

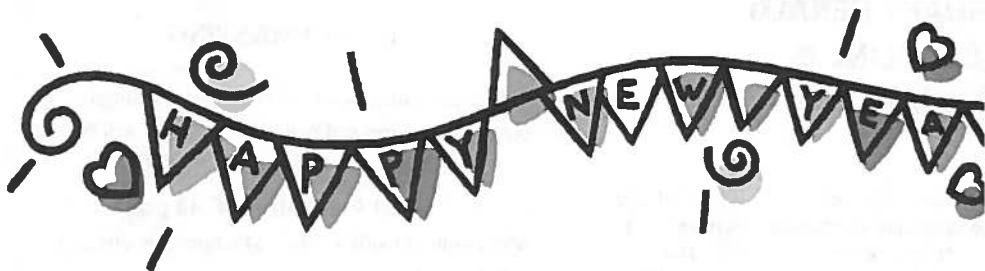


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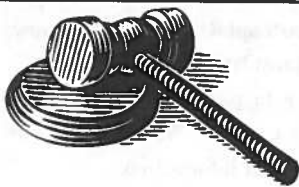
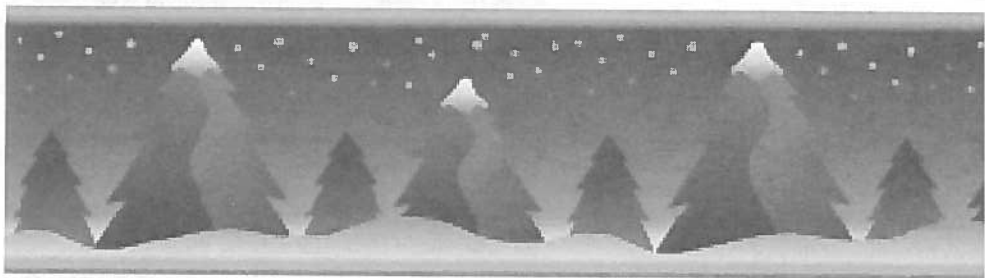
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## IMPORTANT HOMEOWNER INFORMATION

regarding your **Annual Dues Assessment**  
can be found on page 12



**Next Regular  
Board Meeting  
6:30pm  
Jan. 13, 2015  
West Pool Office**

**THE FEBRUARY  
HERALD DEADLINE  
IS  
JANUARY 15TH**





## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### JANUARY HERALD DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15TH

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**meetings are open to residents.  
Business Office for dates.**

**ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION** When  
a member wishes to report observed  
problems or concerns or helpful ideas pertaining  
to areas of responsibility of the Architectural  
Design Review Committee, Land-  
lord Business Office, please, when you  
leave a message on the answering machine,  
include name and telephone number so that we  
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We are here to help.

## BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

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

**Phone: 303-793-0230**

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## BOARD MEETING

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

**Tuesday, January 13, 2015**

**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  
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mercial rates, ad sizes or other information.

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### Board Positions 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 a great way 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 about your neighborhood? Homestead has been self-managed for over thirty years. Through the volunteer efforts of owners like you, Homestead has preserved property values, maintained the architectural integrity of the neighborhood, and provided amenities such as the pools and tennis courts that save homeowners the cost of joining clubs.

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.

## ARCHITECTURAL CO NOTICE

**If you are replacing your roof after the recent hailstorm, you must submit an application to the ACC before you are using an approved painter.**

Homeowners are required to submit an "Architectural Change" form to the HOA before making any changes to the exterior of your home or property. If you are replacing or updating with similar materials or the same paint colors. Anything visible from the street outside of your house or within the yard must be submitted for approval to the Architectural Committee (ACC) as our covenants require.

Applications must be accompanied by complete plans, sketches, samples, color chips, and other pertinent information so that the ACC has a clear idea of your project as possible. When submitting for fence changes, sheds, accessory building structures, also submit a drawing of you showing the location of the fence or item and indicating the material, height and style of the proposed fence structure.

Forms are available at the office or on our website at [www.homesteadinthewillow.com](http://www.homesteadinthewillow.com)

### DID YOU KNOW

that the ACC volunteers have processed over 138 applications for architectural changes in the last three months? Many of those applications were turned around within a week to accommodate homeowners who were in a hurry.

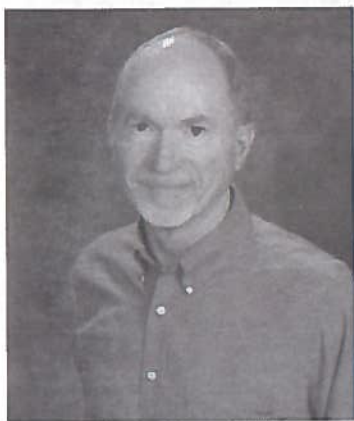
**THANK YOU, ACC VOLUNTEERS**

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## **Ron Sandilands Insurance**

### **Homestead resident 26 yrs.**

ings HOA approved roof vs. old wood shake

## ACC NEWS

Shutters are being replaced throughout the community. Our “Homestead Aesthetic” guidelines specify the material and style. Approved shutters are louvered, wood or man-made material, with straight proportions to the window.

Since windows vary in size, it is impossible to give exact dimensions; however, the original shutters are approximately half the width of the window they border. Imagine that if they were working shut closed the shutters on each side of the window, they would close over the entire window. A good way to measure your window from the inside including glass and frame and divide the number in half. If the shutter is between two sizes, use the wider width.

See the pictures below. The windows are the same size, on the same model home. One has the correctly-sized shutters, the other narrow, incorrectly-sized shutters. If you are replacing your shutters, the correct size and you must submit an “Application for Architectural Change.”

The ACC has received complaints about properties that have installed new shutters that are the wrong size. Since incorrectly sized shutters have been up for over a year, the ACC cannot take action under the current Covenants. If you see shutters installed that you believe are the wrong size, please complete a “Possible Covenant Violation” form and return it to the Business Office. The ACC cannot take action without a written complaint.

Right: Windows with original, correctly-sized shutters.



Left: Window with incorrectly-sized shutters.

	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual*	Budget
<b>INCOME</b>					
311 Single Home Assessment	\$ 779,299.84	\$ 788,192.00	\$ 789,342.00	\$ 785,127.96	\$ 812,690.00
312 Townhome Assessment	25,915.00	27,193.00	27,193.00	\$ 27,193.00	\$ 27,974.00
313 Associate Memberships	2,628.00	1,836.00	2,670.00	\$ 918.00	\$ 946.00
318 Late Fees	3,695.02	3,910.47	2,149.00	\$ 4,616.13	\$ 4,603.00
321 Interest	1,287.65	131.50	-	\$ 38.98	\$ 33.00
331 Advertising	15,299.67	15,168.00	12,500.00	\$ 12,569.00	\$ 12,500.00
341 Pool Parties	300.00	300.00	267.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
351 Transfer Fees	6,375.00	7,250.00	3,867.00	\$ 5,875.00	\$ 4,250.00
355 Association Fines	13,836.90	6,304.10	-	\$ 1,729.00	\$ 1,479.00
356 Tree Replacement Fund	-	200.00	-	\$ -	-
361 Pool/Tennis Keys	2,030.00	1,740.00	1,269.00	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,260.00
365 Other Income	1,113.90	600.53	52.00	\$ 638.99	\$ 516.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 851,780.98</b>	<b>\$ 852,825.60</b>	<b>\$ 839,309.00</b>	<b>\$ 840,186.06</b>	<b>\$ 866,351.00</b>

	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual*	Budget
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Administrative:</b>					
411 Salary - Business Manager	\$ 27,984.75	\$ 27,714.75	\$ 28,620.00	\$ 28,620.00	\$ 29,192.40
412 Temporary Help - Admin	4,717.50	4,987.50	5,627.00	\$ 5,996.50	5,890.00
421 Payroll Taxes (FUTA.8%/SUTA.1')	472.63	400.55	424.00	\$ 437.44	455.00
423 FICA - Employers Share(7.65%)	4,454.00	4,386.87	4,679.00	\$ 4,677.51	4,739.00
424 Taxes, Other	2,975.00	2,250.00	3,300.00	\$ -	3,300.00
431 Postage	1,353.35	1,339.31	1,382.00	\$ 1,256.50	1,311.00
432 Printing/Copying	873.57	1,287.75	1,638.00	\$ 435.09	1,475.00
433 Equipment Repair	210.11	90.00	100.00	\$ 100.00	100.00
434 Supplies - Office	1,222.40	766.82	888.00	\$ 1,200.59	550.00
435 - Computer	674.96	656.07	850.00	\$ (13.79)	995.00
436 Office Cleaning/Snow Shoveling	720.36	915.60	1,190.00	\$ 1,176.39	1,162.00
437 Mileage	185.93	201.47	245.00	\$ 216.16	245.00
438 Membership Fees	30.00	245.00	245.00	\$ 245.00	245.00
441 Newsletter - Printing	9,175.76	9,757.15	11,112.00	\$ 10,940.51	12,133.44
442 - Delivery	2,520.00	2,520.00	2,520.00	\$ 2,520.00	2,520.00
443 - Bags	403.20	403.20	410.00	\$ 403.20	425.00
447 Annual Meeting Costs	386.54	144.72	175.00	\$ 82.67	300.00
451 Accounting - Audit	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,400.00	\$ 2,750.00	2,750.00
452 Accounting - Bookkeeper	1,680.00	1,680.00	1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	1,800.00
455 Bank Service Charges	7.95	23.85	30.00	\$ 27.95	30.00
461 Legal	4,421.22	11,070.20	10,000.00	\$ 4,770.00	5,000.00
471 General Insurance	36,072.48	37,675.48	41,382.00	\$ 39,310.96	42,695.00
472 Workman's Compensation	988.00	1,545.00	1,699.00	\$ 1,472.00	1,472.00
480 Bathroom Opening-Closing formerly acct #662	-	1,775.00	2,910.00	\$ 3,400.87	2,810.00
483 Architectural Control	66.38	62.84	80.00	\$ -	80.00
490 Pool/Tennis Keys	795.25	123.51	600.00	\$ -	600.00
494 Miscellaneous Admin	713.00	315.69	154.00	\$ 1,296.33	1,054.00
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$ 105,404.34</b>	<b>\$ 114,638.33</b>	<b>\$ 124,460.00</b>	<b>\$ 113,121.88</b>	<b>\$ 123,328.84</b>

	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual*	Budget
<b>Land Maintenance:</b>					
511 Salary - Landscape	\$ 19,700.04	\$ 19,700.04	\$ 20,900.00	\$ 20,900.04	\$ 21,317.92
521 Pruning & Spraying	6,640.00	5,860.00	6,000.00	\$ 6,182.50	6,290.00
541 Land Contract	51,339.95	51,180.00	53,985.00	\$ 54,233.00	55,065.00
551 R/M - Walkways	5,405.00	10,939.00	7,350.00	\$ 4,095.50	7,700.00
552 R/M - Trees	20,493.25	21,295.00	20,000.00	\$ 19,846.00	20,960.00
553 Sprinkler Contract	13,335.10	11,745.25	13,400.00	\$ 11,375.00	13,400.00
554 R/M - Sod, RR Ties, Benches	4,162.83	4,259.00	3,920.00	\$ 5,692.25	4,110.00
555 R/M - Sprinkler	53,770.00	13,903.00	39,000.00	\$ 32,108.59	35,000.00
561 Flower Beds	7,754.55	5,005.47	7,350.00	\$ 8,545.38	7,700.00
562 Special Projects & Repairs	2,195.00	625.00	2,495.00	\$ 1,226.00	2,615.00
563 Tree Replacement Expense	-	4,840.00	6,000.00	\$ 5,610.00	6,290.00
570 Fence Repairs	23,833.50	23,112.50	24,000.00	\$ 22,878.75	26,400.00
575 Miscellaneous Landscape	193.16	175.00	1,050.00	\$ 345.97	1,100.00
<b>Total Land Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 208,822.38</b>	<b>\$ 172,639.26</b>	<b>\$ 205,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 193,038.98</b>	<b>\$ 207,947.92</b>

HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS  
2015 BUDGET

Acct.	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Budget	2014 Actual*	2015 Budget
<b>Pool:</b>					
610 Pool Management Contract	\$ 95,500.00	\$ 97,000.00	\$ 98,500.00	\$ 100,513.03	\$ 99,000.00
631 Operating Supplies - Janitorial	1,694.78	1,587.26	2,000.00	1,579.20	2,000.00
632 - Chemicals	14,559.87	13,714.59	16,000.00	17,459.97	16,000.00
633 - Office	1,656.00	3,501.89	1,500.00	816.54	1,500.00
641 R/M - Pools	4,633.11	9,015.58	5,000.00	4,739.56	2,000.00
642 - Buildings	12,318.93	3,139.23	6,000.00	4,475.35	1,500.00
643 - Equipment	2,063.37	3,831.71	7,000.00	754.15	9,000.00
644 - Furniture	-	1,353.19	1,000.00	-	3,000.00
651 Telephones	750.42	735.44	1,200.00	851.83	800.00
661 Pool Opening/Closing	2,015.22	3,265.68	2,100.00	317.46	2,100.00
662 Bathroom Opening-Closing moved to	2,805.00	1,260.00	-	-	-
672 Swim Team Funding	2,000.00	2,491.26	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
681 Special Events	570.18	-	100.00	240.24	100.00
691 Miscellaneous Pool	-	-	500.00	-	500.00
<b>Total Pool Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 140,566.88</b>	<b>\$ 140,895.83</b>	<b>\$ 142,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 133,747.33</b>	<b>\$ 139,500.00</b>
<b>Tennis:</b>					
711 Salary - Manager	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,498.00	\$ 3,498.00	\$ 3,500.00
731 Supplies - Maintenance	1,978.17	380.34	920.00	353.79	920.00
732 Cleaning	4,780.00	4,769.45	4,830.00	4,830.00	4,830.00
733 Repairs	13,450.00	-	450.00	113.48	1,600.00
741 Keys/Locks	105.00	-	-	580.00	-
761 Tennis Program Funding	-	-	-	-	-
771 Miscellaneous	55.97	55.38	120.00	78.54	120.00
<b>Total Tennis Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 23,669.14</b>	<b>\$ 8,505.17</b>	<b>\$ 9,818.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,453.81</b>	<b>\$ 11,030.00</b>
<b>Utilities:</b>					
811 Water	\$ 95,289.59	\$ 58,648.44	\$ 72,035.00	\$ 76,289.44	\$ 82,000.00
812 Sewer	7,406.16	8,018.48	7,965.00	8,499.06	9,000.00
813 Gas	8,610.70	11,180.36	11,175.00	12,226.76	15,200.00
814 Electric	11,419.16	11,837.61	13,115.00	13,117.28	12,800.00
815 Phone - Office	1,675.11	1,723.53	1,420.00	1,757.57	1,800.00
817 Trash removal	99,802.20	101,791.44	103,764.00	104,140.23	105,900.00
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 224,202.92</b>	<b>\$ 193,199.86</b>	<b>\$ 209,474.00</b>	<b>\$ 216,030.34</b>	<b>\$ 226,700.00</b>
<b>Other:</b>					
840 Donations	\$ -	-	850	0	-
845 Vandalism	210.00	1278.68	1000.00	430.00	500.00
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$ 210.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,278.68</b>	<b>\$ 1,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 430.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,350.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 702,875.66</b>	<b>\$ 631,157.13</b>	<b>\$ 693,952.00</b>	<b>\$ 665,822.34</b>	<b>\$ 709,990.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>					
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 851,780.98</b>	<b>\$ 852,825.60</b>	<b>\$ 839,309.00</b>	<b>\$ 840,186.06</b>	<b>\$ 866,350.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 702,875.66</b>	<b>\$ 631,157.13</b>	<b>\$ 693,952.00</b>	<b>\$ 665,822.34</b>	<b>\$ 709,990.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 148,905.32</b>	<b>\$ 221,668.47</b>	<b>\$ 145,357.00</b>	<b>\$ 174,363.72</b>	<b>\$ 156,350.00</b>
<b>Reserve Fund Expenditures</b>					
<b>Reserve Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 295,921.05</b>	<b>\$ 175,647.95</b>	<b>\$ 191,452.00</b>	<b>\$ 221,928.93</b>	<b>\$ 225,610.00</b>

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## CENTENNIAL NEWS

### Centennial, CO Selects Consultant To Explore Fiber Options

The City of Centennial has launched Phase 1 of an innovative new initiative, designed to evaluate the City's existing fiber optic infrastructure (used in traffic signalization) and identify potential areas of opportunity.

There were several steps necessary to get to this point. Colorado law is different than most states, and requires that voters approve government participation in local networks in their areas. In November 2013, Centennial voters overwhelmingly approved a ballot question allowing the City to examine opportunities to partner with private sector providers to utilize publicly owned infrastructure to enhance telecommunications and Internet services for businesses and residents.

After an extensive RFP process, the City recently began working with a consultant, NewCom Technologies, Inc., to assist the City in identifying fiber optic related opportunities. The next steps of this process will involve a physical inventory of existing fiber and conduit; and a public outreach process that will include surveying key stakeholders such as businesses, healthcare, education and public safety agencies to establish current levels of internet connectivity, as well as identify future needs.

Centennial Mayor Pro Tem Ken Lucas. "This is a remarkable time to be a part of the City of Centennial. With the passing of the ballot question in 2013, the City can look into opportunities to utilize our existing fiber optic infrastructure by partnering with the private sector to provide faster Internet services and possibly lower prices."

Anyone interested in learning more about is invited to attend presentations at: District Meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 7 at the Inn at 9200 E Mineral Ave, Centennial CO 80112 District 4 Meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the Center 16799 E Lake Ave, Centennial, at 6 p.m.

The consultants are expected to deliver report by the end of March, 2015.

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# LANDSCAPE LOGIC

By: Nancy Bauer

## *Gardening in Denver . . .*

Gardening in Denver is different from almost anywhere else in our country. It's dry here, only 14 inches of precipitation a year on average. We have intense sunshine most days, low humidity, drying winds, and temperatures that may fluctuate 50 degrees or more in 24 hours. Then there's the soil: highly alkaline and, in most parts of the metro area, heavy clay. No wonder gardening is a challenge to newcomers and natives alike! Yet, many Denver landscapes are amazingly beautiful and productive. It's a matter of knowing how to work with our special conditions

## *Winter watering is important!*

Unless we have an unusually wet winter, trees, shrubs, perennials, ground covers, and lawn should be watered every four to six weeks. Check soil moisture levels during warm, windy, or dry periods. Wait for a day when the temperature is 40 degrees or more and the ground is not frozen. Be sure to water early in the day for about 20 to 30 minutes per setting. For further information go to [www.ext.colo.state.edu](http://www.ext.colo.state.edu) CSU Fact Sheet 7.211.



## *Ornamental Grasses:*

Most people prefer to leave dried ornamental grasses standing in the winter garden for winter interest; their shape and swaying plumes add seasonal interest. With the heavy snows many of the grasses in unprotected locations can be smashed into unattractive mounds. These broken and bent grasses won't bounce back to their upright shape, so they should be cut back. For a neater look, avoid cutting them straight across, instead cut grasses below where they are bent and broken at different heights to create more of a rounded shape

among the stalks. If grasses are still standing, knowing that they will need to be cut before new growth emerges in the spring.

## *Shrub Care:*

Many herbaceous shrubs have weak wood and long, pliable branches that make them susceptible to wind and snow damage. Examples include Russian sage, golden elder, sumac, pussy willow, and mist spirea. Any branch that has been broken by weather-, and this includes trees, should be removed. Those tears and breaks are an open invitation to disease of all kinds. Protect these plants by pruning as a little maintenance now can save treatment costs later.



## *Upright Evergreens:*

Upright evergreens and shrub forms of evergreens should be pruned to splay open from the snow. While it's best to remove snow from shrubs before the snow flies, they can stay together after the fact. Garden centers have other materials to wrap around evergreens to hold them in their natural upright position. Remove the material in the summer once the plants have removed the material in the summer once they have grown to grow and re-establish its natural form. If not removed, can girdle the plant and kill it.

## *Other January Tips:*

Check to make sure the mulch is still covering plants. Plants are exposed to the south and southwest. Pruning should be done on all trees (except for correction, height, damage, or shape). After pruning, chop all the branches off your Christmas trees and place them over bulb beds and perennial garden beds. Mulch insulation helps protect plants against fluctuating temperatures and early warm up.



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### DUES ASSESSMENT

2015 Assessment letters will be mailed the week of January 2nd. The single family homeowner dues for the fiscal year January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 will be \$905. The Village I townhome dues will be \$394. **Our governing documents specify that dues be paid in full once yearly.**

Included with the dues assessment are a voting proxy for the Annual Meeting and Association FAQ's. Please return the voting proxy with your dues payment. If you attend the Annual Meeting, it will be returned to you. **If you do not receive your assessment letter by January 15th, please call the Business Office so that we may send you a duplicate copy.**

The deadline for paying your dues without late charges is **March 1, 2015**. If you have any questions please call the Business Office at 303-793-0230.

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<b>Centennial City Services (24/7)</b>	<b>303-325-8000</b>
<b>Vandalism or Speeders</b>	
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<b>Pot Holes</b>	<b>303-325-8000</b>
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<b>Div. of Wildlife -Coyotes</b>	<b>303-291-7227</b>
<b>Noise—Fiddlers Green</b>	<b>303-486-8275</b>

## Free Christmas Tree Recycling and Mulch

Don't throw away your Christmas tree; give it another life by recycling it! The City of Centennial, Arapahoe Recreation District and South Suburban Parks and Recreation District are providing residents with an opportunity to appropriately and safely dispose Christmas trees.

**What:** Disposal of clean, non-ornamented, non-decorated Christmas trees for mulching. Artificial trees are not recycled.

**When:** Friday, December 26 -Monday, January 12, 2015

**City of Centennial and Arapahoe Park and Recreation District (east side of the City):**

This FREE holiday tree recycling is available to all local residents and is not restricted to City or Arapahoe Recreation District residents. Locations include:

- Lookout Park, 5455 S. Riviera Way
- Piney Creek Hollow Park, 6140 S. Tower Rd.

It is anticipated free mulch will be available for private use at both locations starting December 29 and continuing through January 12 (December 31, January 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12).

**South Suburban Parks and Recreation District (west side of the City):**

At no cost, residents can drop off their tree seven days a week, from sunrise to sunset, at the Willow Spring Service Center in the designated enclosure by the front gate: Willow Spring Service Center, 7100 S. Holly St. Residents can obtain free mulch, beginning December 30. The mulch will be available weekdays, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Willow Spring site.

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Get rewarded for being active and healthy by joining South Suburban's **Passport to Health**, our fitness and wellness rewards program. Earn 35 points by completing various fitness and wellness activities and you will receive a \$10 Recreation Gift Card, and be entered into a drawing to win a variety of great prizes, including a 15-punch pass, 1 month admission, 18 holes of golf for two, 30 minute massage and more! Pick up your FitPass at any of the 4 recreation centers beginning 12/31. Program registration is required to join with a current email address. Contact Kelsey Whisler, Fitness Supervisor for more information at 303-483-7082 or [kelseyw@sspr.org](mailto:kelseyw@sspr.org)

**Slim Down Program, Jan 3- Feb 28, South Suburban's Buck Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton; Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial; Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 RidgeGate Circle, Lone Tree and Sheridan Recreation Center, 3325 W. Oxford Ave., Sheridan.**

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# Cherry Creek Schools News

Cherry Creek Schools News – January 2015

## THANK YOU BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jim O'Brien wasn't fully prepared for the time commitment that came along with his new role as a member of the Cherry Creek Board of Education.

When O'Brien joined the board seven years ago, he'd already built an extensive professional résumé as a telecommunications executive and nonprofit manager. What's more, he'd played the part of active and engaged volunteer at the Cherry Creek schools where his two sons attended.

But all of that experience didn't fully prepare O'Brien for the work that was to come. Taking on the mantle of school board member meant accepting a different level of responsibility, one that included up to 25 hours of work in a typical week.

"To be an effective board member, you have to have the time to prepare for board meetings, you have to have the time to visit schools and you have to have the time to interface with district leadership members," O'Brien said. "There's so much to learn. Having been on the school board for almost eight years, I learn something new every day. You have to do your homework."

O'Brien isn't the only board member who boasts that level of dedication. The Cherry Creek School District Board of Education comprises five dedicated public servants who work tirelessly for the sake of more than 54,000 students. January is School Board Recognition Month, and the district is proud to acknowledge the work of board members Karen Fisher, Claudine

McDonald Jim O'Brien, Randy Perlis and [unclear] man.

These unpaid volunteers work hundreds of hours for a simple goal: to ensure that every student in the Cherry Creek School District receives the best education possible. That means that every student in the district has access to an education that properly prepares them for success in college, the military, the workforce and the larger realm of society as a whole.

That effort involves a high level of expertise. The Cherry Creek School District is home to more than 100 employees. The board oversees the efficient operation of a public entity with more than 9,000 part-time employees. They successfully oversee a general fund budget of more than \$400 million. That work comes on top of the countless interactions with students, teachers, administrators, parents and other community members. Direct communication comes during the board's regular visits, special events and sporting events throughout the year.

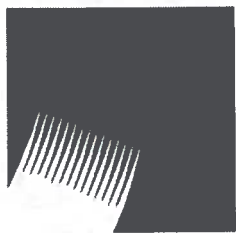
Each board member represents one of the five director districts, but they are elected 'at-large' for two-year terms by registered voters via a non-partisan ballot.

Board of Education meetings are generally held on the second Monday of the month at all Cherry Creek schools. Contact information for the Board of Education is 720-554-4300 or [ccsd-board@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:ccsd-board@cherrycreekschools.org).

## CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT TO AP HONOR ROLL

The Cherry Creek School District is one of the 10 districts in Colorado to make the College Board's Annual AP District Honor Roll for increasing the number of students taking AP courses.

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"Reaching these goals indicates that these districts are successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are likely to benefit from rigorous AP course work," the College Board said in a statement.

Historically, only about half of African American, Hispanic and Native American students with a high degree of readiness for AP, have taken the classes because schools do not always offer the AP course that matches their interests and abilities. The Cherry Creek School District has been recognized for its commitment to increasing the availability of AP courses to students of all backgrounds.

Inclusion on the 5th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination of three years of AP data, from 2012 to 2014, for the following criteria.

- Increased participation/access to AP by at least 4 percent in large districts, at least 6 percent in medium districts, and at least 11 percent in small districts;
- Increased or maintained the percentage of exams taken by African American, Hispanic/Latino and American Indian/Alaska Native students, and;
- Improved performance levels when comparing the percentage of students in 2014 scoring a 3 or higher to those in 2012, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70 percent of its AP students are scoring a 3 or higher.

More than 11,500 students in Cherry Creek high schools are enrolled AP courses. Last year, students took 8,428 exams, 6,184 of which received scores of 3 or higher.

Students who score at 30 or higher earn college credit for the courses, saving them tuition paid toward earning a college degree.

Cherry Creek Schools is one of 547 schools in the United States and Canada to make the AP Honor Roll. There are 13,588 school districts in the United States serving nearly 50 million students and 250 school districts in Canada serving 5.3 million students.

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## CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS HONORED FOR ACADEMIC GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT

Eighteen Cherry Creek schools received the Distinguished Achievement award from the Colorado Department of Education on December 10 in a ceremony to celebrate 2014 school and district performance results. Commissioner Robert Hanks presented awards to schools and districts that earned acclaim in various award categories.

Four Cherry Creek schools received the Distinguished Improvement award, eight schools received the John Irwin Schools award and six Cherry Creek schools received the Distinguished Achievement award.

The Governor's Distinguished Achievement award is given to schools that demonstrate excellent academic growth. On the school performance framework used by the state to evaluate schools, the "exceed" expectations on the indicator for annual academic growth over three years. 18 schools earned this award.

The John Irwin Schools of Excellence award is given to schools that demonstrate excellent academic achievement. On the school performance framework used by the state to evaluate schools, the "exceed" expectations on the indicator for achievement over three years. In 2014, 16 schools earned this award. The Cherry Creek schools that received the John Irwin award are Cherry Creek East, West Middle school and Homestead Elementary. "We are so proud of these great neighborhoods and the dedicated teachers and staff members who have made them such outstanding places to learn," said Superintendent Bull, superintendent of Cherry Creek Schools.

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nts for their hard work and our parents and community members for providing the support and re-  
ble our students and schools to be successful.”

## **SDS SCHOOLS MAKE 5280'S LIST OF TOP PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

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**Call Justin Rapp at (303) 771-6416.**

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