



Homestead in the Willows

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The Business Office will be closed on
Friday, November 29th



Next Regular
Board Meeting
6:30pm
Nov. 12, 2013
West Pool Office

THE DECEMBER
HERALD DEADLINE
IS
NOVEMBER 15TH





ASSOCIATION NEWS

DECEMBER HERALD DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15TH

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	cwist@homesteadinthewillows.org	

COMMITTEES:

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

REPORTS TO THE ASSOCIATION When an Association member wishes to report observed problems or any concerns or helpful ideas pertaining to the assigned areas of responsibility of the Architectural Control and Design Review Committee, Landscape, Pools, or Business Office, please, when you call and leave a message on the answering machine, include your name and telephone number so that we may return your call. **We cannot act on any call when the caller is not identified.** Thank you for your help.

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

5896 E. Geddes Ave.

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

Phone: 303-793-0230

Fax: 303-793-0109

www.homesteadinthewillows.org

BOARD MEETING

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

Tuesday, Nov. 12 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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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..

BOARD POSITION OPEN

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

If not YOU, then WHO?

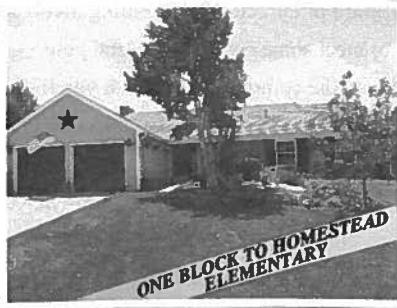
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FOR INFORMATION CALL ONE OF THE HOMESTEAD EQUITY TEAM MEMBERS

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LeeAnne Faulkner
303-359-9990

Matt Guarino
303-885-1644

Jay Clark
303-775-0417

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Homestead Directory

The Homestead Directory is published as a service to our residents. If you are already in the Directory, your listing will remain as previously published **unless you note changes or additions on this form**. If you know a neighbor has moved from Homestead, please note it on the form and return it to us so we can keep the Directory accurate.

Please consider giving your email address to the office so that we can quickly notify you of pertinent or even emergency information. We will not publish the email addresses of our residents.

The Directory is published every other year, so make sure you submit any changes before the deadline of November 30th!!

Complete the form below and leave it in the gray mail box in front of the office or send it to Homestead in the Willows HOA, 5896 E. Geddes Avenue, Centennial, CO 80112.

ADULT: LAST NAME, FIRST NAME

PHONE NUMBER

ADULT : LAST NAME, FIRST NAME

PHONE NUMBER

CHILDREN'S NAMES

ADDRESS

EMAIL ADDRESS (Please print legibly! - For office use only)

NOTE: No NEWCOMERS will be put in the Directory unless this form is filled out. This form is our permission to include you.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Regular Board Meeting October 8, 2013 – Unofficial Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: President, Chris Raab, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Board Members present were Mary Anne Buczyna and Aloah Kincaid; as well as Pool Manager, Jaylene Jones; Landscape Manager, Nancy Bauer; and Business Manager, Katie Kidwell. Swim Team Parent Representatives Suzanne Steinberg and Tiffany Steinmetz also attended a portion of the meeting.

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 10, 2013 meeting were approved as read.

SWIM TEAM: Suzanne and Tiffany reported that the Swim Team would purchase new registration software that was easier to navigate and more user friendly for the participants. They also planned to integrate language from the US Swimming Code of Conduct into the Coaches Code of Conduct currently in use.

MANAGER REPORTS

1. **POOL:** Jaylene discussed the priority of the large expense items in her budget. The pools needed circulation pumps immediately, and she suggested that the sand changes and new lane lines would be the second two most important items. The North Pool boiler could be put off for one more year as could re-surfacing the West Pool.
2. **LANDSCAPE:** Nancy reported that the areas where new sod had been installed were thriving and that she had to remove several dead trees this year. Sections of the perimeter fence would be painted the week of October 7th and she had installed new plants at the walkway that starts at Costilla Avenue and continues south to Easter Avenue. Nancy reviewed her large expense items with the Board. She suggested the Board continue allocating \$25,000 annually for sprinkler renovation. Nancy also requested funds to plant the north side of Easter Avenue from the North Pool to Homestead Parkway, to replace of some of the concrete throughout the neighborhood and to replace the benches scattered along the greenbelts.
3. **TENNIS:** Tennis Manager Melissa Shuck was absent and submitted a written report. The lock at the South Courts was working intermittently. She was having it replaced under warranty from Eplex. The West Court re-build will be finished this fall provided the weather cooperates.
4. **BUSINESS:** Katie Kidwell reported that the HOA attorney had updated the Collection Policy to conform with current law and that she would have a document identifying updates to the Govern-

ing Documents ready for the 2014 Annual Meeting. Katie identified the large item expenses in the Administration budget, indicating that replacing the South Pool house roof, building an enclosure for the South Pool dumpster and repairing the community signs as the most pressing expenses.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Aloah reviewed the September financial statement for the Board remarking that the Association was currently \$95,000 under budget. Expenses for September totaled \$46,020 and included \$18,057 for land maintenance, \$12,858 for trash and utilities and \$10,865 for pool expenses.

HOMEOWNER COMMENTS: The owner of account # 242 met with the Board regarding his new privacy fence. The ACC was concerned about the placement of the fence on the property, its failure to tie-in to the neighbor's privacy fence and the direction of the wooden slats. The owner explained to the Board that a retaining wall existed between the two properties preventing him from connecting his fence to his neighbor's and thus determining the fence placement on that side of his property. He also explained he had reviewed the Residential Improvement Guidelines (RIG) and noted they did not specify which direction the wooden slats for a fence had to be placed. The Board pointed out that all existing privacy fencing in Homestead is vertical and that it was understandable that the ACC has assumed his fence would be vertical as well. Chris remarked that situations such as this put the Board between a rock and a hard place. The RIG purposely do not spell out every minute detail and are interpreted by the ACC. If the RIG were that detailed they would be twice as long. Should homeowners expect that exceptions be made for their assumptions rather than following the direction of the ACC? Aloah commented that the owner had made every good faith effort to communicate with his neighbors and had followed the ACC process. The RIG were silent on the direction of privacy fence pickets therefore the owner should not be penalized for this communication error. Mary Anne and Chris agreed.

OLD BUSINESS: Aloah reviewed the proposed 2014 budget for the Board. The increases in the Administration budget are due to increased legal costs based on actual expenses, increased insurance costs based on the recommended estimate from the broker and the addition of the Opening and Closing Pool Bathroom line item from the Pool budget because those charges are submitted directly to the Business Office. All other budgets remained at their 2013 amounts with the exception of the Tennis budget which is lower because Tennis no longer needs to budget for crack repair for the courts. The Board discussed giving cost of living increases to the managers based on the consumer price index. They noted the managers had not received increases in the last two years and agreed to cost of living increases for the Business, Landscape and Tennis managers. The Board then discussed which capital expenses to fund from the Reserve Fund. Estimated cash at year-end should be \$445,000. The total of all 2014 reserve fund items suggested by managers totaled \$ 195,000. If the Board funded all reserve requests, the balance left in the reserve fund

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Landscape Logic

By Nancy Bauer

What To Do With All Those Leaves???

Here they come ~ leaves, leaves, glorious leaves! I don't care *how* you use them, just *please* don't shove them into bags that are bound for the trash pickup. It's a fate worse than death and at least three wasted opportunities. Dead leaves (pure organic matter) only come around once a year and they're very beneficial for your yard and garden.

Always pile them up as high as you can and jump into them before you do anything else. If jumping isn't your thing, look for a kid or a dog to do the honors. It's right-of-passage for all kids and dogs, by the way.



1. Shred and spread: This is the simplest thing you can do with your fall leaves. Go over a big pile of them with a mower or toss them into a shredder. The finer the cut, the faster they'll decompose. Now spread your leaf confetti all over the lawn, garden, or flowerbeds where they can rot and become part of the soil.

2. Mulch your perennial beds: Shredded leaves make a wonderful protective cover for perennial plants that are wintering over in your yard. Once the ground is hard, use them to blanket the root zone around perennials being careful not to pile them up against the trunks of the plants. Your vegetable bed could probably use a bit of leaf mulch, too.

3. Add them to the compost pile: This is my favorite use for dry fall leaves. My compost pile begs for them and I never resist. Dried leaves are a prime carbon source. You'll want to balance this addition to your pile with some nitrogen materials at the same time if possible. Plant clippings, grass clippings, alfalfa hay, and herbivore manure such as rabbit poop are all good nitrogen sources to blend in with the leaves.



Winter Water Reminder!

Even though your irrigation system is already turned off, don't forget to winter water your plant material. During excessively long dry spells, even watering parts of your lawn will be beneficial, especially south facing lawns and hills.

*Water lawns and perennials in fall and winter during prolonged dry periods to prevent root damage that affects the health of the entire plant.

*Water only when air and soil temperatures are above 40 degrees F with no snow cover.

*South and West exposures are at the highest risk for winter injury.

*Dry air, low precipitation, little soil moisture, and fluctuating temperatures are characteristics of fall and winter in many areas of Colorado. There often can be little or no snow cover to provide soil moisture, particularly from October through March. Trees, shrubs, perennials and lawns can be damaged if they do not receive supplemental water.

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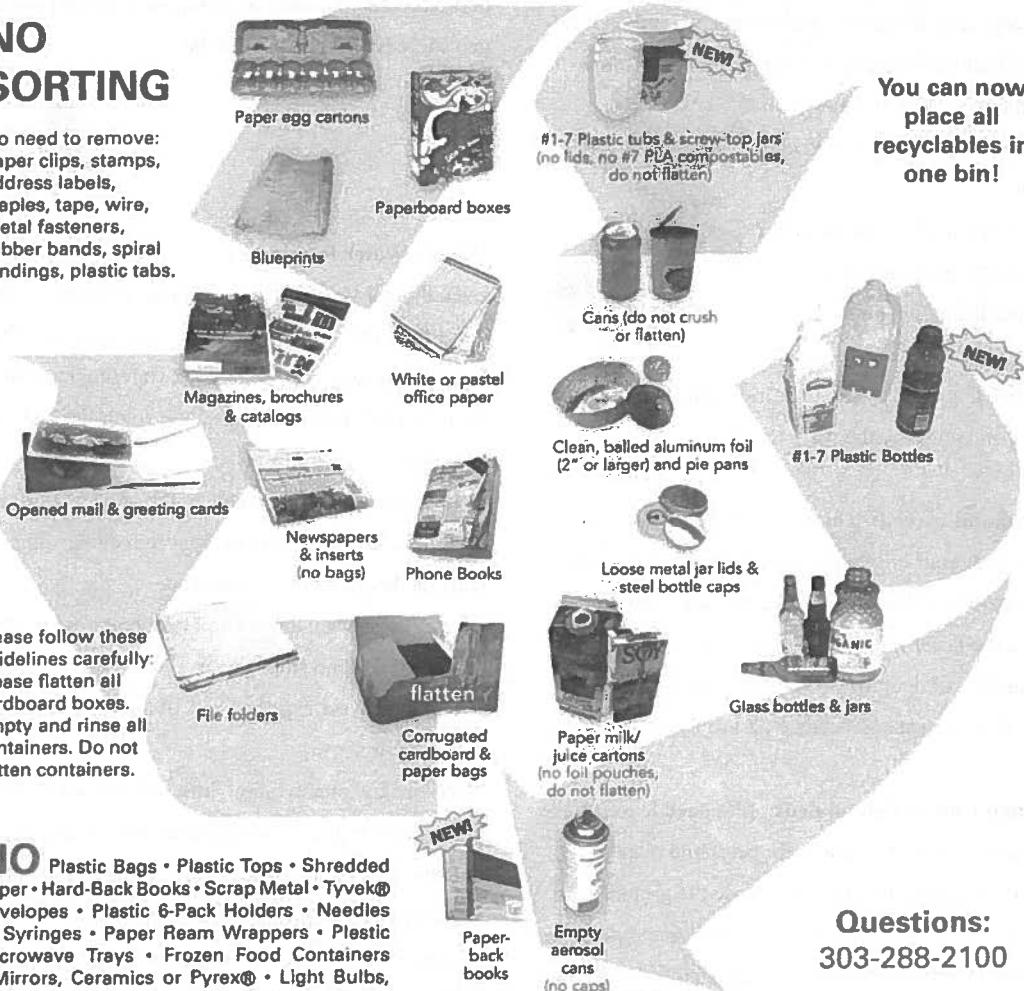
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managers totaled \$ 195,000. If the Board funded all reserve requests, the balance left in the reserve fund would be \$250,000. The Board agreed to hold a final vote in November when all Board members could be present.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new Business.

ADJOURNMENT AND CALENDARING: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the Business Office.

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Why Do Pine Trees look so bad in the Fall?

Pine trees will cycle their material in the same fashion that our deciduous trees drop their leaves each fall. Various hormones within the trees trigger this. There can often be years when needle drop seems more accentuated. This is often due to environmental issue conditions during that season that produced a more abundant stock of needle tissue.

Pine trees drop old needles every three years, or 1/3rd of their needles each year. As long as it is the oldest needles from the inside, not new the growth on the outside there should be no concern.

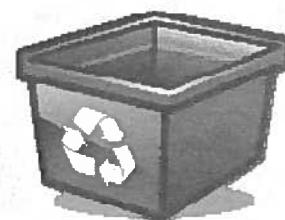
November Gardening tips:

If you have any clay or ceramic pots that you keep outside or in a cold location during the winter, empty them of soil, which will freeze and expand and, most likely, crack the pot. Keep the soil to use to fill the bottom of large planters next year. That way you won't need as much soil!

Information from your trash & recycling company, Waste Connections (WC)

303-288-2100

The HOA pays for your trash and recycling through your homeowner dues. Homestead is A week for recycling and which means November 13th is the next recycling day. Your trash should be at the curb by 7am on pick-up day which is Wednesday. The HOA contract with WC allows you to place three trash bags or containers out for pick-up weekly. During the fall and spring, WC will accept 6 extra bags of yard material such as leaves or cut shrubbery. If you have branches or sticks, they must be bundled into 4 foot lengths and tied with string. WC will accept Christmas trees which have been cut into 4 foot lengths as well, but these cannot be recycled by WC, so if that is important to you, please take them to South Suburban at the Willow Spring Open space location. Your regular route driver cannot accept large trash items such as construction debris, furniture or appliances. Please call WC at the number above to arrange for a special pick-up. Have a credit card ready so you can pay them directly over the telephone. See page 10 of this newsletter for recycling information.





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For questions or concerns about Cherry Creek Schools, contact Tustin Amole, Director of Communications, at 720-554-4475.

CCSD NEWS DELIVERED TO YOUR EMAIL BOX

Get the latest news from Cherry Creek Schools by signing up for the monthly Cherry Creek Schools Community eNewsletter. Subscribers will also receive occasional 'eBlasts' containing breaking news and emergency information. Go to www.cherrycreekschools.or and click on "eNewsletter" in the left hand column.

WEATHER DELAYS AND CLOSURES

Winter weather will be here before we know it! When extreme weather hits, Cherry Creek Schools officials decide whether to close, delay or hold school as scheduled, based on the safety of students and staff.

If classes are going to be delayed or cancelled, the information is posted on the district's website, www.cherrycreekschools.or, sent to families via Blackboard Connect phone calls, and sent to local media outlets. Families can also call the district's Weather Hotline at 720-554-4701.

The delayed start schedule is as follows:

- **HIGH SCHOOL** bus pickup and school start times are delayed $\frac{1}{2}$ hour (30 minutes)
- **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** bus pickup and school start times are delayed 1 hour (60 minutes)
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL** bus pickup and school start times are delayed 1 hour (60 minutes)
- **CHALLENGE SCHOOL** start time is delayed 1 hour (60 minutes)

- **I-TEAM** programs start times are delayed $\frac{1}{2}$ hour (30 minutes)
- **ENDEAVOR ACADEMY and JOLIET LEARNING CENTER** bus pickup and school start times are delayed 1 hour (60 minutes)
- **OUT-OF-DISTRICT PROGRAMS** bus pickup and school start times are delayed 1 hour (60 minutes)
- **VOCATIONAL** bus pickup and school start time is delayed 1 hour (60 minutes)
- **EXPULSION** program operates on a normal schedule
- **PRESCHOOL (AM only)** NO bus transportation to or from school - school start times are delayed 1 hour (60 minutes)
- **KINDERGARTEN (AM Take-Home ONLY)** buses will depart school at their regular times
- **MID-DAY KINDERGARTEN** buses will pick up at their regular times
- **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL DAY CARE** programs operate on a normal schedule
- **FACILITY SHUTTLES ARE CANCELLED**

Afternoon dismissal times will be the same as usual for all schools unless otherwise announced.

Regardless of any decision made by the district regarding a regular schedule or delayed start, parents may keep their children home if they feel that is most appropriate, and any absence will be considered excused.

During the school day a decision will be made concerning after school athletics and activities. Before and after school care will continue as normally scheduled.

In the case of a closure, all school programs including before and after school care are cancelled.

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CCSD BOARD PRESIDENT HONORED FOR DEDICATED SERVICE



(Jim O'Brien is a Homestead Resident)

Jim O'Brien, president of the Cherry Creek Schools Board of Education, received the 2013 McGuffey Award from the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) at the CASB Regional meeting on Sept. 25. The award honors outstanding school board members for their committed and passionate service to students, schools and communities.

"Jim O'Brien is truly committed to the success of all 52,000 students in the Cherry Creek School District," said fellow board member and past board president, Jennifer Churchfield. "He is also an advocate for public education across the state."

O'Brien accepted the award on behalf of all five members of the Cherry Creek Schools Board of Education. Board members are unpaid volunteers who spend countless hours studying complex issues such as student achievement and school finance, working with lawmakers and educational experts, meeting with district administrators, teachers, parents and students, and attending school and district events. They are responsible for the academic success of 52,000 students, as well as the efficient management of a district with 7,500 full and part-time employees.

O'Brien is serving his second term on the Board of Education. He is also a CASB Region 5 board member and has served on the Cherry Creek Schools Foundation Board of Directors. A seasoned business execu-

tive, O'Brien has more than 25 years of experience in developing, managing, and leading for-profit and not-for-profit organizations in the cable telecommunications and education fields. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from Xavier University and his Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado. He also served in the United States Army.

The McGuffey Award is named after William McGuffey, an American professor and college president who wrote the McGuffey Readers, one of the nation's first and most widely-used series of textbooks.

2013 VETERANS WEEK IN CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS

The Cherry Creek School District will again honor our nation's veterans and active duty military personnel with educational events and community celebrations at every school in the district. Mark your calendars now for 2013 Veterans Week – November 11-15. Visit the Cherry Creek Schools website, www.cherrycreekschools.org, for a complete list of Veterans Week activities!

YOU'RE INVITED!

Cherry Creek High School

Nov 6 7 pm, Masterworks Concert, FA Theatre

The logo for Wayne Ritter Tree Service. It features a stylized black tree with a thick trunk and dense foliage. The text "RTR" is at the top, "Tree Service" is in the middle, and "Certified Arborist" is at the bottom. To the right of the tree, the text "Wayne Ritter" is in a large, bold, serif font, with "Owner / Arborist" in a smaller font below it. Below that is the phone number "303.708.1054". Further down, it says "15% Discount Jan & Feb", "Pruning / Removal", and "ISA Certified". At the bottom, it says "FIREWOOD FOR SALE".



COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMENTS FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

Please don't blow your leaves into the street. They become trapped under snow and create mush, or they blow into your neighbor's yards. Take a few extra minutes and sweep your leaves into a trash can for Waste Connections to pick up on trash day or use them for mulch as suggested in the Landscape article on page 9. If you use a gardening service, please ask them to do the same.

CALL TO REPORT

Waste Connections	303-288-2100
(HOA Trash Co.—Pick-up day is <i>Wednesday</i>)	
	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
Graffiti	303-795-4711
Water Breaks	303-770-8625
Sewer Back-up's	303-779-0261
Div. of Wildlife -Coyotes	303-291-7227
Noise—Fiddlers Green	303-486-8275

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For Sale: Crate & Barrel Natural Solid Wood Twin Bunk. Including 2 guard rails, ladder and 2 trundle drawers. Also can be converted into two separate twin beds. Excellent condition. \$800. Please call 303-386-5678.

HOMESTEAD PLAYGROUPS

For more information, please contact:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Contact</u>
0-3	Rachel Bandy robbandach@yahoo.com
3-4	AK Cotton ak_cotton@yahoo.com

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL DISPOSAL

Common household hazardous materials (such as paint, automotive and garden products) that are not allowed in our dumpsters may be disposed of by contacting www.wmatyourdoor.com.

Homeowners in the City of Centennial are qualified to have these materials picked up at their homes for a \$20 fee.

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Black Friday Camp,

November 29, 7 am – 6 pm, Family Sports Center, 6901 S Peoria St, Centennial Enroll in our state-licensed program that keeps kids busy with activities such as laser tag, ice skating, sports and activities in the Sports Dome, the eXer-Game Zone, bumper cars, inflatables and more. Morning/afternoon snacks and lunch included in fee. Ages 6-13 years. For more information, call 303-754-0552.

Thanksgiving Break Camp, November 25-27, Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial, and Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgegate Circle, Lone Tree. Ages 5-10 (at Goodson) and 5-12 (at Lone Tree) have fun swimming, group activities, crafts, field trips and more. Pre-registration by Nov 11 and completion of state required documents (emergency info form and immunization records) prior to participation is a must. Please contact Mary Kaminski for required documents at 303-708-3518 or 303-435-8242.

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Rec and Rock, 7-10:30 pm, November 2, Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial and November 9, Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgegate Circle, Lone Tree. And Buck Blitz, Friday, November 8, Douglas H. Buck Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton. Youth have fun with friends, ages 7-14 and enjoy games and contests while listening to their favorite beats played by a live DJ. Concessions and swimming are available. Must bring own bathing suit and towel. For more information, call 303-483-7036.

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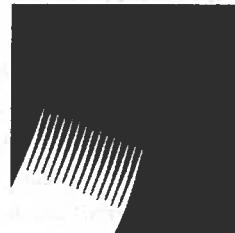
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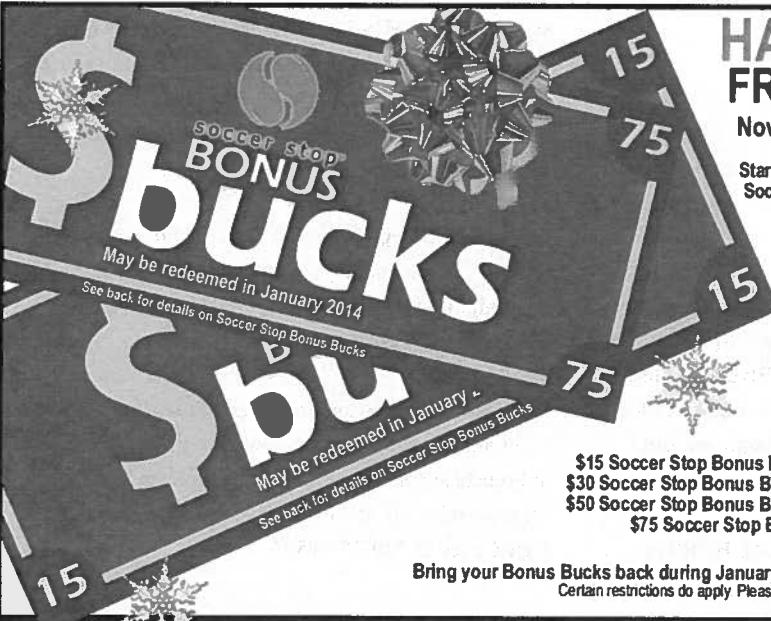


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Movie Night, Saturday, November 16, 5-9 pm, Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgegate Circle, Lone Tree

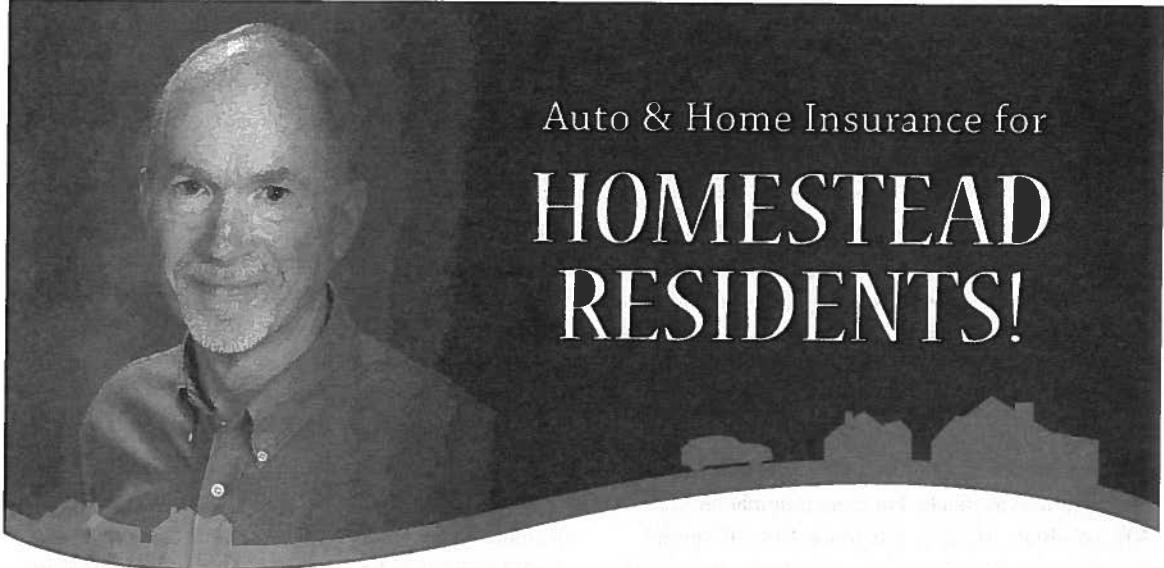
Ages 3-12 (potty trained) are invited to have pizza dinner, popcorn, animal crackers and juice while watching movies. Bring a pillow or blanket. Supervised by a trained child care staff member. Babysitting will be available 5 - 7 pm for children 3 and under during the Lone Tree Movie Night. For more information, call 708-3518.

South Suburban Pottery Guild Sale, November 18-20, 8 am – 8 pm, Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University, Centennial. Holiday gift ideas. Free Admission and parking.

Lifeguard Training, November 6-16, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Fri, 5-8 pm or Saturdays, 12-5:30, Douglas H. Buck Community Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave. Littleton. The American Red Cross Training course teaches candidates the skills and knowledge needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies quickly and efficiently. Must be able to complete the following pre-requisites: Must be able to swim 300 yards continuously using freestyle and breaststroke as well as swim 20 yards and retrieve a brick from a 10 foot depth and swim it back under one minute and forty seconds and tread water with hands above the surface for 2 minutes. Ages 15-Adult. For more information please call 303-730-5219.

Babysitter's Training, Friday, November 23, 9 am – 5:30 pm, Douglas H. Buck Community Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave. Littleton. Learn what every parent wants in a safe and responsible babysitter with the American Red Cross Babysitters Training course. Ages 11-15 years. For more information please call 303-730-5219.

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South Suburban Recreation Centers feature Local Artists in November. South Suburban Parks and Recreation's Goodson and Lone Tree Recreation Centers are featuring temporary art exhibitions during the month of November. See local artist's J. Mensen & R. Dickey at Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgegate Circle, Lone Tree and Karen Trenchard at Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University, Centennial.

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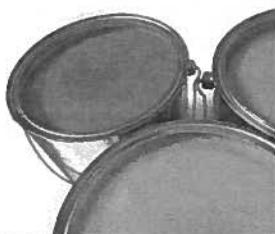
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CENTENNIAL NEWS

Centennial 101: Discover How our City Works

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Apply for Centennial 101 Class of 2014

Applications for Centennial 101 will be available online November 11 - December 2, 2013. Thirty Participants will be accepted for the inaugural class of Centennial 101.

Applications available: November 11, 2013

Application deadline: December 2, 2013

Participant notification: mid-December 2013

Class information:

January 30 – March 10, 2014

5:30 – 9:00 PM, Thursdays (Graduation on Monday) – dinner provided

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Schedule:

Session 1: Introduction/History, January 30, 2014

Session 2: Taxes/Budget, February 6, 2014

Session 3: Development/Planning, February 13, 2014

Session 4: Street Infrastructure, February 20, 2014

Session 5: Laws/Courts/Council, February 27, 2014

Session 6: Intergovernmental Relations, March 6, 2014

Graduation: at City Council Meeting, March 10, 2014

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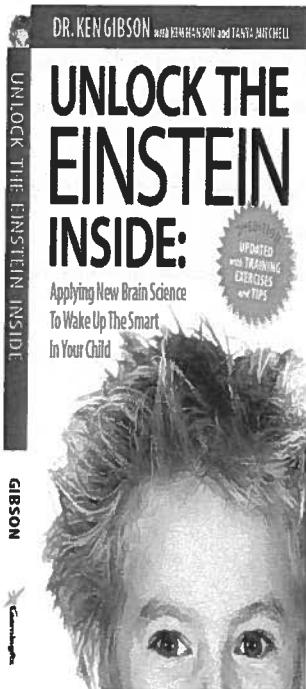
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ARAPAHOE COUNTY NEWS

Local youth are invited to join Arapahoe County 4-H



Arapahoe County 4-H is now welcoming metro-area youth to join one of 14 local clubs from Littleton to Deer Trail, or to start a new club with a group of friends and an adult volunteer. The program currently engages more than 300 members. New members should enroll by Jan. 1.

By joining a 4-H club, youth ages 5 to 18 can explore their interests in more than 60 general, home economics and animal project areas. A project involves learning a new skill over a period of several weeks or months through hands-on learning. Some of the County's most popular projects are the rabbit and dog projects, shooting sports, cake decorating, clothing construction and wildlife. Children under age 8 participate in the Clover-bud project, where they learn about a variety of topics and have fun in a non-competitive setting.

"By joining 4-H, your child can become part of a community of friends and learn wholesome skills that will benefit them for a lifetime," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen. "For example, 4-H members grow up with the skills to sew, take photographs, care for an animal, cook a nutritious meal or even make a public speech."

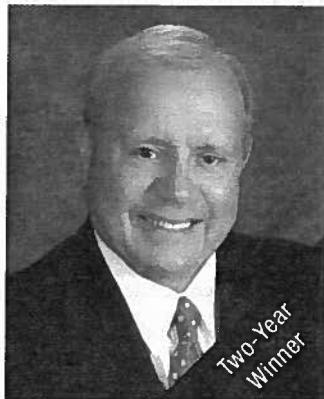
Arapahoe County 4-H members are invited to show their completed projects at the Arapahoe County Fair each July, and top exhibitors are invited to the Colorado State Fair. The County also hosts optional contests each year, such as cake decorating, speech and demonstrations, creative cooks and a talent show. 4-H youth also participate in community service projects, fundraisers, conferences and camps that help to grow their leadership skills and civic perspective.

Arapahoe County 4-H also welcomes new adult volunteers who can serve as club and project leaders and teach youth a life skill. Training, materials and support are provided. Applications, references and a background check are required for all volunteers.

For a list of 4-H clubs and projects and more information, please call the 4-H Office at Arapahoe County's CSU Extension at 303-730-1920 or visit www.arapahoeextension.org. The annual fee for new members is \$35, which covers up to three projects and the new leader fee is \$10.

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