



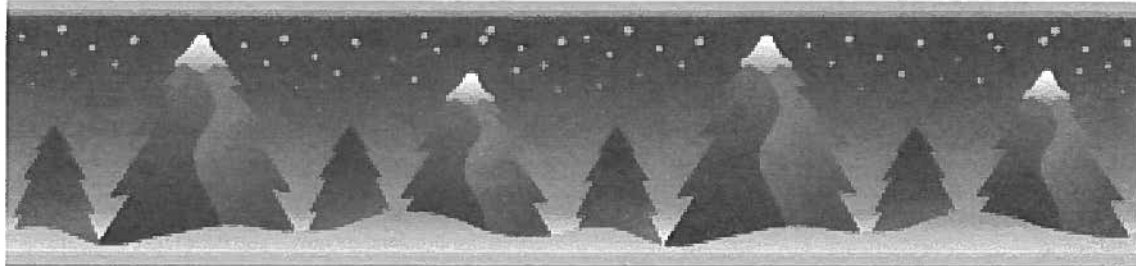
Homestead in the Willows

# Homestead Herald

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A Covenant Controlled Community for the Benefit of All



## **IMPORTANT HOMEOWNER INFORMATION**

regarding your **Annual Dues Assessment**

can be found on page 14.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



**Next Regular  
Board Meeting  
6:30pm  
Jan. 14, 2014  
West Pool Office**

**THE FEBRUARY  
HERALD DEADLINE  
IS  
JANUARY 15TH**





## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### FEBRUARY HERALD DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15TH

#### MANAGERS:

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#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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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

Phone: 303-793-0230

Fax: 303-793-0109

www.homesteadinthewillows.org

## BOARD MEETING

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

**Tuesday, Jan. 14, 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.

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).

## BOARD POSITION OPEN

Have you thought about serving Homestead by volunteering on the Board of Directors? Becoming involved is a great way to meet some new people, lend your skills and talents to the community in which you live and to better understand why certain guidelines and policies are in place. It's an opportunity to be part of the decision-making process in our community. Since your home is probably your biggest investment, why not be involved in shaping the decisions concerning your neighborhood? Board members serve a term of three years and are elected at the Annual Meeting in March. If you'd like to learn more, please call any of the Board Members whose contact information is on page two of this publication.

**If not YOU, then WHO?**

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# LANDSCAPE LOGIC

By: Nancy Bauer

## *Gardening in Denver . . .*

Gardening in Denver is different from almost anywhere else in our country. It's dry here, only 14 inches of precipitation a year on average. We have intense sunshine most days, low humidity, drying winds, and temperatures that may fluctuate 50 degrees or more in 24 hours. Then there's the soil: highly alkaline and, in most parts of the metro area, heavy clay. No wonder gardening is a challenge to newcomers and natives alike! Yet, many Denver landscapes are amazingly beautiful and productive. It's a matter of knowing how to work with our special conditions

## *Winter watering is important!*

Unless we have an unusually wet winter, trees, shrubs, perennials, ground covers, and lawn should be watered every four to six weeks. Check soil moisture levels during warm, windy, or dry periods. Wait for a day when the temperature is 40 degrees or more and the ground is not frozen. Be sure to water early in the day for about 20 to 30 minutes per setting. For further information go to [www.ext.colo.state.edu](http://www.ext.colo.state.edu) CSU Fact Sheet 7.211

## *Ornamental Grasses:*

Most people prefer to leave dried ornamental grasses standing in the winter garden for winter interest; their shape and swaying plumes add seasonal interest. With the heavy snows many of the grasses in unprotected locations can be smashed into unattractive mounds. These broken and bent grasses won't bounce back to

their upright shape, so they should be cut back. For a neater look, avoid cutting them straight across, instead cut grasses below where they are bent and broken at different heights to create more of a rounded shape among the stalks. If grasses are still standing tall leave them, knowing that they will need to be trimmed back before new growth emerges in the spring.

## *Shrub Care:*

Many herbaceous shrubs have weak wood and long, pliable branches that make them susceptible to wind and snow damage. Examples include Russian sage, golden elder, sumac, pussy willow, blue mist spirea. Any branch that has been broken by the weather-, and this includes trees, should be pruned back. Those rips and breaks are an open invitation to pests and disease of all kinds. Protect these plants with timely pruning as a little maintenance now can save more work and treatment costs later.

## *Upright Evergreens:*

Upright evergreens and shrub forms of arbovitae often splay open from the snow. While it's best to bundle these shrubs before the snow flies, they can still be pulled back together after the fact. Garden centers have netting and other materials to wrap around evergreens to help keep hold them in their natural upright position. Remember to remove the material in the summer once the plant starts to grow and re-establish its natural form. Binding materials, if not removed, can girdle the plant and eventually kill it.

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Acct.	2011	2012	2013	2013	2014
	Actual 12/11	Actual	Budget	Actual*	Budget
<b>INCOME</b>					
311 Single Home Assessment	\$ 772,559.14	\$ 779,299.84	\$ 789,342.00	\$ 788,192.00	\$ 789,342.00
312 Townhome Assessment	25,915.00	25,915.00	27,193.00	27,193.00	27,193.00
313 Associate Memberships	3,066.00	2,628.00	2,670.00	1,836.00	2,670.00
318 Late Fees	3,160.36	3,695.02	2,149.00	3,910.47	2,149.00
321 Interest	2,182.77	1,287.65	711.00	122.41	-
331 Advertising	14,791.72	15,299.67	12,500.00	14,528.00	12,500.00
341 Pool Parties	500.00	300.00	267.00	300.00	267.00
351 Transfer Fees	4,875.00	6,375.00	3,867.00	7,250.00	3,867.00
355 Association Fines	5,063.08	13,836.90	4,310.00	6,304.10	-
356 Tree Replacement Fund	-	-	-	200.00	-
361 Pool/Tennis Keys	1,640.00	2,030.00	1,269.00	1,740.00	1,269.00
365 Other Income	12,799.02	1,113.90	52.00	600.53	52.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 846,552.09</b>	<b>\$ 851,780.98</b>	<b>\$ 844,330.00</b>	<b>\$ 852,176.51</b>	<b>\$ 839,309.00</b>

Acct.	2011	2012	2013	2013	2014
	Actual 12/11	Actual	Budget	Actual*	Budget
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Administrative:</b>					
411 Salary - Business Manager	\$ 25,212.00	\$ 27,984.75	\$ 28,638.00	\$ 27,600.00	\$ 28,620.00
412 Temporary Help - Admin	4,830.00	4,717.50	4,195.00	4,916.25	5,627.00
421 Payroll Taxes (FUTA.8%/SUTA.1%)	483.38	472.63	360.00	399.57	424.00
423 FICA - Employers Share(7.65%)	4,526.86	4,454.00	4,560.00	4,372.64	4,679.00
424 Taxes, Other	-	2,975.00	3,300.00	2,250.00	3,300.00
431 Postage	1,348.89	1,353.35	1,324.00	1,339.31	1,382.00
432 Printing/Copying	1,624.57	873.57	1,396.00	1,287.75	1,638.00
433 Equipment Repair	483.08	210.11	418.00	90.00	100.00
434 Supplies - Office	568.33	1,222.40	1,033.00	766.82	888.00
435 - Computer	1,562.63	674.96	1,500.00	656.07	850.00
436 Office Cleaning/Snow Shoveling	867.56	720.36	325.00	915.60	1,190.00
437 Mileage	196.35	185.93	245.00	-	245.00
438 Membership Fees	449.00	30.00	245.00	245.00	245.00
441 Newsletter - Printing	8,345.48	9,175.76	10,653.00	9,757.15	11,112.00
442 - Delivery	2,376.00	2,520.00	2,520.00	2,520.00	2,520.00
443 - Bags	369.84	403.20	425.00	403.20	410.00
447 Annual Meeting Costs	225.56	386.54	300.00	144.72	175.00
451 Accounting - Audit	2,100.00	2,300.00	2,400.00	2,300.00	2,400.00
452 Accounting - Bookkeeper	1,680.00	1,680.00	1,680.00	1,680.00	1,800.00
455 Bank Service Charges	23.80	7.95	30.00	23.85	30.00
461 Legal	15,160.76	4,421.22	7,000.00	11,070.20	10,000.00
471 General Insurance	34,577.88	36,072.48	36,278.00	37,675.48	41,382.00
472 Workman's Compensation	765.00	988.00	1,260.00	1,545.00	1,699.00
480 Bathroom Opening-Closing formerly acct #662	-	-	-	1,775.00	2,910.00
483 Architectural Control	131.49	66.38	80.00	62.84	80.00
490 Pool/Tennis Keys	567.24	795.25	-	123.51	600.00
494 Miscellaneous Admin	406.83	713.00	2,382.00	280.32	154.00
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$ 108,882.53</b>	<b>\$ 105,404.34</b>	<b>\$ 112,547.00</b>	<b>\$ 114,200.28</b>	<b>\$ 124,460.00</b>

Acct.	2011	2012	2013	2013	2014
	Actual 12/11	Actual	Budget	Actual*	Budget
<b>Land Maintenance:</b>					
511 Salary - Landscape	\$ 18,500.04	\$ 19,700.04	\$ 19,700.00	\$ 19,700.04	\$ 20,900.00
521 Pruning & Spraying	2,555.00	6,640.00	6,000.00	5,860.00	6,000.00
541 Land Contract	54,224.50	51,339.95	53,985.00	51,180.00	53,985.00
551 R/M - Walkways	6,298.00	5,405.00	7,350.00	10,939.00	7,350.00
552 R/M - Trees	20,084.00	20,493.25	20,000.00	18,345.00	20,000.00
553 Sprinkler Contract	7,950.00	13,335.10	13,400.00	11,745.25	13,400.00
554 R/M - Sod, RR Ties, Benches	5,339.15	4,162.83	3,920.00	4,259.00	3,920.00
555 R/M - Sprinkler	35,467.70	53,770.00	40,600.00	13,903.00	39,000.00
561 Flower Beds	7,501.31	7,754.55	7,350.00	4,605.47	7,350.00
562 Special Projects & Repairs	3,460.00	2,195.00	2,495.00	625.00	2,495.00
563 Tree Replacement Expense	5,000.00	-	4,400.00	4,840.00	6,000.00
570 Fence Repairs	19,972.00	23,833.50	24,000.00	23,112.50	24,000.00
575 Miscellaneous Landscape	279.33	193.16	1,050.00	175.00	1,050.00
<b>Total Land Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 186,631.03</b>	<b>\$ 208,822.38</b>	<b>\$ 204,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 169,289.26</b>	<b>\$ 205,450.00</b>

Acct.	2011	2012	2013	2013	2014
	Actual 12/11	Actual	Budget	Actual*	Budget
<b>Pool:</b>					
610 Pool Management Contract	\$ 95,945.00	\$ 95,500.00	\$ 97,000.00	\$ 97,000.00	\$ 98,500.00
631 Operating Supplies - Janitorial	1,684.98	1,694.78	1,750.00	1,587.26	2,000.00
632 - Chemicals	16,232.21	14,559.87	16,000.00	13,714.59	16,000.00
633 - Office	1,342.91	1,656.00	1,200.00	3,501.89	1,500.00
641 R/M - Pools	16,062.76	4,633.11	9,000.00	9,015.58	5,000.00
642 - Buildings	2,045.87	12,318.93	8,322.00	1,266.79	6,000.00
643 - Equipment	3,264.59	2,063.37	5,000.00	3,831.71	7,000.00
644 - Furniture		-	1,000.00	1,353.19	1,000.00
651 Telephones	846.51	750.42	1,200.00	735.44	1,200.00
661 Pool Opening/Closing	2,002.19	2,015.22	2,100.00	3,265.68	2,100.00
662 Bathroom Opening-Closing moved to :	3,029.98	2,805.00	-	1,260.00	-
672 Swim Team Funding	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,491.26	2,000.00
681 Special Events	121.52	570.18	100.00		100.00
691 Miscellaneous Pool		-	500.00		500.00
<b>Total Pool Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 144,578.52</b>	<b>\$ 140,566.88</b>	<b>\$ 145,172.00</b>	<b>\$ 139,023.39</b>	<b>\$ 142,900.00</b>

Acct.	2011	2012	2013	2013	2014
	Actual 12/11	Actual	Budget	Actual*	Budget
<b>Tennis:</b>					
711 Salary - Manager	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,498.00
731 Supplies - Maintenance	2,138.79	1,978.17	858.00	380.34	920.00
732 Cleaning	4,080.00	4,780.00	4,760.00	3,409.45	4,830.00
733 Repairs	11,004.74	13,450.00	6,800.00		450.00
741 Keys/Locks	113.55	105.00	50.00		-
761 Tennis Program Funding		-	-		-
771 Miscellaneous	136.51	55.97	100.00	55.38	120.00
<b>Total Tennis Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 20,773.59</b>	<b>\$ 23,669.14</b>	<b>\$ 15,868.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,145.17</b>	<b>\$ 9,818.00</b>

Acct.	2011	2012	2013	2013	2014
	Actual 12/11	Actual	Budget	Actual*	Budget
<b>Utilities:</b>					
811 Water	\$ 70,676.48	\$ 95,289.59	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 58,648.44	\$ 72,035.00
812 Sewer	7,332.68	7,406.16	8,144.00	8,018.48	7,965.00
813 Gas	11,453.66	8,610.70	10,082.00	11,180.36	11,175.00
814 Electric	12,118.64	11,419.16	13,197.00	11,837.61	13,115.00
815 Phone - Office	1,525.70	1,675.11	2,190.00	1,723.53	1,420.00
817 Trash removal	138,288.06	99,802.20	101,676.00	101,791.44	103,764.00
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 241,395.22</b>	<b>\$ 224,202.92</b>	<b>\$ 235,289.00</b>	<b>\$ 193,199.86</b>	<b>\$ 209,474.00</b>

<b>Other:</b>					
840 Donations		\$ -	\$ 700.00		\$ 850.00
845 Vandalism	690.00	210.00	975.00	1278.68	1,000.00
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$ 690.00</b>	<b>\$ 210.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,675.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,278.68</b>	<b>\$ 1,850.00</b>

**Total Expenses** \$ 702,950.89 \$ 702,875.66 \$ 714,801.00 \$ 624,136.64 \$ 693,952.00

2011	2012	2013	2013	2014
Actual 12/11	Actual	Budget	Actual*	Budget

**Total Income** \$ 846,552.09 \$ 851,780.98 \$ 844,330.00 \$ 852,176.51 \$ 839,309.00  
**Total Expenses** \$ 702,950.89 \$ 702,875.66 \$ 714,801.00 \$ 624,136.64 \$ 693,952.00  
**Net Income** \$ 143,601.20 \$ 148,905.32 \$ 129,529.00 \$ 228,039.87 \$ 145,357.00  
**Perimeter Fence Loan Payoff**  
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### **Landscape Logic cont.**

#### **Other January Tips:**

Check to make sure the mulch is still covering plants that are exposed to the south and southwest. Comprehensive pruning should be done on all trees (except maples) for correction, height, damage, or shape. After the holidays, chop all the branches off your Christmas tree and lay them over bulb beds and perennial gardens. The added insulation helps protect plants against fluctuating soil temperatures and early warm up.

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## **NEWS FROM THE ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF**

### **Phishing Scams Get More Sophisticated**

Scammers are constantly calling and emailing older adults in an attempt to steal their personal information. AARP Foundation ElderWatch has recently received an uptick in reports of some more sophisticated tactics in soliciting your financial information.

**Fraud Alert Robocalls:** you receive a voicemail message asking you to call a specific phone number to hear an important fraud announcement. If you call the number back, an automated recording tells you that your credit card has been deactivated and asks you to key in your credit card number and your card's three-digit security code directly into the keypad in order to proceed with the call.

### **Fake Calls from Credit Card Fraud Departments:**

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To protect yourself, remember to:

- \* Never provide personal information to someone who has contacted you unsolicited.
- \* Shred all documents that include personal information.
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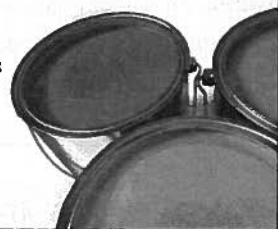
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## MEET THE AUTHORS:

Denver author T.R. Maxus' fast-paced political thriller, *Aenamus: Silent blood*, is quickly garnering rave reviews. He will discuss what it takes to write a novel, including getting started, researching, using online tools, editing, self-publishing, choosing a cover design and more. Adults. Koelbel Library—Tuesday, January 14, 6:30-7:30 pm

Author Anastasia Zhivotov wrote and published her first novel, *Alice in Reality*, before she turned 16. The author will read from her book, discuss it's writing and publishing and answer your questions. Teens. Southglenn Library—Tuesday, January 21, 6-7 pm.

## eREADER & TABLET

Learn how to download eBooks from the library's website. Bring your eReader or tablet with charging cord, library card number and Amazon account long-in (for Kindles). Adults. Koelbel Library—Thursday, January 23, 7-8:30 pm

## DRIVER SAFETY

AARP Driver Safety (for drivers 50 and older). Learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, and more. Fee \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non-members, payable to AARP at the class. (January 22)

## 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. Presented by Boomers Leading Change in Health. Adults. Stop by our information table, Southglenn Library—Tuesday, January 14, 1-3 pm. Attend an overview session. Koelbel Library—Wednesday, January 22, 3-5 pm

## 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. (January 11 and 19)

## PRIVACY VS PROTECTION

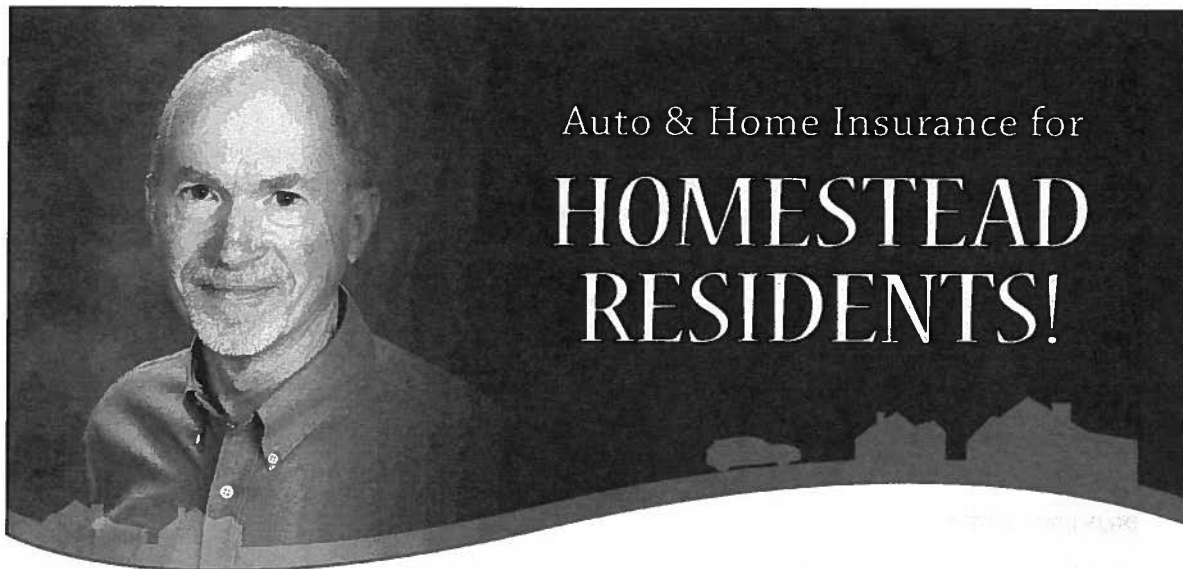
Active Minds presents a discussion on the balance between combating terrorism and protecting individual privacy, including an overview of the government's various domestic surveillance techniques. (January 14 and 27)

## 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. (January 11)

## PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

To register for the above listed programs, visit [arapahoelibraries.org](http://arapahoelibraries.org) (Programs & Classes link), visit any branch, or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).



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**No School Days Camp, Friday, Jan 17 & Monday, Jan 20, 2014, Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgeway Circle, Lone Tree.**

Day Camp fun is offered for non-school days. Swimming, group activities, crafts, daily field trips and more are part of the fun. 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.

**New! Kangoo, Jump Fitness, Mondays or Tuesdays, January 6-March 25, Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University, Centennial, and Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgeway Circle, Lone Tree.**

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January 14 at Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgeway Circle, Lone Tree

January 15 at Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University, Centennial

January 16 at Douglas H. Buck Community Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton

January 17 at Family Sports Center, 6901 S Peoria St, Centennial

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### DUES ASSESSMENT

2014 Assessment letters will be mailed the week of January 2nd. The single family homeowner dues for the fiscal year January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 remain at the 2013 rate of \$879. The Village I townhome dues remain at \$383. **Our governing documents specify that dues be paid in full once yearly.**

In addition to the dues assessment, Association FAQ's are included. **If you do not receive your assessment letter by January 15th, please call the Business Office so that we may send you a duplicate copy.**

The deadline for paying your dues without late charges is **March 1, 2014**. If you have any questions please call the Business Office at 303-793-0230.

### COMMENTS FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

**Please pick up your dog's poop when you walk your dog!** Part of having a pet is properly caring for that pet and that includes being responsible about picking up your own dog's business. Leaving it on someone else's lawn is not just un-neighborly, it's rude! There is a trash can located in the open space at Costilla Ave. and Homestead Parkway if you don't want to walk carrying a bag. Maybe plan your walk in that direction?

And now trash cans. Did you know that leaving your trash can on the side of your house in view of the street is actually a covenant violation? It's the most frequent complaint (in addition to dog poop) that the Business Office receives. **Please remember to store your trash cans in your garage or behind your fence.** *Thank you.*

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<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>
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<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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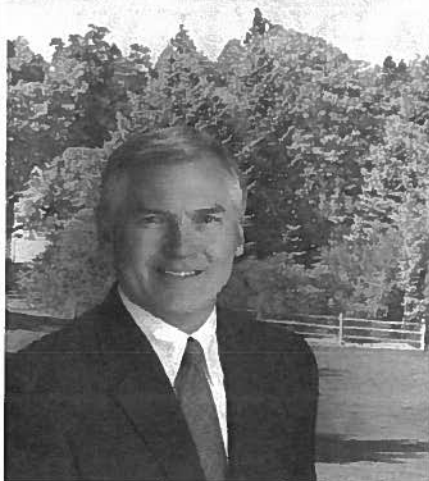


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January is School Board Recognition Month and the Cherry Creek School District is proud to acknowledge the steadfast commitment and invaluable contributions made by the members of the Board of Education; Karen Fisher, Claudine McDonald, Jim O'Brien, Randy Perlis and David Willman.

“How fortunate we are to have these selfless volunteers leading our district,” said Dr. Harry Bull, superintendent of Cherry Creek Schools. “They give generously of their time to thoroughly study and carefully consider many challenging and complex issues. Every decision they make is based on what is in the best interest of our students.”

Board members are responsible for the academic success of more than 51,000 students, as well as the efficient management of a district with nearly 9,000 full and part-time employees and an annual general fund budget of over \$400 million. They spend countless hours studying student achievement and school finance, working with lawmakers and educational experts, meeting with district administrators, teachers, staff members, parents and students, and attending school and district events.

Each board member represents one of the district's five director districts, but they are elected 'at-large' to four-year terms by registered voters via a non-partisan ballot. Board of Education meetings are generally held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at one of the Cherry Creek schools. Contact information for the Board of Education is 720-554-4300 or [ccsdboard@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:ccsdboard@cherrycreekschools.org).

## CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS RECEIVE RECOGNITION FOR ACADEMIC GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT

Fifteen Cherry Creek schools have earned the 2013 John Irwin Schools of Excellence Award from the Colorado Department of Education. The John Irwin Award is presented to schools that “exceed” expectations related to academic achievement and that “meet or exceed” expectations related to academic growth gaps. These schools demonstrate the highest levels of achievement not just for some students but also adequate performance across all student groups. For high schools, the schools also “meet or exceed” graduation expectations.

Homestead Elementary, West Middle School and Cherry Creek High School all earned the 2013 John Irwin Award.



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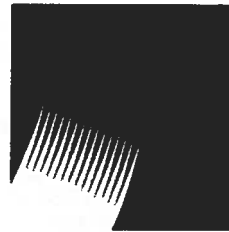
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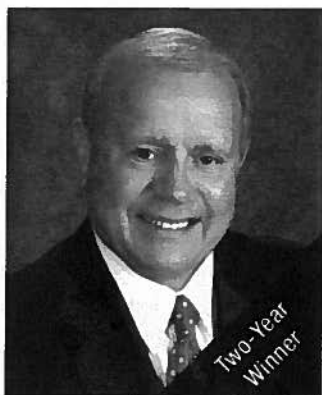


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