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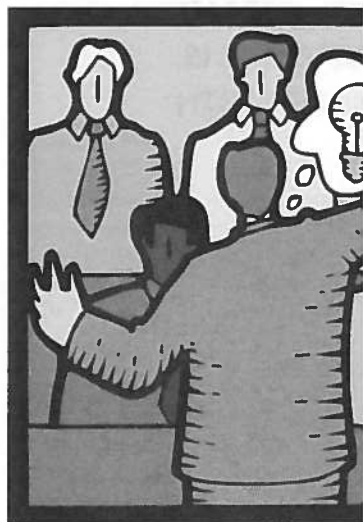
## ANNUAL HOA MEETING

**March 9, 2015 7:00 p.m.**

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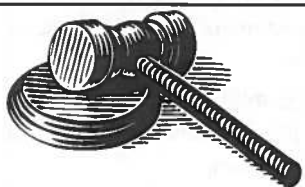
**There will be a drawing for half off the HOA dues (over \$450!) for those attending the meeting.**

**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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- Boy Scout Flower Sale, page 3
- Annual neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt, page
- Homestead Elementary PTCO Silent Auction,



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

**THE APRIL  
HERALD DEADLINE  
IS  
MARCH 13TH**





## ASSOCIATION NEWS

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**Meetings are open to residents.  
Office for dates.**

**THE ASSOCIATION** When  
member wishes to report observed  
concerns or helpful ideas pertaining  
as of responsibility of the Architec-  
Design Review Committee, Land-  
Business Office, please, when you  
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and telephone number so that we  
all. **We cannot act on any call  
not identified.**

for help.

## BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

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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 1<sup>st</sup>. If you  
are a **Renter**, you should forward all notices to the  
Homeowner.

**THE HOMESTEAD HERALD** is published monthly  
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Business Office is located at 5896 E. Geddes Ave.,  
(West Pool House) Centennial, CO 80112.** News  
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**15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication.** Email to the  
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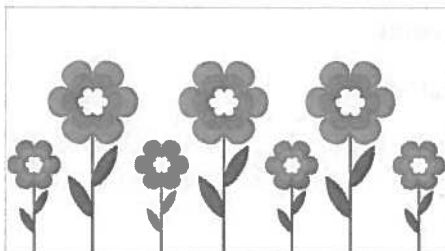
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## Boy Scout Troop 373 Flower Sale

Once again Homestead's Scout Troop 373 will be having it's 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](http://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!



## Annual Homeowner

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

Our Annual Meeting is the place for homeowners to get a big view of what is planned for this year. The money is being spent, and what challenges we are facing. The governing Board makes decisions about maintaining our community property, recreational facilities so it is crucial that homeowners understand our priorities, concerns and

Your attendance is a very short "time investment" in the future of OUR community. The health and security of OUR community depends on everyone being involved.

Who is OUR community? OUR community includes every Homeowner and family member who lives in OUR community and OUR community is A

**Monday, March 15**  
**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 townhome in Southpark in Littleton. We enjoyed our 4 years there but quickly grew out of the townhome and I was 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 we could afford at the time. I remember how well kept Homestead was from a landscaping point of view. I also remember the style of the Sanford homes had more variety than Willow Creek. The homeowners at Homestead, back in 1986, also did an excellent job of maintaining their own property. These are significant observations 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 our 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 oldest son, 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 moved to Littleton and then headed off to Southern Methodist University for college. I came back after college then working for a year in Dallas and I have never had to move since. My first 10 years were at TCI which has now morphed into Comcast. I was then asked to join my boss to start two new channels called Encore and Starz. After a successful run there I left to join what are now "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 am so richly blessed. Homestead is, and will continue to be, a strong community if its leadership is good and standards are enforced as 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**

**HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

\_\_\_\_\_, being a voting  
inding of Homestead in the Willows Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "Association"), by virtue  
wing 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 com-  
g blank, the President of the Association or, in his absence at the meeting or failure or inability to  
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/  
ual meeting of the members of the Association to be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> 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  
indicated below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mary Anne Buczyna

\_\_\_\_\_ Chris Raab

\_\_\_\_\_ Warren Zeller

ade 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).

at 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

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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 Members Mary Anne Buczyna, Bev Ruud, and Cole Wist; as well as Business Manager, Katie Kidwell; Land Manager, 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. Helen Zeller, Jeff and Chris Watson and Jack Lutz attended all or a portion of the meeting as well as Assistants 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 the work on the North Pool.
2. **LANDSCAPE:** Nancy reported that Wright Tree began removing trees along Dry Creek by Xcel Energy. Water Ketch has started the 2015 sprinkler renovation work and DVA will do repairs to the perimeter fence from the September 2014 hailstorm.
3. **TENNIS:** Melissa reported that the status of the courts during the winter months remained the same. She 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 that the Association received reimbursement from Philadelphia for the hail claim the Association submitted. The Pennsylvania PTCA 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 Bylaws state that the dues must be paid in full by March 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 your garden ready for spring:

- \* **Compost.** If you didn't work compost over the fall, throw fresh compost over the garden now. If the ground is snow covered. It will settle over the snow and melt. Then you can work it right in before planting.

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

- \* **Select your crops.** Carrots, spinach, green onions, and peas are veggies to plant now. These veggies are harvested in about 6-8 weeks. These crops can be re-planted with warm season crops like tomatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, small cabbages.

- \* **Plan what grows where.** Rotating crops each year is a good practice in order to prevent diseases that can overwinter in the soil. Plan your crops. They are more threatening if 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 in the compost 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 view. 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 compliant. The Board that full compliance might exceed the budget allocated. The Board felt strong should be a good faith effort on the part of the Association to update the bathrooms in accordance with specifications and agreed to continue exploring the requirements and associated costs.

**HOMEOWNER COMMENTS:** Account owners 401 approached the Board with an appeal to overturn 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. In motion, which carried. Chris stated for the record that the Board supports the ACC decisions and its process. They were correct in their denial of the roof, however the Board took action based on the circumstances in this instance. Account owner 057 appealed to the Board to allow Impact Resistant asphalt. The Board repeated the reasons given at the November Board meeting at which a similar appeal was denied. Impact Resistant products are available on the ACC's approved roofing material list. Further the Board agrees that the three-ply asphalt material is superior in appearance to the two-ply impact resistant asphalt. The 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 luncheon was suggested but no funds for such an event had been budgeted. Cole suggested a pool party which would be contributed personally by the Board. Another suggestion was to see if a surplus could 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 for January and included lower than expected administrative expenses because the insurance policy renewal was in February. Trash and Utility expenses were \$9,702 and Land Maintenance totaled \$1,987.

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There was no old business.

The Board confirmed the details of annual Meeting. Katie presented the Annual Liability insurance for the Association, Philadelphia, was instituting a \$100,000 deductible. Several other members, most of whom refused to sign because of the diving boards at the pool, voted a 2% per structure hail deductible. A discussion about removing the diving boards from the pools. Mary Anne moved and seconded that the Association renew with the current policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Anne moved and Mary Anne seconded a motion to convene an executive session for discussing advice from legal counsel. The executive session was convened at 8:59 p.m.

from executive session at 8:59 p.m.

**AND CALENDARING:** The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Monday, 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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**HomesteadHomeForSale@gmail.com**

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## 2015 Event Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Event	Locat
Thursday	April 9	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Information Meeting	Homes
Thursday	April 16	8:00 am	Registration begins	Team v
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 v
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	North F
Thursday	July 9	6:00 am – 3:00 pm	11-12 Prelims	Homes
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

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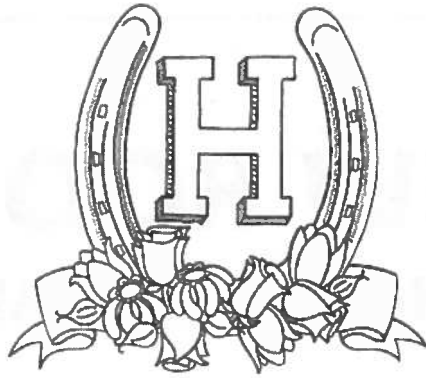
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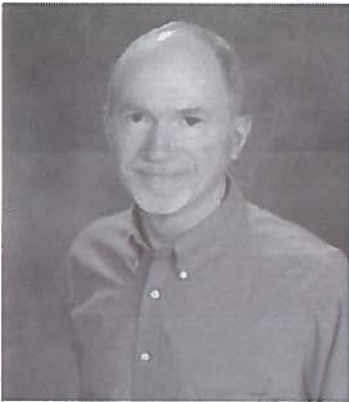
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# CITY OF CENTENNIAL NEWS

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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 be 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 neighbors and to do their part to prevent conflicts. Please keep in mind the following tips in case you come in contact with 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 your pets; 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 1

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  
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# CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS

## 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 official.
  - **Schedule** a time to meet with your community.
  - **Invite** education supporters from the community to join you in engaging elected officials.
  - **Tell** them you consider the budget a top priority; that you expect education its fair share – which is more up with inflation. Now that the economy is recovering, our kids should not be short with the budget.
  - **Explain** how years of budget cuts in school districts have impacted your school. **Be sure to tell them child's school.**
  - **Let them know** that you'll continue to see how things are progressing.
  - **Ask** if there's anything you can do.
- 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	8 pm, Jazz Band Concert
Mar 24	6:30 pm, Mid-Winter Concert
	Union Street Jazz, Chamber Music
Mar 24	8 pm, Mid-Winter Chamber Music
	Statesmen, A Cappella, Meistersingers
Mar 25	7 pm, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble
Mar 26	7 pm, Orchestra Concert

## LIBRARY NEWS

### 5-11)

**Family Play Series** – Parents and children: See how playing can build language, literacy and skills. 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'll Have 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 learning in a specially-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 a plan. (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, 19 and 22)

### 1-17)

**Well** – Strengthen your craft and meet other writers with a passionate pen. Writers are invited to bring a short story to read aloud and for critique. For specifics, visit [arapahoelibraries.org](http://arapahoelibraries.org) (Programs & Classes) (March 5)

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

**Crafts** – Demonstrate your rebel spirit by creating a fan T-shirt and unique temporary tattoo, or design your own *Insurgent* 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 your knowledge of the world. (March 9 and 25)

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

Test your pop culture knowledge against other teens. Participate on a team or go it alone. (March 13 and 20)

## 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 10 and 17)

**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](http://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*, starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert. (March 12)

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

**Intro to iMovie** – Learn the basics of video production and editing. *Presented by The MacSpa.* (March 10)  
**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 and 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 and invited to bring copies of their work to read aloud and for critique. For specifics, visit [arapahoelibraries.org](http://arapahoelibraries.org) (Programs & Classes link). (March 11)

## Family

**Family Storytime in Russian** – This storytime is for families with children of all ages, but geared towards those ages 3 and up. We will have picture books, rhymes, songs and play. Parents and caregivers are asked to stay and participate. *registering, 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](http://esrb.org).*

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

**Program registration is required. To register, visit [arapahoelibraries.org](http://arapahoelibraries.org) (Programs & Classes link), or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279). Davies Library patrons should call 303-769-4311. Library, call 303-822-9392.**

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# SOUTH SUBURBAN NEWS

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:victorias@sspr.org) or 303-730-1022.
- **Arts & Enrichment Camps, Times vary, Recreation center locations vary, all ages.** For more information, contact [darci@sspr.org](mailto:darci@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](http://www.ssprd.org) for details and to download an application. For more information, contact [jamied@sspr.org](mailto:jamied@sspr.org).

## Customer Appreciation Sale, Sunday, April 5

Save money and enjoy ten percent (10%) admission punch passes, monthly passes & 10 session packages of personal training & pampering services like facials and massages. For more information, contact [BeckyR@sspr.org](mailto:BeckyR@sspr.org).

**FREE! Denver Invitational Skating Competition, Thursday-Sunday, March 12-15 at So Ice Arena, 6580 S. Vine St., Centennial.** The Denver Figure Skating Club will host the competition. Admission is FREE. Enjoy the show by talented figure skaters. For more information, contact [303-798-7881](mailto:303-798-7881).

**FREE! The Great Egg Scramble, Saturday, 8:30 - 11:30 am, Family Sports Dome, 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 on the ice which will be turned in for candy and prizes. For more information, contact Christina Ibarra at [Christinai@sspr.org](mailto:Christinai@sspr.org).

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

Kids 13 and under enjoy hunting for eggs on a mini golf course. Both courses closed for the night. All kids receive a bag of candy (prizes available). Spring-time Bunny available for purchase. 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 hunt, contact Matt Plager at 303-734-1083 or [Mattp@sspr.org](mailto:Mattp@sspr.org).

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