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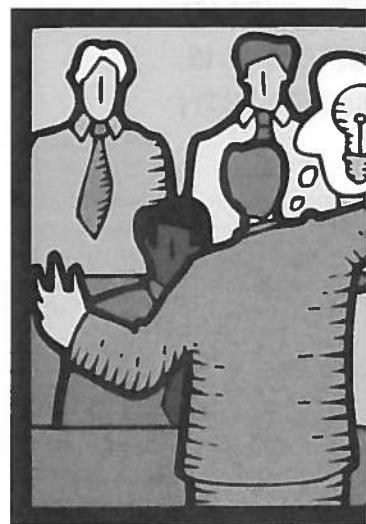
ANNUAL HOA MEETING

March 9, 2015 7:00 p.m.

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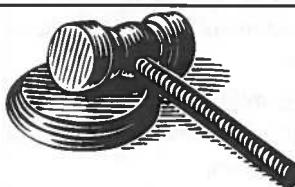
There will be a drawing for half off the HOA dues (over \$450!) for those attending the meeting.

You must be a member in good standing (2015 dues paid) and present to win. If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, please complete the voting proxy found on page 6 and return it to the Business Office before March 9th.



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Next Regular
Board Meeting
6:30pm
April 14, 2015
West Pool Office

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IS
MARCH 13TH



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THE ASSOCIATION When a member wishes to report observed concerns or helpful ideas pertaining as of responsibility of the Architectural Design Review Committee, Land-Use Business Office, please, when you message on the answering machine, leave a telephone number so that we can all. We cannot act on any call not identified.
or help.

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BOARD MEETING

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

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

West 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 1st. If you are a Renter, you should forward all notices to the Homeowner.

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

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Annual Homeowner

Homestead in the Willows homeowner your neighbors at our Annual Meeting, once-a-year opportunity to meet our g ask questions, and talk together about future.

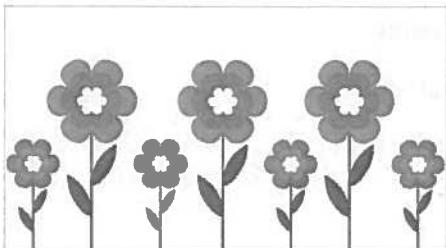
Our Annual Meeting is the place for a big view of what is planned for this money is being spent, and what challenges facing. The governing Board makes maintaining our community property, recreational facilities so it is crucial that understands our priorities, concerns a

Your attendance is a very short “time future of OUR community. The health security of OUR community depends being involved.

Who is OUR community? OUR community every Homeowner and family member in our community and OUR community is A

Boy Scout Troop 373 Flower Sale

Once again Homestead's Scout Troop 373 will be having its annual spring flower sale and fundraiser. Look for us on March 15th as we take orders for a wide variety of beautiful annual flowers, vegetables, and herbs. If we miss you, we'll leave a brochure at your home, or you can also visit our website (www.troop373.org) to download the order form. When spring has arrived in earnest, we'll will hand deliver your plants just in time for Mother's Day, on Friday, May 8th or Saturday, May 9th. Thank you for your loyal support of Troop 373 Scouts!



Monday, March 11
Homestead Elementary School Gym
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm





Homestead in the Willows Annual Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 9, 2015

7:00 pm

Homestead Elementary Gymnasium

- **Call to Order**
- **Meet Your HOA Representatives**
 - **Board Members Managers**
 - **Committees – Swim Team & ACC**
 - **Prospective Board Member(s) and election**
- **Comments about our Neighborhood**
- **Architectural Control Committee update**
- **Perimeter Fence update**
- **Financial Report**
- **Open Forum - Q & A, Homeowner Comments**
- **Board Election Results**
- **Drawing for half off dues**
- **Adjournment**

HOA Board of Directors Nominee

Warren S. Zeller III

Good afternoon. When my wife, Bonnie, and I were married 32 years ago we bought a to Southpark in Littleton. We enjoyed our 4 years there but quickly grew out of the townhome and I were blessed with a set of twins, Brooke and Jeffrey. As we drove around looking for a place to live we decided Homestead and Willow Creek had the best inventory of homes for the price at the time. I remember how well kept Homestead was from a landscaping point of view. I remember the style of the Sanford homes had more variety than Willow Creek. The home Homestead, back in 1986, also did an excellent job of maintaining their own property. This was a significant observation because I truly believe that is why Homestead has held its value over the years. A strong HOA means a strong and vibrant community. 28 years later we are now in the Homestead home. Education was also an important consideration for us and we knew that the Schools were excellent and our three children all excelled and thrived in the system. Our sons went to Wheaton and Stanford and our youngest son went to Michigan. They all went on to get their degrees at their undergraduate schools with the exception of Jeffrey who is at Harvard now.

Since my wife and kids are not running for a board seat, I should probably tell you a little about myself. I have been in marketing and advertising for my entire career and I currently work for an agency in Morristown, New Jersey, however, I work out of my home (thank goodness). I grew up in Littleton and then headed off to Southern Methodist University for college. I came back after graduation, then working for a year in Dallas and I have never had to move since. My first 10 years began at TCI which has now morphed into Comcast. I was then asked to join my boss to start two channels called Encore and Starz. After a successful run there I left to join what are now two of the "big data" companies, both of which were purchased while I was at each of them. For the last 10 years I have been with Eclipse Marketing in New Jersey.

As I wind down my career, I am looking for ways to give back to this community where I was richly blessed. Homestead is, and will continue to be, a strong community if its leadership enforces the standards and enforces the covenants as they are written in the by-laws.

I would welcome the opportunity to work with the other strong individuals who are already on the Homestead board.

Sincerely,
Warren S. Zeller III

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please complete and return this proxy form to the 3:00 pm on Monday, March 9, 2015.

PROXY APPOINTMENT FORM

three board members. Please direct your proxy to vote for three nominees.

MEMBER'S PROXY FOR THE
2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
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HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

_____, being a voting
member of Homestead in the Willows Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "Association"), by virtue
of my ownership of described property, do hereby revoke any prior proxy granted by me/us with respect to my/
the Association and constitute and appoint _____, or, if I/we have not completed the blank, the President of the Association or, in his absence at the meeting or failure or inability to
act or any continuation thereof, the Vice-President of the Association, my/our true and lawful agent
having full power to act in my/our name and place with full power of substitution, to vote as my/
at the annual meeting of the members of the Association to be held on March 9th at 7:00 p.m. as well as at
the meeting for the purpose of casting my/our vote for the following person(s) to be a Director of
the Association indicated below.

Mary Anne Buczyna

Chris Raab

Warren Zeller

trade and power granted by this proxy shall survive the disability of the granting member(s) and nefit of and be binding upon the heirs, representatives, successors and assigns of the member(s).

it the requested information beneath your signature. If the Homestead property is jointly owned, s may sign. If more than one proxy is granted or vote case by joint owners who cannot agree, the on or by proxy, will be the only vote counted.

Signature

✓ Address: _____

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HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Regular Board Meeting February 10, 2015 – Unofficial Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: President, Chris Raab, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board Member Mary Anne Buczyna, Bev Ruud, and Cole Wist; as well as Business Manager, Katie Kidwell; Land Nancy Bauer; Pool Manager, Jaylene Jones; and Tennis Manager, Melissa Shuck. Also present was Parent Representative Mike Atwell and 2016 Swim Team Parent Representative Ryan Langdon. Honoree Zeller, Jeff and Chris Watson and Jack Lutz attended all or a portion of the meeting as well as Consultants Brad Anderson and Michael Dye.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 13, 2015 regular meeting were approved as read.

SWIM TEAM: The diving blocks are being re-surfaced. Mike reminded the Board that they agreed to that cost and formally requested the annual HOA donation to the Swim Team.

MANAGER REPORTS

1. **POOL:** Front Range has started hiring lifeguards for the summer season and has started tiling the North Pool.
2. **LANDSCAPE:** Nancy reported that Wright Tree began removing trees along Dry Creek 1 by Xcel Energy. Water Ketch has started the 2015 sprinkler renovation work and DVA will be repairing to the perimeter fence from the September 2014 hailstorm.
3. **TENNIS:** Melissa reported that the status of the courts during the winter months remained reported that USTA tennis teams were being formed in preparation for spring and summer.
4. **BUSINESS:** Katie reported that dues collection is proceeding as usual for February and received reimbursement from Philadelphia for the hail claim the Association submitted. The temporary PTCO asked the Board to donate a pool party for 50 guests to their silent auction. The Board agreed to do so. Katie was still waiting for Pagett Electric to quote the electric work on the property. She reported on several requests from homeowners:
 1. Could the HOA dues be split into two or more payments? No, the Bylaw states that the dues must be paid in full by March 1st. Provisions are available on a case-by-case basis for hardship situations as outlined in the collection policy.



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LANDSCAPE LOGIC

By: Nancy Bauer



March Landscape Tips

You know that March has arrived, 'when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade'! With spring around the corner here is a landscaping checklist:

*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.

* Rake leaves and remove old fruit from fruit and deciduous trees.

* 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.

*Check evergreens for browning and deciduous trees for buds that have died, and deep water.

*Water your lawn if you see evidence of spider mites; thinning grass, soil exposed, excessive yellowing or browning of grass blades

*Spray dormant trees and shrubs for oyster scale, repeat application, before plants bud out.

*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



Five things you can do now to get you for spring:

* **Compost.** If you didn't work compost fall, throw fresh compost over the garden snow covered. It will settle over the soil work it right in before planting.

* **Get going on seed.** You can plant crops soon as the ground can be tilled (March) your seed ready. Find a local garden center online or from catalogs.

* **Select your crops.** Carrots, spinach, green onions, and peas are veggies to plant these veggies are harvested in about a month can be re-planted with warm season matoes, broccoli, cauliflower, small corn.

* **Plan what grows where.** Rotating your crops each year is a good practice in order to diseases that can overwinter in the soil. veggies. They are more threatening not cleaned out of the garden last fall. corn are crops to move to a new place.

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



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2. Why don't the houses on the portion of East Geddes Circle that back to ter fences? The houses that back to Holly have the advantage of both a vie None of the houses in the Association that back to open space have privacy

3. A resident suggested other residents might enjoy Centennial 101, which course explaining how the City of Centennial operated.

Katie also reported on the progress of updating the bathrooms at the North Pool to be ADA co tioned the Board that full compliance might exceed the budget allocated. The Board felt stron should be a good faith effort on the part of the Association to update the bathrooms in accorda specifications and agreed to continue exploring the requirements and associated costs.

HOMEOWNER COMMENTS: Account owners 401 approached the Board with an appeal to ov denial. After some discussion of the unique situation Cole moved to overrule the ACC decision for allow them to complete the roof on their house to match the stone coated metal installed in 2009. I motion, which carried. Chris stated for the record that the Board supports the ACC decisions and s process. They were correct in their denial of the roof, however the Board took action based on the stances in this instance. Account owner 057 appealed to the Board to allow Impact Resistant aspha The Board repeated the reasons given at the November Board meeting at which a similar appeal wa Impact Resistant products are available on the ACC's approved roofing material list. Further the B agree that the three-ply asphalt material is superior in appearance to the two-ply impact resistant as mum asphalt shingle allowed in the Association will continue to be triple laminate.

ACC REPORT: Mary Anne reported that the ACC volunteers were working very hard to keep up most of which were for new roofs. The Board discussed ways to thank the volunteers. A thank you taurant was suggested but no funds for such an event had been budgeted. Cole suggested a pool pa which would be contributed personally by the Board. Another suggestion was to see if a surplus de be used for the purpose of thanking the volunteers. No decision was made.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mary Anne reported that income was currently over budget. Expenses t January and included lower than expected administrative expenses because the insurance policy rer to February. Trash and Utility expenses were \$9,702 and Land Maintenance totaled \$1,987.

There was no old business.

The Board confirmed the details of annual Meeting. Katie presented the General Liability insurance for the Association carrier, Philadelphia, was instituting coverage for hail deductible. Several other guests, most of whom refused to attend because of the diving boards at the meeting, red a 2% per structure hail deductible. There was a discussion about removing the diving boards. Mary Anne moved and carried that the Association renew with motion passed unanimously. Mary Anne and Mary Anne seconded a motion to convene an executive session for discussing advice from legal counsel. The executive session was convened at

from executive session at 8:59 p.m.

AND CALENDARING: The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the

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TENNIS NEWS

Homestead Summer Tennis Tennis continues to be very popular in our neighborhood. If you are looking to join a team for USTA evenings or CTA Daytime, please contact Susan Wist (contact info below). Let her know your level and if you are looking to play evenings or daytime. Many of the teams are full, but we are trying to keep a list of interested players and assess the need to add teams where there is court availability.

Men's teams: We have only had a men's 4.0 team in the past. **We would like to start a new USTA 3.5 men's team this summer and are actively looking to fill the team.** We unfortunately have too many teams competing for courts on the night that 3.0 men play USTA. If there is interest, we could start a men's 4.0 and over league for 3.0 - that season starts June 22.

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FOR SALE OR RENT:

WANTED: Hiring Full-Time Summer for a responsible and fun-loving neighborhood-aged kids (June through mid-August). Email jenny_ann_young@t

HOUSE WANTED: "We are a family making Homestead in the Willows our new home. If you are considering selling your home, contact us at 303-887-6650 or 303-506-7222. Thank you! The Bradleys"

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WANTED: Former Homestead Elementary teacher looking for a house in Homestead a 4 bedroom home on the southeast side of town. All options. **Call Ali (Lewis) Schroer or email ali.schroer@gmail.com.**

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2015 Event Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Event	Locat
Thursday	April 9	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Information Meeting	Homest
Thursday	April 16	8:00 am	Registration begins	Team w
Mon – Tues	May 11-12	3:30 – 5:00 pm	6 & under swim tryouts	North P
Wed – Fri	May 13-15	3:45 – 6:45 pm	Swim Practice	North P
Saturday	May 16	6:00 pm	Family Night	North P
Mon – Fri	May 18-22	3:45 – 6:45 pm	Swim Practice	North P
Friday	May 22		Registration closes	Team w
Saturday	May 23	6:00 am – noon	Intra-club Meet	North F
Monday	May 25		No Swim Practice - Last day for refunds (Me	
Tues – Fri	May 26-29	3:45 – 6:45 pm	Swim Practice	North P
Friday	May 29	6:00 pm	Pep Rally!!!	North P
Saturday	May 30	6:00 am – 2:00 pm	Dual Meet @ Stonegate	Stoneg
Monday	June 1	3:45 – 6:45 pm	Swim Practice	North P
Tuesday	June 2	7:45 – 11:00 pm	Moonlight Madness Practice	North P
Wed – Fri	June 3-5	7:00 am – noon	Morning Swim Practice	North P
Wednesday	June 3	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Stroke Clinic	South F
Saturday	June 6	7:30 am	Team Picture	North P
Saturday	June 6	6 am – 2 pm	Dual Meet – Cherry Knolls	North F
Mon – Fri	June 8-12	7:00 am – noon	Swim Practice	North P
Tuesday	June 9	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Star Meet (10 & under)	North P
Wednesday	June 10	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Stroke Clinic	South F
Saturday	June 13	6:00 am – 2:00 pm	Dual Meet – Forest Park	North F
Mon – Fri	June 15-19	7:00 am – noon	Swim Practice	North P
Tuesday	June 16	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Star Meet (10 & under)	North P
Wednesday	June 17	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Stroke Clinic	South F
Friday	June 19	7:00 am – noon	Pancake Breakfast	North P
Saturday	June 20	6:00 am – 2:00 pm	Dual Meet @ Heritage Greens	Heritag
Saturday	June 20	7:00 – 10:00 pm	Parent party	
Monday	June 22		Swim-a-thon - No Swim Practice	North P
Tues – Fri	June 23-26	7:00 am – noon	Swim practice	North P
Tuesday	June 23	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Star Meet (10 & under)	North P
Wednesday	June 24	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Stroke Clinic	South F
Friday	June 26	6:00 pm	Pasta Pep Rally!!!	North P
Saturday	June 27	7:00 am – 2:00 pm	Dual Meet @ Cherry Creek Vista	Cherry
Monday	June 29		Age Group Pictures	North P
Mon – Fri	June 29-July3	7:00 am – noon	Swim Practice	North P
Tues	June 30	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Rain day for Star Meet	North P
Saturday	July 4	11:00 am – 3:00	Fourth of July Party	North P
Mon – Fri	July 6-10	TBA	Swim practice	North P
Mon – Fri	July 6-10	6:00 am – 3:00 pm	RMSL Prelims	Neighb
Monday	July 6	6:00 am – 3:00 pm	6 & Under and 7-8 Prelims	
Tuesday	July 7	6:00 am – 3:00 pm	13-14 and 15-18 Prelims	
Wednesday	July 8	6:00 am – 3:00 pm	9-10 Prelims	
Thursday	July 9	6:00 am – 3:00 pm	11-12 Prelims	
Friday	July 10		Potential makeup day for any postponed Pr	
Saturday	July 11	6:00 am – 3:00 pm	RMSL Finals	Stoneg
Sunday	July 12	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Award Ceremony	South F
Sunday	July 12	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Pool Party	South F

*Meets will be held unless the temperature drops below 55 degrees or lightning is observed in area per RMSL bylaws and regulations.



COMMUNITY NEWS

HEAD PLAYGROUPS

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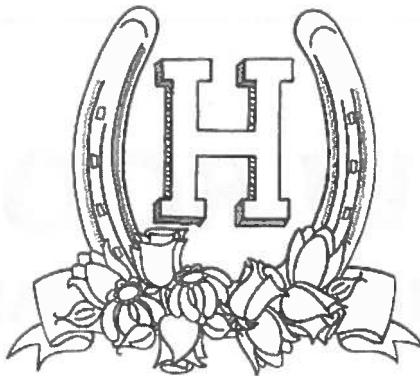
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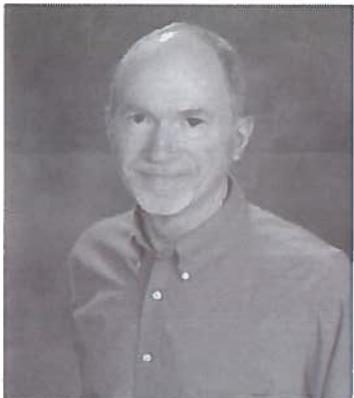
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**When: Saturday, March 21st
(Rain Date: Saturday, March 28th)**

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Where: North Pool Grounds

**Age Groups: 3 & Under, 4-5
years, 6-8 years & 9-11 years**

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Applications must be accompanied by complete plans, sketches, samples, color charts and pertinent information so that the ACC has an idea of your project as possible. When applying for a fence changes, sheds, accessory buildings or structures, also submit a drawing of your project, the location of the fence or item and its size, height and style of the proposed fence or structure.

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Coyote Breeding Season is underway

Be alert and avoid conflict

(Centennial, CO) Coyotes are in the midst of breeding season so the City of Centennial and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) would like to remind people to take precautions with their pets. Coyotes are establishing their territories and may perceive any canine - large or small- as a threat. Smaller dogs and cats may prey at any time of year. Coyotes can be active any time of day so steps should be taken to protect your pets.

Coyotes, foxes and other wildlife are abundant in urban areas. Residents are encouraged to be aware of their surroundings and to do their part to prevent conflicts. Please keep in mind the following tips in case you encounter a coyote.

TIPS TO REMEMBER:

Discouraging Coyotes near Homes

- Frighten coyotes with loud noises.
- Remove all food attractants from yards such as pet food, table scraps on compost piles, fallen fruit.
- Trim or remove vegetation and brush that provides cover for prey (such as mice and rabbits) and hide coyotes; trim lower limbs of shrubs and conifer trees.
- Keep all trash out of reach of coyotes; place trash out only on the morning of pickup.

Protecting Pets

- Keep pets in fenced areas or kennels to minimize encounters; many coyotes can scale a six-foot fence.
- Attend your pets when they are in the yard, especially at night.
- Keep cats indoors.
- Pet kennels and runs should have a fully-enclosed roof.
- Keep pets on a short leash when walking them in open space areas.
- Do not allow pets to run loose in areas where there is coyote activity.
- Keep pets vaccinated.

Protecting Yourself and Your Family

- Although rare, coyotes have been known to injure people. Most of these incidents involved people trying to feed coyotes.

about urban wildlife and never feed wildlife.

ly wary of humans and will avoid people whenever possible. If a coyote does approach you, haze it ises, yelling, throwing objects or make yourself look big.

our yard, haze it out of there.

tempt to "tame" a coyote.

en to be **SMART** if they have an encounter with a coyote or other predator:
not run or turn your back to it.

urself look bigger by lifting your arms or pulling your jacket over your head.

•e your presence loudly and firmly such as "LEAVE ME ALONE!"

try backing away slowly.

adult of your encounter.

rgency regarding this matter, call 911. For additional information, contact the City of Centennial, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, 3030-291-7227.

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ir thirst? Right now in the midst of drought, keeping trees properly watered is critical to their survival. Trees that have more brittle limbs that will be more likely to break in storms - and drought-stressed trees are more susceptible to insects and disease. As with humans, hydration is the most critical component for tree health.

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NEWS

CCSD SUPERINTENDENT JOINS SUPERINTENDENTS FROM AROUND THE STATE TO URGE LAWMAKERS TO FUND SCHOOLS

Last week more than 100 Colorado school district superintendents stood together to remind lawmakers of their support for Gov. Hickenlooper's proposal for an additional \$200 million in funding for public schools. The superintendents also are asking for an additional \$70 million. Of that sum, \$50 million would be distributed to districts for children living in poverty and \$20 million would go to "small rural" school districts as defined by the Rural Education Council.

Last year, after state superintendents and parents joined together, legislators agreed to pay down \$110 million of the more than \$1 billion in funds withheld during the recession. But in the current year's budget, the Cherry Creek School District remains short by more than \$54.6 million of funds constitutionally mandated by the voter-approved Amendment 23.

"Because of the community's willingness to support our bond and budget elections in past years, we have been able to protect class size, retain effective classroom teachers, and keep programs, activities and athletics to provide a quality education to our children," Bull said.

Parents and others can participate in the conversation by contacting their legislators. Things they can do include:

- **Call OR Send** an email to your representatives. Legislator contact information can be found [here](#).
- **Mail** a letter to your legislator: Colorado State Capitol, 200 E. Colfax, Denver CO 80203

- **Attend** a town hall, coffee, or event with your elected officials.
- **Schedule** a time to meet with your community.
- **Invite** education supporters in your community to join you in engaging with elected officials.
- **Tell** them you consider the budget a document; that you expect each district to receive its fair share – which is more than keeping up with inflation. Now that the economy is recovering, our kids should receive a fair share with the budget.
- **Explain** how years of budget cuts in districts have impacted your school. **Be sure to tell them about your child's school.**
- **Let them know** that you'll clearly to see how things are progressing.
- **Ask** if there's anything you can do to help.

Always be civil. Thank them for serving Colorado and for representing your interests.

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Cherry Creek High School

Mar 5	5-8 pm, Ethnic Fest
Mar 11-13	7 pm, Spring Musical
Mar 14	2 pm, Spring Musical
	7 pm Spring Musical
Mar 19	pm, Jazz Band Concert
Mar 24	6:30 pm, Mid-Winter Union Street Jazz, Ch.
Mar 24	8 pm, Mid-Winter Ch. Statesmen, A Cappella Meistersingers
Mar 25	7 pm, Concert Band, S. Wind Ensemble
Mar 26	7 pm, Orchestra Concert

LIBRARY NEWS

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Family Play Series – Parents and children: See how playing can build language, literacy and lots. Take home free books and materials so you can continue to play and learn. (March 1)

LEGO® Bricks – Create a LEGO® brick masterpiece in 60 minutes or less. (March 5 and 20)

6-10) – Improve your reading skills by reading to a dog. Register for a 30-minute session. *We've Had Paws Will Travel, the Guide Dog Puppy Raising Club of Arapahoe County.* (March 14)

Parent/Child Workshop Series – Parents and caregivers of children ages 1-3: Enjoy playful learningly-designed early learning setting. Experts will be available to answer questions. (March 6, 13, 20)

us to play chess, the game of kings! Bring your own chess set or use one of ours. (March 8)

9) – So you'd like to be a ninja? Learn a bit about the ninja code, practice your skills and make (March 4, 19 and 22)

– Are you caring for young children ages 0-5? Join us for a special storytime with extended activities at home. *Sponsored in part by the Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council.* (March 3, 5, 9, 12,

1-17)

Well – Strengthen your craft and meet other writers with a passionate pen. Writers are invited to bring work to read aloud and for critique. For specifics, visit arapahoelibraries.org (Programs & Classes)

Games & More – Laugh at some of the worst games ever made while enjoying other games. *Video Games for Everyone through T-Teen. For information, visit esrb.org.* (March 4, 13 and 27)

Crafts – Demonstrate your rebel spirit by creating a fan T-shirt and unique temporary tattoo, *Rebel* and *Insurgent* trivia. Bring a plain T-shirt for stenciling. (March 18)

Earth – Celebrate the end of *The Hobbit* movie trilogy. Test your wits, archery skills and even a touch of earth (March 9 and 25)

– Watch a movie in our new auditorium. Your commentary and jokes are welcome, because talking only makes it more entertaining! (March 6)

Test your pop culture knowledge against other teens. Participate on a team or go it alone. (March

Adults (ages 18 and up)

AARP Smart Driver Course (for drivers ages 50 and older) – Learn defensive driving techniques, and more. *Fee: \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members, payable to AARP at the class.* (March 1)

AARP Tax Assistance (one hour sessions) – AARP offers free tax preparation assistance to low income especially those ages 60 and older. The assistance is for regular tax returns only. Please Note: It is important to bring the necessary documents to your session. For a checklist and to register, please visit your library, call or go to arapahoelibraries.org (Programs & Classes). (March 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 and 31)

Classic Film Series – Join us for a screening and discussion of the classic film *It Happened One Night* (unrated), starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert. (March 12)

English Conversation Circles – Practice your English language skills. For details, including dates and times, visit arapahoelibraries.org (Programs & Classes).

Intro to iMovie – Learn the basics of video production and editing. *Presented by The MacSpa.* (March 13)

Paint a Birdhouse – Here's a chance to paint a birdhouse using your own unique style. Keep it for yourself or share it with your feathered friends. (March 16 and 19)

Topic Tuesday – We'll view educational videos ranging from current events to historical perspectives. Share your thoughts, ideas and opinions. (March 10)

Writers Circle – Join us for an adult writing group that will provide support to strengthen your craft. Invited to bring copies of their work to read aloud and for critique. For specifics, visit arapahoelibraries.org (Programs & Classes link). (March 11)

Family

Family Storytime in Russian – This storytime is for families with children of all ages, but geared to ages 5 and up. We will have picture books, rhymes, songs and play. Parents and caregivers are asked to stay and participate. *Program registration is required. To register, please register each child attending.* (March 7, 14, 21 and 28)

Game On – Play computer games and video games – you never know what games you'll get. Come and have fun playing! *Video games are rated E – Everyone through T – Teen. For information, visit esrb.org.*

Raptors of the Rockies (ages 5 and up) – Meet the raptors that call the Rocky Mountains home. A falcon will be on hand to help teach us how raptors affect the environment we all share. (March 21)

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- **Spring Break Camp**, 7 am- 6 pm, **Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial**. Ages 5-10 years. For more information, contact maryk@sspr.org or 303-708-3518.
- **Adventure Camp**, 7 am-6 pm, **Family Sports Center, 6901 S Peoria, Centennial**. Ages 6-13 years. For more information, contact christinai@sspr.org or 303-754-0552.
- **Nature Camp**, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, **South Platte Park, 3000 W Carson Drive, Littleton**. Ages 6-12 years. For more information, contact victorias@sspr.org or 303-730-1022.
- **Arts & Enrichment Camps, Times vary, Recreation center locations vary, all ages**. For more information, contact darciel@sspr.org or 303-483-7072.

Hey, Kids, be a South Suburban VolunTeen!, Register online, by Sat, Apr 18.

Kids, ages 12-15, have fun this summer while gaining valuable work experience. VolunTeens receive training, an exclusive T-shirt, and South Suburban photo ID badge. Volunteer this summer at a variety of District locations, and earn community service hours. Visit the volunteer page at www.ssprd.org for details and to download an application. For more information, contact jamied@sspr.org.

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FREE! Denver Invitational Skating Competition, Thursday-Sunday, March 12-15 at So Ice Arena, 6580 S. Vine St., Centennial

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FREE! The Great Egg Scramble, Saturday, 8:30 - 11:30 am, Family Sports Dome, St, Centennial.

It is open to ages 12 and under. Start times: 3 and under, 9 am; 4-6 years, 9:30 am, 10-12 years, 10:30 am. Please bring a basket to collect the colorful eggs scattered which will be turned in for candy and prizes. For more information, contact Christina Ibarra at Christinai@sspr.org.

Colorado Journey Egg Hunt, Friday, 8:15 pm, Colorado Journey, 5150 S. Vail, Littleton.

Kids 13 and under enjoy hunting for eggs on the mini golf course. Both courses close at 8 pm. All kids receive a bag of candy (please). Spring-time Bunny available for pictures. Please bring your own basket. Start times: Ages 2 and under, 5:30 pm; Ages 5-8, 7 pm; Ages 9-13, 8 pm. Fee: \$3 per child. For more information or interest in sponsoring the event, contact Matt Plager at 303-734-1083 or MattPlager@sspr.org.

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