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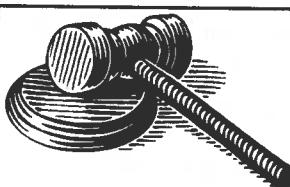
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**Next Regular
Board Meeting
6:30pm
April 9, 2013
West Pool Office**

**THE MAY
HERALD DEADLINE
IS
APRIL 12TH**





ASSOCIATION NEWS

MAY HERALD DEADLINE IS APRIL 12TH

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Mem/Large	Mary Anne Buczyna mabuczyna@homesteadinthewillows.org

COMMITTEES:

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

CENCON REP: Aloah Kincaid

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

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BOARD MEETING

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

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

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 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**. Deliver or mail to Business Office. Call 303-793-0230 for commercial rates, ad sizes or other information.

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THE COVENANT REVIEW TASKFORCE WALK IS LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AWAY

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

HOUSE CONDITION:

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

Shutters - broken vanes

- paint chipping
- no shutters on the house.

Garage doors - paint peeling or chipping

- in general disrepair

Roof - missing shingles

- gutters missing or deteriorating

Driveway - heaved and buckled

- heavy oil stains
- badly flaked

PROPERTY CONDITION:

Dead Branches & Trees - 50% or more dead branches on one or more trees

Shrubs/Vegetation - dead and dying shrubs,

- overrun with weeds
- blocking sidewalk

Lawn - 30% or more weed infested (dandelions, etc.)

- dirt patches
- dead grass areas

Fence - falling down

- missing boards or rails
- pulling away from house

Trash cans -“ stored” in view

General debris -“ stored” around house or porch

Mail box—general disrepair

Vehicles-Commercial or stored vehicles parked in view

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

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HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
Annual Homeowner Meeting – March 11, 2013, 7:00 P.M. – Unofficial Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Homestead Board President, Chris Raab, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone who attended the meeting at Homestead Elementary School. Girl Scout Troop 3863 performed the opening flag ceremony with recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance." Mr. Raab introduced the girls performing the ceremony: Saloni Agarwal, Emily Ausherman, Sanya Bhartiya, Liza Colter, Hailee Connor, Grace Ann Doehler, Hannah Ecker- man, Mary Garnsey, Malia Juba, Mariela Marceny, Allison Pool, Valerie Santander-Lewis, Olivia Schoen, Emma Slack, Martha Eppes Turner, Abby Yasuzawa, and Ella Yousaf. At the conclusion of the Flag Ceremony, Mr. Raab made some introductory remarks about the purpose of a homeowners association and the value of being self-managed. He mentioned that property values remained high and Boards had managed to keep dues at the same level for the previous four years due to judicious spending. An increase of 1.5% in 2013 was necessary to meet operational needs.

BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Raab introduced the Board of Directors and noted new members were still needed. He introduced Mary Anne Buczyna , Member at Large; Aloah Kincaid, Secretary and Treasurer; and Bill Shelden, Vice President. Mr. Shelden is vacating his position and Cole Wist is running to fill it. Mr. Raab spoke about Mr. Shelden's contributions while on the Board and the projects Mr. Shelden had overseen including, painting the pool fences, repairing and painting the pergolas, and the re-paving of the North and South Pool parking lots. Mr. Raab thanked Mr. Shelden for his in-depth approach to solving problems and presented him with a token of appreciation from the community. Mr. Shelden thanked the Board and the community for the opportunity to serve and encouraged the attendees to consider volunteering for the remaining open Board position.

MANAGER INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Raab introduced the managers employed by the Association, speaking briefly about each manager's role: Nancy Bauer, Landscape Manger; Jaylene Jones, Pool Manager; Melissa Shuck, Tennis Facilities Manger; and Katie Kidwell, Business Manager. Mr. Raab further explained that the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) and Swim Team also served under the Board and introduced Erik Karlberg and Mike Goeglein, the 2013 Swim Team Parent Representatives.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Raab reported on the Board's activity during 2012. The litigation had concluded, the pool parking lots were re-paved, and the North Tennis Courts were re-built. He commented that the snow removal survey showed more members of the community were against the measure than were for it (124 to 81). The Board had addressed alcohol use at the pools by deciding to continue the privilege until behavior warranted otherwise. Mr. Raab said 2013 was expected to be a quiet year. The Board planned to continue to renovate sections of the irrigation system, replace sod with shrubs and mulch in some areas to reduce watering, replace pumps at the North and South Pools, and to replace the roof at the West Pool house.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE: Mr. Raab also served as the Board liaison to the ACC. He spoke about the annual walk through the community by the Covenant Review Taskforce, and explained why the Board and the ACC believed the annual inspection was important. Mr. Raab said the Taskforce was composed of volunteers operating from a comprehensive checklist and encouraged attendees to consider volunteering.

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FINANCIAL REPORT: Aloah Kincaid, the community's treasurer, presented the financial report. She explained that the Association was professionally audited each year and that the 2013 audit was in progress. Ms. Kincaid went on to state that 95% of the Association's income came from homeowner dues. Operating costs totaled \$703,000 in 2012 and the reserve fund provided for large expenses. In 2012, the Association spent \$192,000 on the tennis court replacement; \$67,000 for pool parking lot re-pavement and additional pool expenses, and \$36,000 for landscape, including \$22,000 for sprinkler zone replacement. The reserve fund had a balance of \$344,000 remaining at the end of 2012.

Mr. Raab then opened the meeting for audience questions:

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – The following questions were asked:

1. **Why did the community need to vote in favor of snow removal? Couldn't it be a Board decision?** Mr. Raab explained that it increased costs to remove snow. The Board was mindful of the difficult economic times faced by many in the community and was trying to reduce expenses. Since the measure would require an increase in homeowner dues, the Board believed it should enjoy the support of the community and solicited its input. 205 of the 898 homeowners (23%) responded to the snow removal survey.
2. **Who determines which streets get repaved in Homestead?** Aloah Kincaid answered that the City of Centennial had a review process based on the age and condition of the street. Streets could be re-paved or re-oiled. She suggested looking at the City of Centennial website for more information.
3. **What is Homestead's target reserve fund amount and what is the current reserve fund balance?** Mr. Raab replied that the reserve fund target varied based on the various items in the community, their expected useful life, and their replacement cost. There is no particular target number.
4. **Can the Board look into pet waste stations?** Business Manager, Katie Kidwell, answered that the Office frequently received calls about the abundance of dog waste on the greenbelts. When the Board had considered waste stations in the past, it ran into the problem of where to place them – families didn't want the stations near their own homes. Ms. Kidwell explained that the consensus of the community as heard in the Business Office is that dog ownership comes with responsibilities and homeowners should pick up after their own pets.
5. **Could there just be bags or a few designated trash cans?** That was tried and the unattended trash cans became overfilled.
6. **Was there any update on Xcel's plans to cut down trees under the power lines on Dry Creek?** No.
7. **Does the City of Centennial plow the main roads when it snows? Yes. Does the Association pay for that?** No.

8. **Association Fines seem to have increased. Is that the result of the Taskforce inspection? Is it necessary to have an inspection annually? Could we change to every three years?** Fines are the result of homeowners failing to repair or respond to a covenant violation and the Board increased the fine amount in an effort to get the attention of homeowners. The Board does have the authority through the Association Governing Documents to fine homeowners for covenant violations. Much of the fine income reflected in the budget was from only a few homeowners.
9. **Could an article be written for the Herald reminding homeowners not to blow their landscape debris into the street? It is against the City ordinance to do so.** Yes, that can be mentioned in the Herald.
10. **How does a homeowner get on the call list for delays in trash pick-up?** The list of everyone who is published in the Homestead Directory was given to Waste Connections. When the Business Office became aware that not all homeowners received a call regarding the last delay, Ms. Kidwell asked Waste Connections to re-enter the names, which they have done. If your name is not in the Homestead Directory, call Waste Connections directly and ask to be added.

ELECTION RESULTS: Mr. Raab announced that there were 54 people in attendance and 43 ballots had been returned unanimously electing Cole Wist to the Board of Directors.

DRAWING FOR 50% REBATE OF ANNUAL DUES: John Decker was the recipient of the dues rebate.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

THE COVENANT REVIEW TASK FORCE NEEDS YOU!!

In May and June of every year volunteer teams on the Covenant Review Task Force begin walking the Neighborhoods of our community to review homes and properties against a checklist of issues. This list is put together by the Architectural Control Committee and includes issues that are felt to be detrimental to the property values of our neighborhood as a whole. The goal is to help ensure that our community continues to look good and that homes and properties are well maintained.

The teams walking the community are homeowners, volunteers who are invested in our community, appreciate what it offers, and are giving back. These volunteers, groups of 2, do not canvass their own blocks and their names are not released. We are looking for a few good people who are willing to volunteer their time to insure Homestead maintains its property values and its desirable location to live. This would be a minimal commitment on your part. Volunteer with a friend, or we will match you with someone.

Please leave your name and number with Katie at the office 303-793-0230 and someone with the ACC will contact you.

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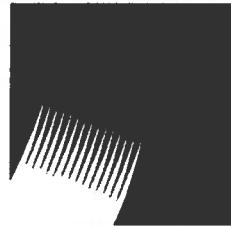
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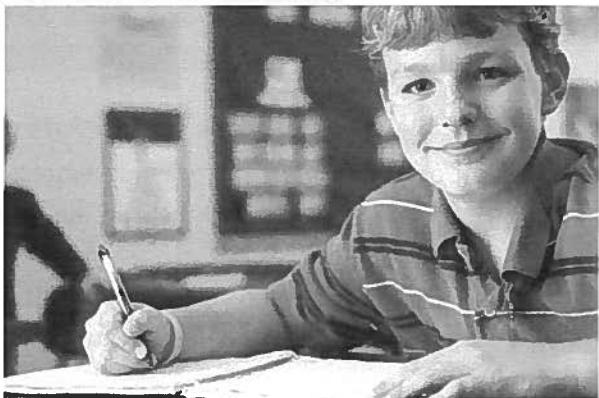
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Landscape Logic

By Nancy Bauer

The Drought is Serious and Not Getting Better

According to Denver Water:

"A dry winter across Colorado has led to low snowpack and mountain stream flows are expected to be well below normal. This follows a dry 2012, in which Denver Water's reservoirs didn't fill. Denver Water may move to a Stage 2 drought this spring or summer, which means we would require customers to limit days and times for outdoor watering.

Denver Water's response to the water supply situation and watering rules could change at any time pending current weather conditions. For the average home, grass and landscape irrigation accounts for about half of all water use. "

Colorado's Front Range is a semi-arid region, normally getting 13 to 15 inches of precipitation a year. During a drought, however, annual precipitation rates can fall as low as 8 to 10 inches. This can put a strain on many plants, especially when watering restrictions limit the amount of supplemental irrigation that can be applied.

The Homestead in the Willows HOA is committed to watch their monthly water consumption in 2013. Their goal is to try to keep the grass as green as possible and not stress plant materials awhile avoiding the higher rates of per gallon charges.

How to Use Water Wisely and Efficiently in 2013 For Homeowner's:

- * Water lawns and planting beds according to their needs.
- * Check your sprinkler system. Check to see how long each zone is scheduled to run and adjust the timer. A shade zone will require less water than a hot, sunny area and the cooler seasons require less water than the hot summer months.



- * Check sprinkler heads frequently to make sure that they are functioning properly
- * Consider upgrading or installing drip irrigation to limit evaporation and to apply water to plants' roots more efficiently.
- * Check soil moisture before watering. Insert a 6-inch screwdriver into the soil; if it can be easily inserted, you don't need to water.
- * Water at night (10 p.m. - 6 a.m.) not during the heat of the day or when it is windy.
- * Set your sprinklers to hit the landscape only, not sidewalks, driveways, windows or other areas.
- * Has it rained? Skip watering on days following 1/2 inch or more of rain. On cool, cloudy days plants use less water and there is less evaporation.
- * Design or redesign your yard to include separate watering zones for trees, flowerbeds, gardens and lawns.
- * Watering with a hose? Use household timers to remind you to move or stop soaker hoses and sprinklers.

Consider Implementing Xeriscape

Xeriscape or water-wise landscaping uses low-water-use plants to create a landscape that's sustainable in Colorado's semi-arid climate. Denver Water coined the word in 1981 to help make low-water-use landscaping an easily recognized concept. Xeriscape is a combination of the word "landscape" and the Greek word "xeros," which means dry. If designed properly, Xeriscape can be lush, colorful and easy to care for. The Xeriscape concept is based on the following seven principles:

1. Planning and Design: Consciously creating a landscape plan is the first principle of xeriscaping. Such planning helps in defining existing conditions for choosing plants. In particular, identify different zones by water usage -- those that will require supplemental watering, for example.
2. Soil Improvements: The second principle concerns soil. Soil testing aids soil improvement but choosing native plants may allow you to use your soil un-

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**Mark Your
Calendar!**



ANNUAL INFORMATION MEETING

Wednesday, April 10th
At the Homestead Elementary Gym

6:30 - 7:30 PM New Swimmer Parents Meeting
7:00 - 8:00 PM Optional for Returning Swimmers and Homestead Community

New Swimmers:

- Please attend this important meeting to learn more about the Homestead Hurricanes.
- Learn how to register and fit your swimmer for a swimsuit.

Returning Swimmers:

- It is not required that you attend this meeting.
- **You must register online.** Online registration begins on Thursday, April 18th. An email will be sent with a link to the registration site.
- We will not have a new swimsuit design this year. If you would like to purchase the swimsuit from last year, we **recommend** that you attend so you can get the correct size and place your order. Please join us between 7-8:00 pm.
- Representatives from Swim Labs and Who's Your Logo will be on site to help you with your apparel and equipment needs.

If you have any questions about the swim team, please check the website:
<http://homestead.rmsl.org/Home.aspx>

Or contact the parent representatives:

Erik & Ginny Karlberg
303-564-6336

Mike & Dara Goeglin
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We are looking forward to a great summer! Please join us! Go Hurricanes!



2013 Event Schedule – Replaces March 2012 Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Wednesday	April 10	6:30 – 8 pm	Information Meeting	Homestead Gym
Thursday	April 18		Registration begins	homestead.rmsl.org/
Friday	May 3		\$20 fee increase	homestead.rmsl.org/
Mon.-Tues	May 13-14	3:30 – 5 pm	6 & under swim tryouts	North Pool
Wed.-Fri	May 15-17	3:45 – 6:45 pm	Swim Practice	North Pool
Mon. – Fri	May 20-24	3:45 – 6:45 pm	Swim Practice	North Pool
Friday	May 24		Registration closes	rmsl.info/homestead
Saturday	May 25	6 am – noon	Intra-club Meet	North Pool
Monday	May 27		No Swim Practice - Last day for refunds	
Tues - Fri	May 28-May 31	3:45 – 6:45 pm	Swim Practice	North Pool
Friday	May 31	6 pm	Pep Rally!!!	North Pool
Saturday	June 1	6 am - 2 pm	Tri Meet – SH/GO	North Pool
Saturday	June 1	7:30 am	Team Picture	North Pool
Mon. – Wed	June 3-5	3:45 – 6:45 pm	Swim Practice	North Pool
Tuesday	June 4	6 – 8:00 pm	Star Meet (10 & under)	North Pool
Wednesday	June 5	7 – 8 pm	Stroke Clinic	South Pool
Thu - Fri	June 6-7	7 am – noon	Morning swim practice	North Pool
Saturday	June 8	6 am – 2 pm	Dual Meet – @ SG	
Sunday	June 9	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Pirates Cove Outing	Pirates Cove
Mon. - Fri	June 10-14	7 am - noon	Swim Practice	North Pool
Tuesday	June 11	6 – 8 pm	Star Meet (10 & under)	North Pool
Wednesday	June 12	7 – 8 pm	Stroke Clinic	South Pool
Saturday	June 15	6 am – 2 pm	Dual Meet – HF II	
Monday	June 17		Age Group Pictures	North Pool
Tues - Fri	June 18-21	7am – noon	Swim Practice	North Pool
Tuesday	June 18	6 – 8 pm	Star Meet (10 & under)	North Pool
Wednesday	June 19	7 – 8 pm	Stroke Clinic	South Pool
Friday	June 21	7 am – noon	Pancake Breakfast	North Pool
Saturday	June 22	6 am – 2 pm	Dual Meet – @ CCV	
Saturday	June 22	7-10 pm	Parent party	
Monday	June 24 th		No Swim Practice – Swim-a-thon	North Pool
Tues - Fri	June 25-28	7 am – noon	Swim practice	North Pool
Tuesday	June 25	6 – 8 pm	Star Meet (10 & under)	North Pool
Wednesday	June 26	7 – 8 pm	Stroke Clinic	South Pool
Friday	June 28	6 pm	Pasta Pep Rally!!!	North Pool
Saturday	June 29	7 am – 2 pm	Dual Meet – The Knolls	
Mon. - Wed	July 1-3	7am – noon	Swim Practice	North Pool
Tues	July 2	6 – 8:00 pm	Rain day for Star Meet	North Pool
Thursday	July 4	11 am – 3 pm	Fourth of July Party	North Pool
Fri.	July 5	7 am – noon	Swim Practice	North Pool
Mon – Fri	July 8-12	TBA	Swim practice	North Pool
Mon – Fri	July 8-12	6am – 3 pm	RMSL Prelims	Varies by Age Group
Saturday	July 13	6 am – 3 pm	RMSL Finals	
Sunday	July 14	5 – 7 pm	Award Ceremony	South Pool
Sunday	July 14	7 – 8:30 pm	Pool Party	South Pool

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



We are excited to let you know that we will be ordering our 2013 Team Swimsuits through Swim Labs again this year!

The following are details on how you can order your suit:

- The suits will be available to try on and order at New Swimmer Registration on Wednesday, April 10th from 6:30-8:00pm at Homestead Elementary gym. Even if you are not a new swimmer, we strongly encourage you to come and order your suit for the season at this time – should you need a new one.*
- After April 10th, the suits will be available to try on and order at Swim Labs through Wednesday, April 24th in order to have them before the first meet.*
- Swim Labs is located at 5640 East County Line Road Suite B100, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126.*

A special thanks to Barbie Barker for helping us through this process!

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9-10 Girls

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CCSD STUDENTS SHINE AT SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

Want to be amazed? Check out some of the projects Cherry Creek Schools' students presented this week at the 2013 Regional Denver Metropolitan Science and Engineering Fair, held Feb. 27 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

More than 560 students in 6th to 12th grade from schools across the metro area participated in categories ranging from cellular and molecular biology to electrical and mechanical engineering. Close to 200 professional members of the scientific and business community served as judges.

Challenge School eighth grader Avi Swartz won Best in Show, Junior Division, with his project titled "An attempted polynomial solution to an NP problem" while Cherry Creek High School sophomore Connor Sendel won Best in Show, Senior Division, for his presentation on "iPad cases for Autism." Sendel also received an all expenses paid trip to the Intel International Science and Engineering fair May 12-17 in Phoenix.

Many CCSD students brought home category or special awards and earned the right to go on to the State Science and Engineering Fair in April. Get a complete list of the winners at www.cherrycreekschools.org/News/Pages/2013RegSciFair.aspx

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May 22 – Cherry Creek High School

Last Day of School

June 4 – Common Calendar

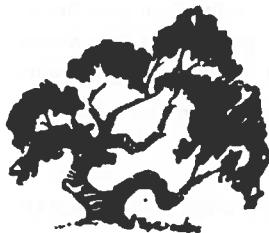
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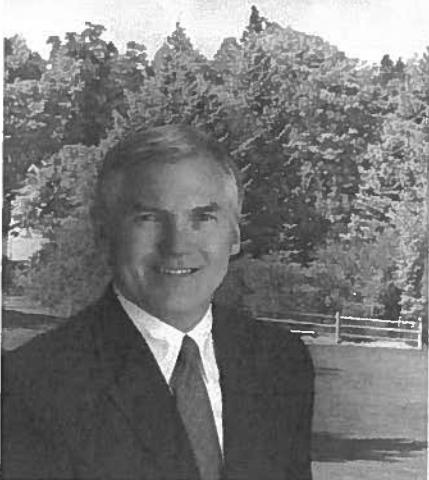
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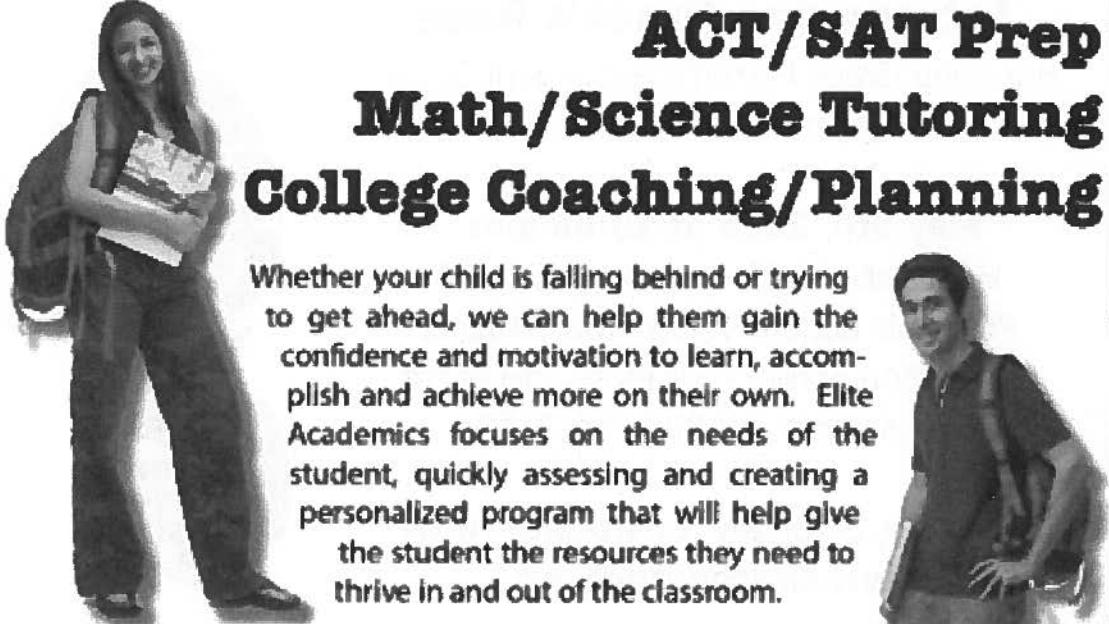
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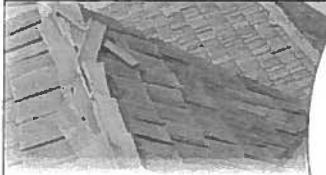
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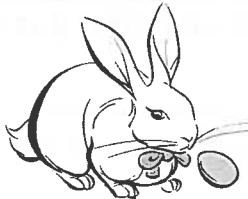
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SOUTH SUBURBAN NEWS

Summer Adventure Pass

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2013 Summer Adventure Pass Pricing:

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*A household consists of 2 adults & 3 children under age of 21 living at home.

For more information about **Summer Adventure Passes**, contact 303-347-5999 or visit www.sspr.org.

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Have a fun, recreational swim team experience this summer Mon-Fri, May 13-Jul 20. Improve all four competitive strokes in a team environment. Practice times differ for each team. **All fees and paperwork can** to be done at Parent Meetings and must be completed **before a swimmer will be allowed in the water**. Information is posted at www.sspr.org or contact 303-347-5999.

Parent Meetings:

Class # 269105 Cook Creek Swim Team 303-708-3512, Thu, Apr 11, 5 pm at **Lone Tree Recreation Center**, 10249 Ridgegate Circle, Lone Tree

Class # 279005 Ben Franklin Swim Team 303-730-5219, Fri, Apr 26, 7 pm at **Goodson Recreation Center**, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial

Class # 299005 Holly Park Swim Team 303-483-7078, Wed, May 1, 7 pm at **Goodson Recreation Center**, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial

Not sure if Swim Team is right for you and your child? **FREE!**

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Apr 27, 12-1 pm Goodson Center Pool, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial, 303-798-2476,

Rockin' on the River 5K/Walk Hudson Gardens, 6115 S. Santa Fe, Littleton - Mary Carter Greenway

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Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgegate Circle, Lone Tree, 303-708-3500, 7-9:30 am, Tue., Apr 16

Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial, 303-798-2476, 7-9:30 am, Wed., Apr 17

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How to Avoid Coyote Conflicts in Your Neighborhood

While coyotes are found throughout the West, they are extremely adaptable and can thrive in urban neighborhoods, including yours. From downtown Denver to the smallest suburb, coyotes are not new to residential communities. They can and will be found in any neighborhood that provides their basic needs — food, water, shelter and space.

Coyotes range in size from 20 to 40 lbs. They may travel alone or in groups. Coyotes typically eat rodents, rabbits and fruit, but they will eat small pets if the opportunity exists. They have their pups in dens - a hidden cavity that can be under rocks, stumps, ground or even porches. Coyote attacks on humans are very rare and can often be attributed to people feeding them. Adults should teach children to never approach any wildlife.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) wants to help you avoid conflicts with coyotes in your neighborhood. Please read and use the tips below.

Your Home & Coyotes

- **Never feed coyotes!**
- Remove attractants from your yard, including pet food, water sources, bird feeders and fallen fruit.
- Secure trash in a container with a locking lid or put trash out on the morning of pick up.
- Fully enclose gardens and compost piles.
- Trim up vegetation to reduce hiding places.
- Deter coyotes from entering your yard with a 6-foot privacy fence.
- If you meet a coyote, make it feel unwelcome by yelling, throwing rocks and sticks at it, spraying it with a hose or a vinegar-filled water gun, or banging pots and pans.

Your Pet & Coyotes

- Keep pets on a 6-foot leash when walking.
- Never allow your pets to “play” with a coyote.
- Pick up small pets if confronted by a coyote.
- Do what you can to discourage a coyote’s approach—yell, stomp your feet, throw rocks or sticks at it.
- Always supervise your pet when outside, especially at dawn and dusk.
- Never leave cats or dogs outside after dark.
- If you must leave your pet outside, secure it in a fully enclosed kennel.

If a Coyote Approaches you

- Be as big and loud as possible.
- Wave your arms, clap and throw objects at the coyote.
- Shout in a loud and authoritative voice.
- Do not run or turn your back on the coyote.
- Face the coyote and back away slowly.

Did you Know?

- Coyotes are active year-round and become more visible during their breeding season, which occurs from February through March.
- Coyotes can be seen throughout the day, but are especially active at dawn and dusk.
- Coyotes are highly adaptable and can live and den in parks and yards.
- Coyotes may perceive other animals, including pets, as a threat, competition, or food.
- Coyotes keep watch near their dens to keep threats away from their young.
- Coyotes are curious and are known to stare at humans. They sometimes follow humans out of natural curiosity or to keep them away from their pups.

You can learn more on the web at

www.wildlife.state.co.us. For further information, or to report people feeding coyotes, contact the Denver CPW office.

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Aquafina MLB, Pitch, Hit & Run, David A. Lorenz Regional Park, 8422 S. Colorado Blvd. FREE

One day event, Sat., Apr 20, 10-11 am, registration forms and check-in available at the baseball field's registration desk. Girls ages 7-14 display their pitching, hitting and running skills. Event sponsored by Aquafina and Major League Baseball. Compete in four levels of competition including locals, sectionals, team championships, and the national finals at the 2013 MLB All Star Game. Age as of July 17, 2013 will determine participation in this year's competition. Participants that qualify to advance to the Sectional Competition will be contacted by the Pitch, Hit & Run Headquarters. **Note: No metal spikes allowed. All participants must provide a COPY of their Birth Certificate.**

South Suburban Recreation Centers feature Local Artists in April

South Suburban Parks and Recreation's Goodson, Lone Tree, and Douglas H. Buck recreation centers are featuring temporary art exhibitions by local artists during the month of April.

Nancy Meisner's exhibit of acrylic paintings titled "Springtime Flowers" will be displayed April 1-29, 2013 at Goodson Recreation Center, located at 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial, 303-798-2476. These paintings of many beautiful floral arrangements bring spring to mind in anticipation of lovely outdoor flowers.

Karen Trenchard is presenting her photographs of Colorado and Denver April 1-29, 2013 at Douglas H. Buck Recreation Center, located at 2004 West Powers Avenue, Littleton, 303-797-8787. If you love Colorado and Denver, you will love these photos of this beautiful state and its capital.

Sally Van der Kamp's exhibit called "A Touch of Glass" will be shown in the glass display case April 1-29, 2013 at Lone Tree Recreation Center at 10249 Ridgegate Circle, Lone Tree, 303-708-3500. Her stained glass strips are an exciting blend of color and texture using traditional stained glass techniques with fused glass and copper foiled embellishments designed as wall art. It's an exhibit too exotic and thrilling to miss.

South Suburban's Public Art Committee encourages Colorado artists to submit an application to temporarily display their artwork at various South Suburban recreation facilities. For a complete list of guidelines and an art exhibition application, please visit www.sspr.org or contact Vickie Willis at 303-483-7072.

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Paint	Colonial color palette from Benjamin Moore, Sherwin Williams or similar shades from other paint suppliers.	Muted color for house siding; brighter colors limited to accents. Samples must be filed with application.	Bright colors for house siding or trim. No two contiguous homes may have identical color schemes.
Roofing	Cedar, hand-split 1/2" or 3/4" shake.	ACC-approved list of man-made products, including metal, concrete and asphalt, in limited colors that simulate the look of hand-split cedar.	Any other type of roofing.
Chimneys & Fireplaces	Brick and/or lap siding enclosed on the outside with venting to the roof.	Some approved side-vented fireplaces.	Venting out of the front of the house.
Sheds	ACC reviewed and approved only. Must match home in materials, design and colors. Maximum 8' x 10' x 8' high at roof peak. Screened with a privacy fence.	None	Prefab shed products in wood, metal or other materials.
Fencing	Cedar wood privacy (6' high max.) and split-rail (3-rail max.) with transition sections abutting existing fencing; landscape accent fencing, must be at least 18" from sidewalk.	Some existing white picket and vertical fencing.	Fencing of entire front yard.
Other visible equipment or structures	Committee-reviewed and approved only.		

Homestead in the Willows Colonial Aesthetic

Summary	<p>The Homestead architectural style consists of a traditional colonial look incorporating cedar shake roofs, lap and brick siding, gridded white windows, wood shutters, paneled and painted front and garage doors, muted house colors, cedar fencing and complementary landscaping.</p> <p>All proposed external homeowner changes must conform to this aesthetic and be reviewed and approved by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) prior to work starting.</p>		
	Preferences	Considered Variances	Not Approved
Brick	Maintain proportion of brick to lap siding.	Rear or side of home with ACC approval.	
Lap Siding	Wood lap or existing wood shingle.	Some man-made products that retain wood look; 5-8" laps.	Metal or plastic siding.
Shutters	Louvered shutters of wood or man-made material; straight-edged; same size as original shutters, proportionate to windows; must be painted to match or complement house colors.	Wood shutters only for raised panel or joined Board & Batten; straight-edged; same size as original shutters, proportionate to windows; must be painted to match or complement house colors.	Man-made materials used in raised panel or Board & Batten style; and narrow shutters not proportionate to windows. No cathedral arches or cut-out designs.
Windows	Rectangular wood, composite or vinyl windows with white, rectangular grids.	White windows with no-grids.	Perimeter or other decorative grids. Slider-type windows.
Doors	Painted paneled front doors with colonial-style glass accents.	Some metal and composite doors; a variety of glass sidelights and glass inserts at top of door.	Front doors that have art glass representative of Victorian, Art Deco or Craftsmen styles. Wood stained doors.
Garage Doors	Square-paneled garage doors with understated simple handles painted color of siding.	Carriage-style garage doors with square paned windows on the top two rows.	Strap or other style hinges.

amended. Compost and other soil supplements can help improve water retention, as well as provide nutrients.

3. Efficient Irrigation: The heart of xeriscaping concerns the third principle -- efficient irrigation. Knowing where, how, when and how much you need to irrigate conserves water. The zones identified in planning determine where to irrigate. Gear different methods to the plants involved: sprinklers for turf, but drip irrigation for shrubs, for example. Only irrigate if there is insufficient rainfall. When you do irrigate, water deeply. Use gauges or controllers to determine how much water you've applied.

4. Plant Zones: The fourth principle concerns selecting plants suitable for the different zones identified in your design. Group plants with similar water needs. Put plant groups that need water in low-lying areas and close to water sources. Although many associate desert plants, such as cactus, with xeriscaping, the key is choosing the right plant for the available water.

5. Mulches: Mulch is the fifth principle. Mulching reduces soil evaporation, conserving moisture and reducing the need for irrigation. An added bonus is that mulches keep down weed growth. Organic mulches, such as bark or shredded wood, also help improve the soil as they break down. Gravel and rocks do not need replacing, but can increase heat in warm climates.

6. Turf Alternatives: Turf alternatives are the sixth principle. Lawns require much more water than other alternatives. Confine turf to limited areas using drought-tolerant grasses. Substitute paving or decks, mulched areas or other groundcover plantings that require little irrigation.

7. Maintenance: The seventh and final principle of xeriscaping is maintaining your landscape. Only water when necessary, and provide proper care for your plants, such as fertilizing and pruning. Watch out for pests and dis-

eases and treat them accordingly. Maintain mulch levels about 2 inches deep for inorganic mulches and 4 inches for organic mulches.

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.



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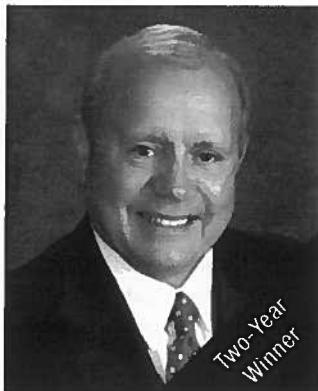


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Dear Filing 19:

As in past years, Homestead in the Willows Homeowners Association is again offering Associate Memberships to you if you would like the opportunity to use Homestead's pool and tennis facilities. The Associate Dues are \$459 for the 2013 season.

If you would like to become an Associate Member, please pay by check to **“Homestead in the Willows HOA”**. **If you have a child who is planning to join swim team, please note that these dues must be paid before Homestead Swim Team registration on Thursday, April 18th.** Check the May Homestead Herald for the pool calendar listing and opening dates for the individual pools.

If you have any questions, please contact the Business Office at 303-793-0230 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 9 am and 3 pm. We look forward to having you join our Association.

Very truly yours,

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Homestead in the Willows, HOA