuring temporary art exhibitions by local artists during the month of April.

Suresh Lakkaraju is presenting his photographs April 1-30 at Goodson Recreation Center, located at 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial, 303-798-2476. He is an IT consultant whose passion is photography and this passion definitely shows in his photographs of nature, objects, portraits, animals, flowers and scenic landscapes. He pays special attention to light and how it presents itself on his subjects.

The STAR Hobby Club exhibit of images in acrylics will be displayed April 1-30 at Douglas H. Buck Recreation

Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton, 303-797-8787. The STAR Hobby Club is a program for people with disabilities at the Buck Recreation Center. The club creates new and different crafts, paintings, drawings and other forms of art to develop basic skills and improve self-esteem through unique expression.

John Bartles, a retired architect, will exhibit his watercolors April 1-30 at Lone Tree Recreation Center at 10249 Ridgeway Circle, Lone Tree, 303-708-3500.

South Suburban's Public Art Committee encourages Colorado artists to submit an application to display their artwork on a temporary basis at various South Suburban recreation facilities. For a complete list of guidelines and an art exhibition application, please visit [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org) or contact Darcie LaScala at 303-483-7072.



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# CENTENNIAL NEWS

## **Centennial Youth Commission brings back the Youth Achievement Awards program**

*Three \$500 scholarships available for outstanding Centennial high school students*

(Centennial, CO) The Centennial Youth Commission is bringing back its Youth Achievement Awards program again this year! This program honors and recognizes selected youth residing in the City of Centennial who have significantly impacted the Centennial community through volunteer work or other special deeds and actions with a \$500 scholarship.

Three high school students will be recognized for demonstrating exceptional leadership with a \$500 scholarship award contributed by SAFEBuilt Colorado and the Centennial Youth Commission. Award contributions must be used for educational purposes such as tuition, books or school supplies.

To enter the Youth Achievement Award program, the following requirements must be met:

1. The applicant legally resides in the City of Centennial at the time of application and presentation of award.
2. The applicant must be a high school student.
3. The applicant has made a significant contribution to the Centennial community.
4. The applicant's qualifying project or the performance of qualifying deeds or actions identified in the application were conducted within 24 months prior to the date that the application is received.
5. The City of Centennial must receive all required application materials including adult recommendations by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2014

The application process includes a short application, 500 word essay and letter of recommendation. Applications may be obtained from the City's website or picked up at the Centennial Civic Center. All interested teens must complete an application and return it to the attention of Angela Engel no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2014. Applications may be mailed to 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd., Centennial, CO 80112 or emailed to aengel@centennialco.gov.

For more information, please contact Angela Engel at (303) 754-3316.

## **Centennial among places with greatest income equality**

*NerdWallet considers income of lowest and highest earning households*

(Centennial, CO) The City of Centennial ranks as one of the most "equal" large communities in the country in regards to household incomes. *NerdWallet*, a consumer advocacy website, recently conducted a study to find the places with the greatest income equality in the United States – and Centennial is in the top ten.

*NerdWallet* surveyed 303 communities with populations of 100,000 or more, comparing the median incomes of the bottom 20 percent and the top 20 percent of households. Between 2007 and 2012, the average household income of the lowest-earning 20 percent of the U.S. population decreased by 3.7 percent to \$11,797, while that of the highest-earning 20 percent increased by more than four percent to \$181,455. The income gap between the rich and poor continues to widen, but Centennial's population identifies a narrow income gap that translates to high quality of life.

Centennial has the sixth greatest income equality nationwide. The median household income in Centennial is \$88,598. The mean annual income of the lowest-earning 20 percent of households is \$29,958, while the

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highest-earning 20 percent bring in more than eight times that amount at \$241,166 per year.

As one of the safest cities in Colorado, Centennial offers award winning schools, distinctive parks and open space and advanced business opportunities. In 2012, Money Magazine ranked Centennial 47th out of "100 Best Small Cities To Live."

#### About NerdWallet

*NerdWallet* is a consumer-friendly financial literacy website that helps consumers make better financial decisions and save money on CD rates, checking accounts, credit cards and more. NerdWallet has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Reuters*.



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"eNewsletter" in the left hand column.

### BOARD PASSES RESOLUTION CALLING ON LAWMAKERS TO FULLY FUND SCHOOLS

The Cherry Creek Schools Board of Education on  
Monday, March 10, unanimously approved a resolu-  
tion calling on the Colorado Legislature and Governor  
to "immediately eliminate the negative factor cuts in K  
-12 education funding" and calling for an end to un-  
funded mandates.

Board of Education President Jim O'Brien said <"For  
our legislators, the inconvenient truth in the constitu-  
tion is that local school boards are responsible for the  
budget of local school districts."

Cherry Creek Schools Superintendent, Dr. Harry Bull,  
encouraged parents, taxpayers and community mem-  
bers to get involved. "Now, more than ever, lean in,  
ask the tough questions, challenge our legislators."

Follow this link to read the Board's resolution and find  
more information about this critical issue: [http://  
www.cherrycreekschools.org/restorelostfunding/Pages/  
default.asp](http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/restorelostfunding/Pages/default.asp).

## IGNITING THE FIRE FOR LEARNING

Did you know?

*That students in the Cherry Creek School District can  
earn college credit while they're attending high school?  
Or study architecture, biotechnology, culinary arts and  
other subjects that could help them get a head start on a  
rewarding career?*

Did you know?

*That the second biggest growth spurt in a child's life  
occurs in middle school years, between the ages of 11  
and 14? And that those years are a time of tremendous  
cognitive, physical, emotional and identity development?*

Did you know?

*That academic rigor starts in elementary school? And  
that kids in elementary school benefit from STEM  
(Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)  
Education just as much, if not more, than older students?*

Those are just some of the things people attending the  
March 10 Parents' Council meeting learned during a  
special presentation the rich variety of curricular and  
cocurricular classes, clubs, activities and events that are  
available to CCSD students. The presentation was intro-  
duced by Chris Smith, executive directors for elementary  
education, who said "We want to share with you the  
many ways our educators ignite a fire for learning in our  
students."

Ron Peterson, executive director for high school educa-  
tion, described the district's vibrant Career and Technical  
Education (CTE) programs, which offer 40 different  
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# ARAPAHOE LIBRARY NEWS

# PROGRAMS

## Children (ages 5 – 11)

**Children's Book Day Celebration** – Have you ever wanted to meet a character in your favorite book? Maybe you'd like to meet the Cat in the Hat or Clifford the Big Red Dog. Here is your chance because book characters will be visiting several of our libraries. Who will show up at yours? Visit us to find out and enjoy cookies and milk. (April 23, 26, 27 and 29)

**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.* (April 12)

**Fairy Fun (ages 7-11)** – During this fairy-filled afternoon, you will create and take home one of these treasures: a fairy garden, a fairy doll, or a fairy dust necklace and wand. (April 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17)

**Grow with Me – Parent/Child Workshop Series** – Parents and caregivers of children ages 1-3, enjoy playful learning time in a specially-designed early learning setting. Experts will be available to answer questions. (April 4, Child Development Specialist; April 11, Literacy Specialist; April 18, Creative Movement Specialist; and April 25, Nutrition Specialist)

**Kids' Chess Club** – Join us to play chess, the game of kings! Bring your own chess set or use one of ours. (April 13)

**Sixie Pixies and Seven Heavens (ages 6-7)** – Are you a Sixie Pixie (6 years old) or a Seven Heaven (7 years old)? We have a program just for you. There will be stories, crafts, games and other fun just right for 6 and 7-year-olds. (April 10, 12 and 29)

**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.* (April 9, 14, 15 and 18)

**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.

## Teens (ages 11-17)

**Bottom of the Inkwell** – Join us for our monthly meeting to strengthen your craft and meet other writers. (April 16)

**Divergent: Faction Before Blood** – Jump into the *Divergent* world featured in the book series and movie. Take a personality assessment, choose a faction to live in, face your fears, get a tattoo and try your hand at target practice. (April 1 and 11)

**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). (April 4, 11, 18 and 25)

**Learn Balloon Art** – It's amazing what you can craft with a balloon. Bring your artistic spirit and leave with an armful of your own balloon creations. (April 2 and 22)

**Lego® Bricks for Teens** – Teens, it's *your* turn to have great fun with the ever-popular Lego® bricks. What will you create? This session is for ages 11 and up. (April 17 and 22)

**Red Cross Babysitter Training (ages 11-14)** – Develop skills in professionalism, basic care, safety and safe play, and first aid. Bring your lunch. Register at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or call the Red Cross at 303-722-7474. *Cost is \$85, payable to Red Cross.* (April 12)

**Teen Advisory Board** – Share your ideas for programs, earn volunteer hours and more. (April 6)

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The many opportunities available to sixth, seventh and eighth graders, were introduced by Dr. John Kennedy, executive director for middle school education. "We have programs to meet the incredible cognitive development that occurs in middle school," said Kennedy. Those opportunities range from art and drama classes and clubs, to Brain Bowl, Destination ImagiNation and Robotics. Students also have the opportunity to participate in school and community service activities, programs that promote caring, tolerance and inclusiveness, and affinity groups, such as Sol e Estelas, and Brotherhood and Sisterhood groups.

Dr. Tera Helmon, executive director for elementary education, talked about the importance of STEM Education at the elementary level. In addition to the renowned FOSS Science curriculum used districtwide, Helmon said that 37 of 43 elementary schools have additional STEM programming before, during or after school. That includes Lego Robotics, computer coding and programming, Science Olympiad and many more programs that help students develop creativity and critical thinking skills.

Some programs are designed to support advanced learners and gifted students. Dr. Floyd Cobb, executive director of curriculum and instruction, said those include the district Chess Tournament and Spelling Bee, and the popular Inside Out program, which offers innovative classes to more than 1,000 students during fall, spring and summer breaks.

Finally, Dr. Robyn Duran, director of Excellence and Equity, talked about the district's High School Student Leadership teams, and how students of color now have a voice at the table and a platform to help them help the district continue to increase academic achievement and graduation rates for all students.

It was a challenge to fit so much information into a short presentation, but those in the Parents' Council audience left with a much better idea of the many different ways the Cherry Creek School District is striving to meet the needs of all students, and provide them with a variety of ways to discover new skills, develop their talents, and ignite their fire for learning.

## **YOU'RE INVITED!**

### **Cherry Creek High School**

Apr 10      6:30-7:30 pm, Orchestra Concert "Senior Recital"

Apr 23-25    7 pm, Spring Play

Apr 24      5-7 pm, West Area Art Show

Apr 26      2 & 7 pm, Spring Play

Apr 28      6:30-9 pm, Senior Awards Ceremony

Apr 29      7-8 pm, Choir Concert (Statesmen, Choralaires, A Cappella)

Apr 30      7-8 pm, Choir Concert (Union St Jazz, Girls 21, Troubadours, Meistersingers)

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## Adults (ages 18 and up)

**A ARP Driver Safety (for drivers ages 50 and older)** – Learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws and more.

*Fee: \$15 for A ARP members, \$20 for non-members, payable to A ARP at the class. (April 3 and 16)*

**Bonfils Blood Drive** – Call 303-363-2300 to schedule an appointment through Bonfils Blood Center for your donation at Smoky Hill Library. (April 17)

**Classic Film Series** – Watch and discuss the classic film, *An Affair to Remember* (1957, rating unavailable). (April 10)

**Crazy Quilts** – Crazy quilts are as popular today as they were in Victorian times. Discover their origins, 19th century design techniques and choices, and see related quilting styles. View some antique and current day crazy quilts. (April 7)

**Curb Appeal** – Need some ideas to spruce up your yard and increase your home's value and appeal? Experts from Tagawa Gardens will be here with ideas and techniques that will offer long-term payback. (April 9 and 14)

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

**Epic Level Gaming** – From *Call of Duty* to *Super Smash Bros.* to *LittleBigPlanet*, we've got the games. All we need are the players! We also have card games, board games and tabletop games, so don't forget to bring your "A game." (April 3)

**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. (April 13 and 19)

**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. (April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29)

**Quilts with Secrets** – Quilts tell many tales. Explore the ways quilt-makers stitched love, hate, family stories and patriotism into their pieces. You'll look at your family quilts in a whole new way. (April 12)

**Red Cross Blended Learning Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED** – Learn First Aid, CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and how to use an AED (automated external defibrillator). You'll learn how to recognize and care for a variety of first aid emergencies and how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies to help victims. After successfully completing this course, you will receive a certificate valid for two years. This course consists of an online learning and a classroom skills session. Online learning must be completed prior to attending the classroom skills session. For more information and to register, visit [redcross.org/take-a-class](http://redcross.org/take-a-class). *Cost is \$85.00, payable at registration.* (April 22)

**Writers Circle** – Join us for encouragement to strengthen your writing craft. (April 9)

**You Can Make a Difference: A Conversation with Tony Bottagaro** – Tony Bottagaro – an award-winning film producer, accomplished speaker, author, stage performer and storyteller – will share his experiences that address real life issues: justice, love, peace, self-worth, responsibility and much more. Don't miss this humorous and inspirational presentation. (April 1 and 9)

## Family:

**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).* (April 27)

# Homestead in the Willows

## Colonial Aesthetic

### Summary

The Homestead architectural style consists of a traditional colonial look incorporating cedar shake roofs, lap and brick siding, gridded white windows, wood shutters, paneled and painted front and garage doors, muted house colors, cedar fencing and complementary landscaping. All proposed external homeowner changes must conform to this aesthetic and be reviewed and approved by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) prior to work starting.

<i>Component</i>	<i>Preferences</i>	<i>Considered Variances</i>	<i>Not Approved</i>
<b>Brick</b>	Maintain proportion of brick to lap siding.	Rear or side of home with ACC approval.	
<b>Lap Siding</b>	Wood lap or existing wood shingle.	Some man-made products that retain wood look; 5-8" laps.	Metal or plastic siding.
<b>Shutters</b>	Louvered shutters of wood or man-made material; straight-edged; same size as original shutters, proportionate to windows; must be painted to match or complement house colors.	Wood shutters only for raised panel or joined Board & Batten; straight-edged; same size as original shutters, proportionate to windows; must be painted to match or complement house colors.	Man-made materials used in raised panel or Board & Batten style; and narrow shutters not proportionate to windows. No cathedral arches or cut-out designs.
<b>Windows</b>	Rectangular wood, composite or vinyl windows with white, rectangular grids.	White windows with no-grids.	Perimeter or other decorative grids. Slider-type windows.
<b>Doors</b>	Painted paneled front doors with colonial-style glass accents.	Some metal and composite doors; a variety of glass sidelights and glass inserts at top of door.	Front doors that have art glass representative of Victorian, Art Deco or Craftsmen styles. Wood stained doors.



<b>Component</b>	<b>Preferences</b>	<b>Considered Variances</b>	<b>Not Approved</b>
<b>Garage Doors</b>	Square-paneled garage doors with understated simple handles painted color of siding.	Carriage-style garage doors with square paned windows on the top two rows.	Strap or other style hinges.
<b>Paint</b>	Colonial color palette from Benjamin Moore, Sherwin Williams or similar shades from other paint suppliers.	Muted color for house siding; brighter colors limited to accents. Samples must be filed with application.	Bright colors for house siding or trim. No two contiguous homes may have identical color schemes.
<b>Roofing</b>	Cedar, hand-split 1/2" or 3/4" shake.	ACC-approved list of man-made products, including metal, concrete and asphalt, in limited colors that simulate the look of hand-split cedar.	Any other type of roofing.
<b>Chimneys &amp; Fireplaces</b>	Brick and/or lap siding enclosed on the outside with venting to the roof.	Some approved side-vented fireplaces.	Venting out of the front of the house.
<b>Sheds</b>	ACC reviewed and approved only. Must match home in materials, design and colors. Maximum 8' x 10' x 8' high at roof peak. Screened with a privacy fence.	None	Prefab shed products in wood, metal or other materials.
<b>Fencing</b>	Cedar wood privacy (6' high max.) and split-rail (3-rail max.) with transition sections abutting existing fencing; landscape accent fencing, must be at least 18" from sidewalk.	Some existing white picket and vertical fencing.	Fencing of entire front yard.
<b>Other visible equipment or structures</b>	Committee-reviewed and approved only.		

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Qualified applicants must reside in or own property in unincorporated Arapahoe County. The deadline for applications is April 4, 2014.

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 Board of County Commissioners' Office in the Arapahoe County Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton, Fourth Floor.

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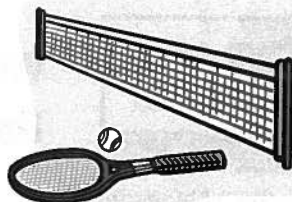
Applications must be accompanied by complete plans, sketches, samples, color chips and/or other pertinent information so that the ACC has as complete an idea of your project as possible. When requesting fence changes, sheds, accessory buildings, or play structures, also submit a drawing of your yard 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](http://www.homesteadinthewillows.org).

## Homestead Residents

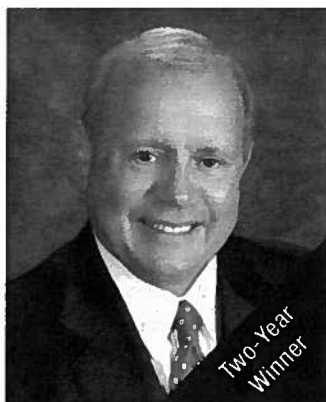
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