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## ANNUAL HOA MEETING

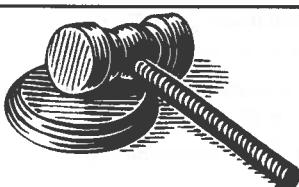
March 11, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Details on page 3. There will be a drawing for half off the HOA Dues (over \$400!) for those attending the meeting. You must be a member in good standing (2013 dues paid) and present to win.

## SPRING ACTIVITIES

See page 17 for details on the Annual Easter Egg Hunt held at the North Pool Recreation Area. Homestead Hurricane information begins on page 12 .



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

THE APRIL  
HERALD DEADLINE  
IS  
MARCH 15TH





## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### APRIL HERALD DEADLINE IS MARCH 15TH

#### MANAGERS:

Business Office	Katie Kidwell	303-793-0230
Landscape	Nancy Bauer	303-241-6212
Tennis Facilities	Melissa Shuck	303-819-3953
Pool	Jaylene Jones	303-617-0221

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President	Chris Raab crab@homesteadinthewillows.org
Vice Pres.	Bill Shelden bshelden@homesteadinthewillows.org
Sec/Treasurer	Aloah Kincaid akincaid@homesteadinthewillows.org
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**

**5896 E. Geddes Ave.**

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

**Phone: 303-793-0230**

**Fax: 303-793-0109**

**[www.homesteadinthewillows.org](http://www.homesteadinthewillows.org)**

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

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

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**If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, please complete the Members Voting Proxy which can be found on page 5 and return it to the Business Office.**

## BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

The Board of Directors has two vacant Board positions. One opening is to fill a term which will end in March of 2015. The second is for a term of three years which will begin in March, 2013. New Board members are voted in at our Annual Meeting. This is a great opportunity to get involved in our community. Volunteers for Board Positions meet monthly to manage the affairs of our community. Contact any Board member or Katie at the Business Office, 303-793-0230 for more information.

## Annual Homeowner Meeting

For all Homestead in the Willows homeowners, come join your neighbors at our Annual Meeting. It's our once-a-year opportunity to meet our governing Board, ask questions, and talk together about our community's future.

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

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

Who is OUR community? OUR community is US, every Homeowner and family member. WE are OUR community and OUR community is ALL of US.

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





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IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND GIVE IT TO A BOARD MEMBER OR RETURN IT TO THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE BY 3 P.M. MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013.

**We currently need two board members.**

**MEMBER'S PROXY**

**FOR THE MARCH 11, 2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS  
OF HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, being a voting member in good standing of Homestead in the Willows Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "Association"), by virtue of owning the following described property, do hereby revoke any prior proxy granted by me/us with respect to my/our membership in the Association and constitute and appoint the President of the Association or, in his absence at the meeting or failure or inability to vote for any reason or any continuation thereof, the Vice-President of the Association, my/our true and lawful agent for me/us with each having full power to act in my/our name and place with full power of substitution, to vote as my/our proxy at the annual meeting of the members of the Association to be held on March 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. as well as at any continuation of the meeting for the purpose of casting my/our vote for the following person(s) to be a Director of the Association, as indicated below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cole Wist

\_\_\_\_\_  
(write in name)

The appointment made and power granted by this proxy shall survive the disability of the granting member(s) and shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the heirs, representatives, successors and assigns of the member(s).

Please sign and print the requested information beneath your signature. If property is jointly owned, one or more owners may sign – if more than one proxy is granted or vote case by joint owners who cannot agree, the first to vote, in person or by proxy, will be the only vote counted.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homestead Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Regular Board Meeting February 12, 2013 – Unofficial Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** President, Chris Raab, called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. Board Members present were Mary Anne Buczyna, Aloah Kincaid and Bill Shelden; as well as Pool Manager, Jaylene Jones; Landscape Manager, Nancy Bauer; Business Manager, Katie Kidwell; and Swim Team Parent Representatives, Erik Karlberg and Mike Goeglein. Homeowners Phyllis Thomas and Kay and Gordon Luttrell also attended a portion of the meeting.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting were approved as read.

**SWIM TEAM:** Parent Representative Erik Karlberg reported that New Swimmer Orientation would be held at Homestead Elementary School on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Open registration would begin on April 18<sup>th</sup> for all homeowners who have paid their HOA dues. Erik advised the Board that volunteers were crucial to the operation of Swim Team and that there were still open volunteer positions that needed to be filled. The Swim Team greatly appreciated all the volunteers who had stepped forward thus far. Mike Goeglein discussed a better way to store ice during the swim meets.

**HOMEOWNER COMMENTS:** Phyllis Thomas appeared before the Board to appeal a fine imposed regarding a Covenant Review Taskforce item. Ms. Thomas explained that she had intended to have certain work finished by December 31<sup>st</sup>, but her painter was unavailable until Spring, 2013. Ms. Thomas had not notified the Taskforce about the delay. As discussion ensued, it became apparent that Ms. Thomas had not been aware that the Board had required all 2012 taskforce work to be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup> because she had arbitrarily chosen that same date and submitted it on her taskforce return letter. Ms. Thomas asked that she be given a week to obtain a firm completion date from her painter and that the Board waive the fine unless that date was not met. Board Member, Bill Shelden, moved that the Board accept Ms. Thomas' proposal to provide a finite date within one week and if the work was not completed by that date the fine would be due and payable. Board Member Mary Anne Buczyna seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kay and Gordon Luttrell approached the Board to request that new trees be planted where a dead willow tree had been removed on Easter Avenue. Nancy Bauer explained that her budget allowed for one tree to be re-planted there. The Luttrell's requested that a cluster of trees replace the willow tree as it had provided privacy for several neighboring backyards. Chris explained that the Association would replace the willow, but that budget constraints might not allow more than one tree.

## MANAGER REPORTS

1. **POOL:** Pool Manager, Jaylene Jones, reported that she had ordered new pumps for the North and South Pools as provided for in her 2013 budget. Regular routine maintenance had also been scheduled.
2. **LANDSCAPE:** Landscape Manager, Nancy Bauer, reviewed a long term irrigation management plan submitted by Water Ketch. The plan looked at the replacement of failing or outdated parts and ways the Association could conserve water. The Board discussed the high cost of water and how much to water should there be another hot dry summer. Nancy also presented suggested locations for signs next to the greenbelt walkways notifying homeowners that the walkways are not maintained and that homeowners walk at their own risk. After discussion about the necessity, cost and maintenance of such signs, the Board agreed to continue exploring options.
3. **TENNIS:** no report.
4. **BUSINESS:** Business Manager, Katie Kidwell, discussed a few business items with the Board. The Board went into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collection activity for various homeowners. The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

**CENCON:** There was no CENCON report.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Treasurer, Aloah Kincaid, reviewed the January financials noting that expenses were as expected and even under budget in some areas. Expenses totaled \$64,000 and included \$36,778 for Insurance, \$10,996 for Landscape and \$9,412 in Trash and Utilities.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Board discussed the agenda for the Annual Meeting to be held at Homestead Elementary School on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT AND CALENDARING:** The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Business Office.

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## ACC ADVISOR

As spring approaches many homeowners will consider repainting the exterior of their homes. Here are a few guidelines to keep in mind for paint selection to create a cohesive and beautiful exterior with good curb appeal.

### Tips to Remember When Choosing Exterior Paint Colors for Your Home:

- Your FRONT DOOR is the focal point of your home. It needs to stand out or be the first thing seen when looking at your home (the focal point). Generally darker colors will make the front door stand out. If there is a storm door, it should be the same color as the front door.
- The BODY color should enhance and relate to the brick. Generally it is best when the body is a light to medium value (color). If the color is too dark, the front door will not stand out.
- The TRIM looks best when it is a few shades lighter or darker than the body color. It also looks nice when it is the SAME color as the body. If it is too different than the body color, then the TRIM is emphasized rather than the home as a whole and the home looks smaller or "outlined".
- The SHUTTERS can be the same color as your front door or a different accent color as long as the shutter color looks good with your brick and body color.
- GARAGE DOORS look best when they don't stand out. They blend in best by painting them the body color.

## FOR SALE OR RENT

**For Sale:** Available in April, Middleton with finished basement, incl. mother-in-law apt, covered patio, backs to green space, near north pool. Call **303-587-3850**.

**For Sale:** Coming soon in March. Updated Hamilton on interior lot backing to greenbelt. Slab granite, stainless and cherry kitchen opens to family room. 4br, 3bath, finished basement. Call **Mark at 303-241-4891**.

## CLASSIFIED:

**Free:** Jazzy Select Motorized Wheelchair in great condition; hardly used. Comes complete with leg attachments, back pouch for storage, flag for safety and charger for battery. You would need to transport from my home.

**Please call Gerry Giardullo with any interest.  
303-796-9582.**

**For Sale:** 4 generic desk chairs, \$10 each. Pottery Barn Bedford corner desk top in Espresso. Store price \$369, but asking \$200. Perfect Condition. Call **720-984-3524**.

## WANTED:

**Wanted:** To buy house in Homestead, CCSD- we are ready to buy, no model preference. Call if you plan to sell your home. Thank you, **Jennifer (303)927-6176**.



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# Landscape Logic

By Nancy Bauer

## Sustainable Landscapes

With a more serious drought looming over this growing season, the health of our plants may be more at risk. So now is a good time to think about the environment we can control, in our own landscapes.



This drought concern is why winter watering has been stressed so much last fall and this winter. Giving plants the water they really need now maintains their stamina so they can emerge in the spring growing season in a healthier state.

Here are some other strategies to sustain our landscapes:

- \* If you need a new lawn mower this year, get a mulching mower. They chew up grass clippings and spread them on top of the lawn. The clippings act like natural mulch over the soil and help retain moisture (important in a drought year!). Clippings will also decompose to provide nutrients so you need less fertilizer.
- \* If you live in a compact neighborhood with small lawn areas, consider a battery-operated mower. They reduce noise pollution. Quite like Hybrid car, your neighbor won't even notice if you mow at 7am!
- \* Downsize your water needs in ways that work for you. There might be a better use for the spaces you are watering in your yard that you never even see or use? Would you like to expand your outdoor living area, or increase shrub beds either of which would eliminate some landscape watering in the process? This would be a good year for those design changes.
- \* Get the sprinkler system evaluated early. We should not waste even a drop of water and this year, there will be no drops to spare. Get a professional sprinkler sys-

tem audit and do the most cost-effective fixes to make your watering efficient.

- \* Be sure to check out rebates that may be available from Willows Water District. Expect to see a lot of them this year.

## March Landscape Tips

\* If you didn't rake leaves or remove old fruit from fruit and deciduous trees in the fall do so now.

Also cut back perennials and clean up flower beds.

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.

\* Add compost and/or other organic matter to flower beds and vegetable plots when the soil is dry and the ground isn't frozen. Be sure to mix these soil amendments thoroughly into the soil rather than leaving them as a layer on top.

\* If you plan to order bare-root roses, order them now and specify mid-March delivery. Bare-root roses often offer gardeners a wider selection and lower prices than are available for packaged roses and roses potted in containers. Try to buy Grade #1 roses rather than Grade #1 1/2 or Grade #2. Grade #1 roses have more canes and the canes are larger sized.

\* 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

\* If you had severe problems with aphids, scales or mites last year, you may want to spray these infested trees and shrubs with 'Dormant Oil'. This needs to be done several times before the plants put out.

Apply the spray when the temperature is above freezing, the plants are dry, and there is no chance for rain. Be aware that some plants, for example black walnut, junipers, maples and spruce, are sensitive to oils. Carefully read and follow label instructions.

**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**  
(303) 738-8426

**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 <sup>th</sup>		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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>, the suits will be available to try on and order at Swim Labs through Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

Erik and Ginny Karlberg

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2013 Parent Reps

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*The Homestead Hurricanes  
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*Head Coach and 6 and Under  
Assistant Coach and 9-10 Boys*

*Ellen Clark  
Jack Azar*

*Age Group Coaches:*

*13-18 Boys and Girls  
11-12 Boys and Girls  
9-10 Girls  
7-8 Girls  
7-8 Boys*

*Sean DesMarteau  
Ryan Lynch  
Kendall Hagar  
Katherine Perry  
Luke Williams*



*Attention 13-18 Swimmers!  
The Homestead Hurricanes are looking for H2Os  
for the 2013 Swim Season!*

*Are you:*

- *Passionate about swimming?*
- *Energetic?*
- *Encouraging?*
- *Organized?*

*If you are, apply today by sending your resume to [goeglein@msn.com](mailto:goeglein@msn.com) by May 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Feel free to call Dara Goeglein with any questions at 303-738-8426.*



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HOMESTEAD PLAYGROUPS

For more information, please contact:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Contact</u>
0-3	Christine Snow <a href="mailto:christine.e.snow@gmail.com">christine.e.snow@gmail.com</a>
3-4	AK Cotton <a href="mailto:ak_cotton@yahoo.com">ak_cotton@yahoo.com</a>

### CALL TO REPORT

**Waste Connections** **303-288-2100**  
(HOA Trash Co.—Pick-up day is *Wednesday*)

[www.wasteconnections.com](http://www.wasteconnections.com)

**Airport Traffic Complaints** **303-790-4709**

**Centennial City Services (24/7)** **303-325-8000**

#### **Vandalism or Speeders**

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Dept. **303-795-4711**

**Street Light Problems** **1-800-895-1999**

#### **Barking Dogs**

Arapahoe County Animal Control **303-325-8070**

**Pot Holes** **303-325-8000**

**Hazardous Waste Pick-up** **1-800-449-7587**

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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.

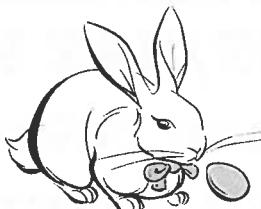
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## COMMENTS FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

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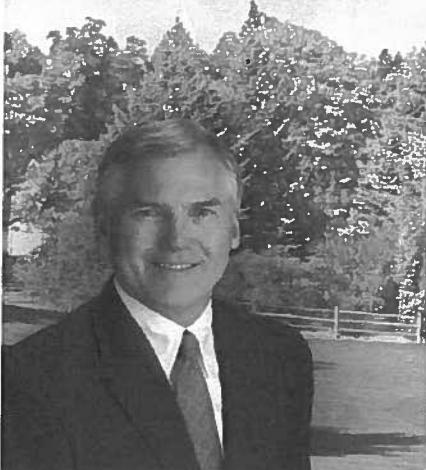
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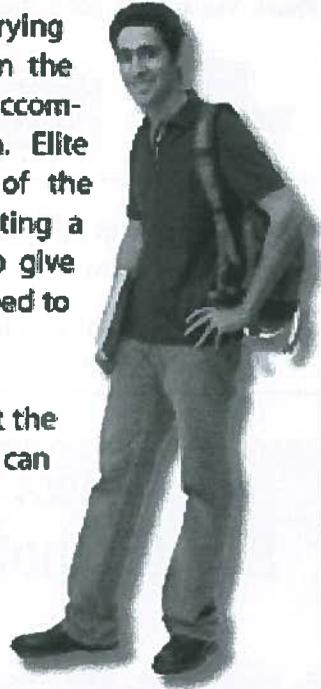
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# CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS NEWS

## CCSD GRADUATION RATES CONTINUE TO SURPASS STATE AND NATIONAL AVERAGES

More than 87% of Cherry Creek seniors graduated high school in 2012 in four years, up from 84% in 2011.

Statewide, the overall, on-time graduation rate for 2012 is 75% and at nearly 72% nationwide.

While all ethnic groups showed gains from the previous year, the on-time graduation rate for Hispanic students rose more than 5% to 79%. African American students gained one point to reach 84%. Statewide, the graduation rate is 66% percent for black students and 62.5% for Hispanic students. White students also saw gains of nearly 3% to reach more than 89%. The rate for Asian students rose slightly to 90%.

Cherry Creek School District Demographics:

American Indian/Alaska Native: .5%

Asian: 8%

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: .3%

African American: 12%

Hispanic: 18%

White: 56%

Two or more races: 5%

27% of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch

## ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT HARRY BULL NAMED NEXT SUPERINTENDENT

The Cherry Creek Board of Education formally approved the appointment of Dr. Harry Bull as the next superintendent effective July 1, 2013 after the retirement of Superintendent Mary Chesley at the end of the current school year.

Bull, who was awarded a doctorate of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Northern Colorado, began his career as a social studies teacher at Aurora Central High School in 1980.

He came to the Cherry Creek School District in 1984 and taught at Overland High School. He also has held the positions of assistant principal at Smoky Hill High School, principal at Grandview High School and executive director of high schools, before assuming his current position in 2010.

## BOND WORK HAS BEGUN

The Cherry Creek School District has developed a detailed plan and timeline for \$125 million in bond funds approved by voters in November. Dr. Scott Siegfried, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Support Services, updated the Board of Education on January 14. He reported that work is already underway on projects that will not disrupt classes, while major construction and renovations will take place during the next three summers.

Get specifics about the improvements coming to every school in the district at <http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Planning/LongRangePlanning/Pages/2012Recommendation.aspx>

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### Cherry Creek Schools Foundation Annual Luncheon – Friday, March 15, 2013

Celebrate the excellence in our schools at the annual Cherry Creek Schools Foundation Luncheon at 11:30 am on Fri., Mar. 15 at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center. This year's luncheon features Steve Spangler, "the science guy," an author, professional speaker, two-time Emmy Award winner, Time 100 nominee, science teacher, trained magician and former Cherry Creek Schools teacher. In addition, students will perform and the winners of the Champions of Education, Catherine Canny Educator Award and Monte Moses Scholarship will be announced. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 720-554-4429.

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Hunt for your eggs at night on Friday, March 29. And remember to bring your own basket and flashlight.

Hunting begins by age group: ages 4 and under at 7 pm, ages 5-8 at 7:30 pm; and ages 9 and older at 8 pm. Fee: \$2 per person.

Family Egg Hunt Family Sports Dome, 6959 S Peoria St, Centennial, FREE!

Ages 12 years & under search with your family on Saturday, March 30, 9-11:30 am. And remember to bring your own baskets. For more information, call 303-347-5999.

Egg Hunt Sheridan Recreation Center, 3325 W Oxford Ave, Sheridan, FREE!

Egg hunt, arts and crafts, face painting, plus other activities for children up to 10 years of age begins at 1:30 pm on Saturday, March 30. Bring your own baskets so you can take home all the eggs you find. For additional information call 303-761-2241.

South Suburban Recreation Centers feature Local Artists in MARCH

South Suburban Parks and Recreation's Goodson, Lone Tree and Douglas H. Buck recreation centers are featuring temporary art exhibits by local artists during the month of March. All are available for sale. These

beautiful March exhibits are ready for you to enjoy after your workouts.

South Suburban's Public Art Committee encourages all 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](http://www.sspr.org) or contact Vickie Willis at 303-483-7072.

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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.

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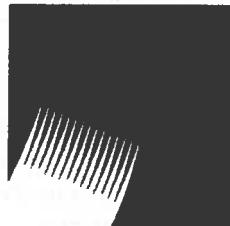
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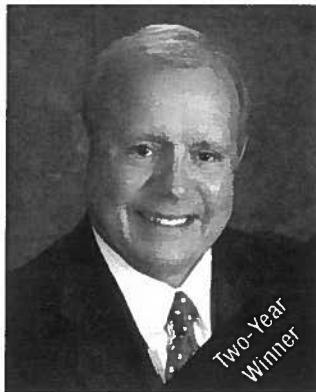
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