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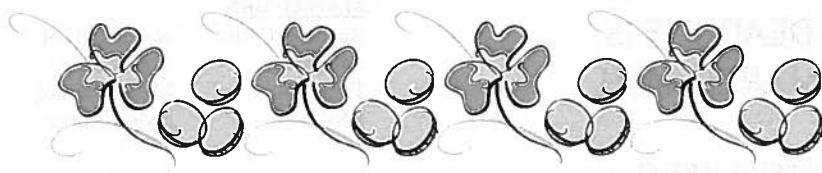


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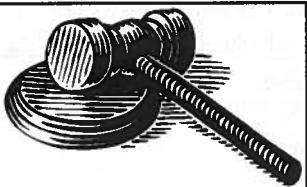
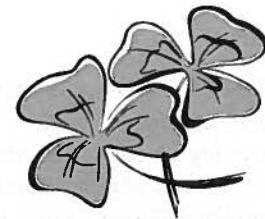
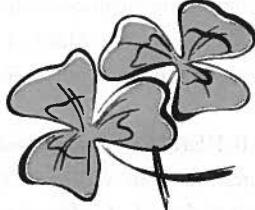
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OUR ANNUAL MEETING will take place on March 14th. Details are on page 17. There will be a drawing for half off the HOA Dues (over \$400!) for those attending the meeting. You must be a member in good standing (2011 dues paid) and present to win.

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! See page 14 for information on Homestead Hurricane registration and page 17 for details on the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the North Pool Recreation Area.



Next Regular
Board Meeting
6:30pm
Apr. 12, 2011
West Pool Office

THE APRIL
HERALD DEADLINE
IS
MARCH 16th





ASSOCIATION NEWS

APRIL HERALD DEADLINE IS MARCH 16TH

BOARD MEETING

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

Tuesday, Apr. 12, 2011

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.

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.

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5896 E. Geddes Ave.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00am — 3:00pm

Phone: 303-793-0230

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MANAGERS:

Business Office	Katie Kidwell	303-793-0230
Landscape	Nancy Bauer	303-740-8226
Tennis	Melissa Shuck	303-819-3953
Pool	Jaylene Jones	303-617-0221

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President	Reed Richardson	303-997-4176
Vice Pres.	Christopher Molke	303-997-6857
Secretary	Scott Lenamond	303-793-0230
Treasurer	Bill Shelden	303-770-1984
Member at Large	Chris Raab	720-427-6799 craab@mac.com

COMMITTEES:

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

CENCON REP: available

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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Volunteer Opportunity Covenant Review Taskforce

Our HOA needs a few more volunteers to be a part of the Covenant Review Taskforce to review our community to ensure that the properties are well-maintained. The Taskforce uses a checklist, walks in teams of two people per area, and does the review usually in June. This year will be the third year. This is a very important process and helps keep the property values in Homestead up.

BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

Although The Board of Directors is delighted that one homeowner has stepped forward to fill one of the vacant Board positions, **we need one more!** New Board members are voted in at our Annual Meeting in March 2011 for a term of three years. 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 Katie at the Business Office, 303-793-0230 for more information.

HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEE

To the Homestead Community:

My name is Aloah Kincaid. I moved into Homestead in the Willows at the end of May. My daughter is in college in New York. Although I have not lived here long, I appreciate what a great neighborhood we live in. The neighbors in my immediate vicinity have gone out of their way to be friendly and helpful. As I walk my Scottish terrier, I've gotten to know even more people. I lived in another HOA neighborhood for fifteen years and nothing quite compares with what we have in the Willows.

I have been a CPA in public practice for 25 years, specializing in small business accounting, including non-profits. As an auditor at the beginning of my career, I became familiar with HOA accounting practices. My Board experience includes a term on a preschool board and eight years on the Colorado State Board of Accountancy, including one year as Chairman of the Board. In addition, I spent over 20 years as a member of the Finance Committee of my church here and in Washington, D.C.

I would appreciate your consideration as a member of the HOA Board. I believe my extensive accounting background, as well as my board experience, would serve you well. As we go forward into 2011, it is my goal to maintain the quality of this neighborhood as a place where our children can thrive.

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HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Regular Board Meeting February 8, 2011 – Unofficial Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Board President, Reed Richardson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Other Board Members present were Scott Lenamond, Christopher Molke, Chris Raab and Bill Shelden; as well as Business Manager, Katie Kidwell; Pool Manager, Jaylene Jones; Landscape Manager, Nancy Bauer; and Mark Peterson of Water Ketch Inc.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January, 2011 regular Board Meeting were approved as read.

SWIM TEAM: No report

FINANCIAL REPORT: Bookkeeper John Fitzgerald presented the financial report. Over 24% of homeowners had paid their annual assessments adding \$187,010 to the operating fund revenues. Expenses for January totaled \$65,734 and included \$ 33,731 for the HOA liability insurance, \$12,028 for trash and utilities and \$11,927 in land maintenance expenses. The Association had been audited the last week of January and once the auditors finished their review the amount owed the Reserve Fund would be transferred. A discussion of how best to account for reserve fund expenditures followed. The Association has one checking account called the operating fund from which all expenses are paid even though some of the items are allocated to the reserve fund. Reed commented that the reserve fund is for significant capital expenses identified in the Reserve Study completed in 2010, so while the balance may look robust, it is earmarked for future expenditures. John explained that everyone who lives in the neighborhood contributes equally through their assessments to the reserve fund even though some of the expenditures might happen after a family has moved from the neighborhood. John wanted to be sure the managers understood that when they assigned an expense to the reserve fund for payment, that it was truly a capital expense. The Board then discussed the Perimeter Fence Fund and confirmed with John that although the loan which financed the rebuilding of the perimeter fence had been paid, a portion of the dues assessments continued to accrue for annual maintenance of the fence. The Board agreed to indicate the fence portion of the dues assessments as a separate line item in the budget.

MANAGER REPORTS

1. **POOL:** Pool Manager, Jaylene Jones, reported that she and the Swim Team parent reps were still trading telephone calls regarding propane. Reed repeated the Boards desire that they share expenses in some way.
2. **LANDSCAPE:** Landscape Manager, Nancy Bauer, introduced Mark Peterson of Water Ketch Inc. Mark reviewed his background and years in the business and answered questions from the Board about the irrigation system. The system is over 30 years old and the lateral piping is constantly breaking. Water Ketch is renovating it section by section. Although the association had a new sprinkler design prepared by Rockne Corty Design in 2009, Mark couldn't always follow it exactly. He might encounter a tree root or some

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other obstruction that forced him to modify the original design. The Board was concerned about having some sort of map of the renovation work. Mark will provide the HOA with copies of all the sketches and modifications to them. Mark emphasized that his "maps" were designed for sprinkler techs in the field to use. They would not be easily followed by a lay person. Bill asked if a map for Board Members could be developed. Mark agreed it could, but his goal had been to put the HOA money into the irrigation system, not the mapping of that system. Bill asked if Mark could show the Board Members how to shut off the system in case Mark was ever unreachable and plans were made to do so. Nancy announced to the Board that the Perimeter Fence had been hit by cars in two places over the last week. The drivers had not notified the HOA and she asked that something be published in the Herald asking drivers to step forward when HOA property was damaged.

3. **TENNIS:** Tennis Manger, Melissa Shuck, reported that crack repair had been scheduled for the week of May 23, 2011.
4. **BUSINESS:** Business Manager, Katie Kidwell, reported that a property that had been in covenant non-compliance had been sold and the new owners had agreed to a timetable under which to make the necessary improvements to the property. The homeowner group that formed to fight Xcel's vegetation management policy had hired a lawyer and continued to move forward. The Department of Regulatory Agencies had formed a new information office requiring our HOA to register with them for a small fee. Xcel Energy had approached the Business Office about obtaining an easement to access a failing line. The Board discussed how best to handle the easement request and still protect HOA property.
5. **ACC:** No meeting had been held in January.

OLD BUSINESS: The LightSquared easement agreement was on hold due to a change in personnel in the company and their need to coordinate with Xcel. The HOA attorney and Comcast had agreed on a service contract, but it was not ready in time for the Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Chris Raab moved and Christopher Molke seconded that the HOA retain the firm of Kennedy Childs & Fogg as counsel for the HOA in the suit brought by two homeowners concerning the remodel of a neighboring house. The motion passed unanimously. Chris Raab moved and Scott Lenamond seconded that the Board declare an Executive Session following the adjournment of the regular meeting to discuss the legal situation brought by the Dunbar-Horneck lawsuit. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT AND CALENDARING: The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30pm at the Business Office.

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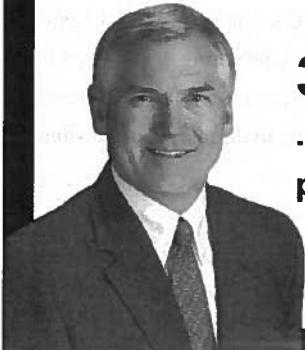
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Transition of Coyote Management Services

After two years of public outreach about how to live with coyotes, the City of Centennial no longer has a Coyote Management Technician on staff. This program was created due to citizen concern for public safety. Throughout the last two years, Centennial has focused on public outreach and raising awareness of how to live with coyotes and respond to coyote conflicts.

Residents should contact Centennial's Animal Services Division to report coyote sightings, observations, encounters and incidents. Animal Welfare Officers will complete a Coyote Incident Report based upon a caller's experience in order to maintain regular reporting. The City will use this information to provide a quarterly map to illustrate the location of sightings, observations, encounters and incidents as has been done for the past two years.

Citizens may direct questions and/or concerns about wildlife as follows:

Centennial Animal Services 303-325-8070 to report coyote interactions or for general questions about living with wildlife for wildlife sightings, observations, encounters and incidents

Colorado Division of Wildlife 303-291-7227 for a human safety concerns caused by wildlife

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office 303-795-4711 or 911 for an emergency

To view frequently asked questions, resources and learn how to coexist with coyotes, visit the "Living with Wildlife" section of the City's Web site at <http://www.centennialcolorado.com>.

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March Landscape Tips

You know that March has arrived, 'when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade'! With spring around the corner here is a landscaping check list:

*If you didn't cut back perennials and clean up flower beds in the fall begin to do these tasks this month before new spring growth appears. If you wait too long to begin clean up tasks you are likely to damage delicate new growth.

*Check evergreens for browning and deciduous trees for buds that have died, and deep water.

*Water your lawn if you see evidence of spider mites; thinning grass, soil exposed, excessive yellowing or browning of grass blades



Snow Mold

Gazing at the frozen tundra that our yards have become, the coming of spring must seem a distant dream. Months after the first big storm, the white stuff continues as snow mold. Though it kills grass blades, it rarely kills the crown and your lawn should grow back healthy this spring. Before spring arrives, give your grass an assist in getting rid of its fungal fuzz. Rake the grass, fluffing the blades and exposing the area to air and sunlight.



Right Tree Right Place

As the spring planting season approaches it is interesting to note that trees properly placed around residences and buildings can save up to 30% on heating and cooling costs.

Summer Cooling

"West is Best", planting trees on the west side of your home will provide the greatest summer cooling benefits. Second best place is the east side. By planting (2) 25' shade trees on the west and (1) on the east you could save over 20% of you're A/C bill per year!

Winter Warming

Evergreen trees should be planted on the north and northwest sides of your home to block cold winter winds. Avoid planting on the south side, which can block the winter warming sun late in the day.

Pruning

Winter months are a great time to prune many trees and shrubs. American elm, apple, crabapple, and Mountain ash trees are among those that need pruning during this time. Dormant pruning is beneficial because a tree's branch structure is readily visible and there are fewer disturbances to gardens. It is advantageous to thin shrubs during the winter to encourage healthy spring growth.



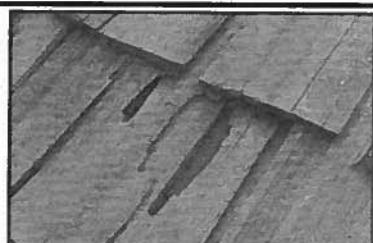
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We currently need two board members.

**MEMBER'S PROXY
FOR THE MARCH 14, 2011 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 14, 2011 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.

ALOAH KINCAID

(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: _____



2011 Event Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Wednesday	April 20	7 – 8 pm	Information Meeting	Homestead Gym
Thursday	April 21		Registration begins	homestead.rmsl.org/
Friday	May 6	\$20 fee increase	homestead.rmsl.org/	
Mon.-Tues.	May 16-17	3:30 – 5 pm	6 & under swim tryouts	North Pool
Wed.-Fri.	May 18-20	3:45 - 6:45 pm	Swim practice	North Pool
Mon. - Fri.	May 23-27	3:45 – 6:45 pm	Swim practice	North Pool
Friday	May 27		Registration closes	rmsl.info/homestead
Saturday	May 28	6 am – noon	Intraclub Meet	North Pool
Monday	May 30		No Swim Practice - Last day for refunds	
Tues - Fri.	May 31-June 3	3:45 – 6:45 pm	Swim practice	North Pool
Friday	June 3	6 pm	Pep Rally!!!	North Pool
Saturday	June 4	6 am - 2 pm	Dual Meet (TBA) TBA	
Mon. – Tues	June 6-7	3:45 - 6:45 pm	Swim practice	North Pool
Tuesday	June 7	6 – 8:00 pm	Star Meet (10 & under)	North Pool
Wed – Fri	June 8-10	7 am – noon	Morning swim practice	North Pool
Wednesday	June 8	7 – 8 pm	Stroke Clinic	South Pool
Saturday	June 11	6 am – 2 pm	Dual Meet (TBA) TBA	
Mon. - Fri.	June 13-17	7 am - noon	Swim practice	North Pool
Tuesday	June 14	6 – 8 pm	Star Meet (10 & under)	North Pool
Wednesday	June 15	7 – 8 pm	Stroke Clinic	South Pool
Saturday	June 18	6 am – 2 pm	Dual Meet (TBA) TBA	
Mon. - Fri.	June 20-24	7 am – noon	Swim practice	North Pool
Monday	June 20		No swim practice - Swim-a-thon	North Pool
Tuesday	June 21	6 – 8 pm	Star Meet (10 & under)	North Pool
Wednesday	June 22	7 – 8 pm	Stroke Clinic	South Pool
Thursday	June 23	7 am - noon	Age group pictures	North Pool
Saturday	June 25	6 am – 2 pm	Dual Meet (TBA)	TBA
Saturday	June 25	7 – 10:00 pm	Parent Party	North Pool
Monday	June 27		No swim practice - Water World event	Water World
Tues. - Fri.	June 28-July 1	7 am – noon	Swim practice	North Pool
Tuesday	June 28	6 – 8 pm	Star Meet (10 & under)	North Pool
Wednesday	June 29	7 – 8 pm	Stroke Clinic	South Pool
Friday	July 1	7 am – noon	Pancake Breakfast	North Pool
Monday	July 4	11 am – 3 pm	Fourth of July Party	North Pool
Tues.- Fri.	July 5-8	7 am – noon	Swim practice	North Pool
Tues	July 5	6 – 8:00 pm	Rain day for Star Meet	North Pool
Saturday	July 9	7 am – 2 pm	Dual Meet (TBA)**	TBA**
Mon – Fri	July 11-15	7 am – noon	Swim practice	North Pool
Mon – Fri	July 11-15	6am – 3 pm	RMSL Prelims	Varies by Age Group
Saturday	July 16	6 am – 3 pm	RMSL Finals	TBA
Sunday	July 17	5 – 7 pm	Award Ceremony	South Pool
		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.

** Times from this meet will not count for prelim placement. Meet does count towards 2 meet requirement.

Team Pictures date will be determined once meet schedule is finalized by RMSL.

Mark your calendar!



ANNUAL INFORMATION MEETING

Wednesday, April 20th
At the Homestead Elementary Gym

6:30 - 7:00 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 Friday, April 23rd. An email will be sent with a link to the registration site.
- We will be introducing a new swimsuit design. If you would like to fit your swimmer for a new suit or shop for Hurricane's apparel, please join us between 7-8:00 pm.

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

Or contact the parent representatives:

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Name of high school or college

Activities in school

High School: extracurricular activities, sports & clubs, honors

College: major, sorority/fraternity affiliation, sports, honors, clubs or internships

Plans after graduation: Work, College, Graduate School, Military Service?

How long has your graduate lived in Homestead?

Email to:

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If your car skids on an icy roadway and you unintentionally damage HOA property please contact the Business Office. The Association is very grateful to the Homeowners who have done just that in recent weeks. When your car hits a tree, the perimeter fence, or drives over the greenbelt and you don't assume responsibility the cost to repair the damage is passed on to your neighbors through increased HOA dues.

HOMESTEAD PLAYGROUPS

For more information, please contact:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
0-2	Briste Lindman	303-588-8606
2-3	Jill Martini	303-459-2282
3-4	AK Cotton	303-544-0996
4-5	Laura Hirsch	303-779-0495

CALL TO REPORT

Eagle Waste Services 303-761-8387

(HOA Trash Co.—Pick-up day is **Thursday**)

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Street Light Problems 1-800-895-1999

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

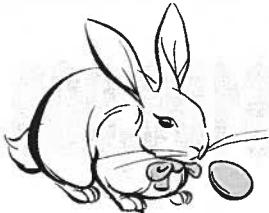
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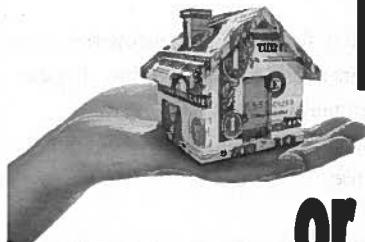
Our Annual Meeting is the place for homeowners to get a big view of what is planned for this year, how our money is being spent, and what challenges we are facing. The governing Board makes decisions about maintaining our community property, structures and recreational facilities so it is crucial that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

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CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 10-11

Spring Break, Mar 28-Apr 1, 2011

The district's 10-11 and 11-12 four-track, transitional and traditional calendars are available on the district's website at www.cherrycreekschools.org.

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS GETS HIGHEST MARK FOR EFFECTIVE SPENDING

An independent study has ranked the Cherry Creek School District among the highest in Colorado for effective use of funds for academic achievement.

The Center for American Progress compared spending by school districts nationwide to state math and reading test results for the 2007-2008 school year. The study included school districts with 250 students or more.

The Cherry Creek School District received a "Green" rating indicating the highest return on investment (ROI) of use of funding for student success. The return on investment measure rates the academic achievement of school districts for each dollar spent compared to other districts in the state.

Overall, the study found that school districts that target more dollars to the classroom and less on administration fared much better. Cherry Creek Schools spends more than 80% of its General Fund budget on direct and indirect instruction and less than 5% on central administration costs.

"Despite having to reduce spending by more than \$40 million during the last three years, the Cherry Creek School District has been able to protect the classroom and maintain our focus on student success," said Superintendent Mary Chesley. "The classroom lies at the heart of our mission *'to inspire every student to think, to learn, to achieve, to care.'*"

Read more on the effective spending rating at <http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us/News/EffectiveSpending/>.

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHERS HONORED FOR EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

The Cherry Creek School District is the recipient of two **2011 Commissioner's Choice Awards** honoring effectiveness in education.

The **Cherry Creek STAR Mentor Program**, a partnership between the Cherry Creek Education Association and the Cherry Creek School District is the recipient of the **Excellence in Induction Award**. S.T.A.R. Mentors are master teachers with a wealth of experience to help those new to the profession.

Read more about these awards at <http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us/News/CommissionersChoiceAwards/>.

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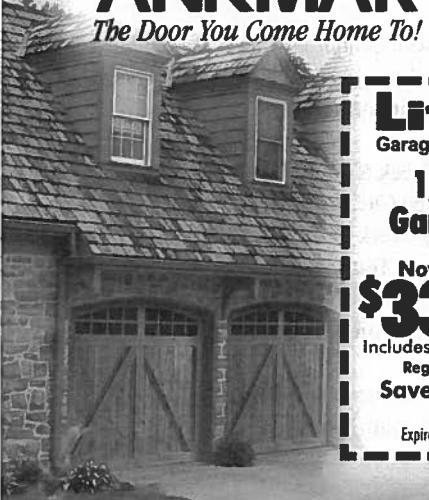
Cherry Creek High School

- Mar 2-5 7 pm, Spring Musical, "Beauty and the Beast"
- Mar 15 7 pm, Jazz Band Concert
- Mar 17 7 pm, Band Concert
- Mar 21 7 pm, Academic Awards
- Mar 22 7 pm, Orchestra Concert
- Mar 23 6:30 & 8 pm, Choral Concerts



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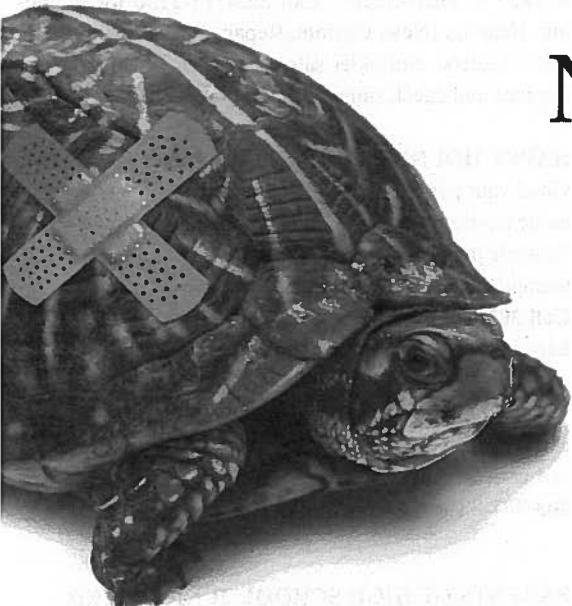
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PARENT'S HELPER: College student, Homestead resident since 1994, swim instructor/lifeguard, CPR certified. Need a responsible adult to take care of pets or house while on vacation? Can also nanny on Thursday and Fridays. References available. Call **Katie Radcliffe at 720 971 4242. Thank you!**

BABYSITTER/PETSITTER: Responsible, Red Cross Certified 13 yr. old who enjoys playing games and making crafts. Loves kids & pets! Call **Jenny Siekmeier at 303-850-9369 or jsiekmeier@comcast.net.**

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BABYSITTER: Red Cross certified. 14 year old 9th grader. I will play with your children, not just watch TV while they play alone. References available. Call **Mackenzie Cohen at 303-941-0024.**

LACROSSE LESSONS: 3 year varsity lacrosse player, junior at Kent Denver, looking to give lacrosse lessons for the upcoming season: defense, longstick middie, and defensive middie.

Please call Jackson at **303-842-5311.**

NANNY/BABYSITTER: 19 year old. CPR and first aid certified. Loves children and loves creating recreation for children.. Have own car for transportation. References Available. Please call **Kelzey Haun: 303-981-4940.**

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BABYSITTER: Red Cross Certified, Freshman at CHHS, has flexible hours, experience with newborns to 12 year old children, and is very responsible. Call **Emma Sickles at 303-909-3656.**

PIANO LESSONS: An introduction to piano for children interested in learning how to play. Flexible on times, can teach at my house or yours. I have the experience to teach any new piano players the basic skills on the piano. Throughout the summer, your child will begin to master the keyboard. Call **Brittany Earle at (303) 220-8796.**

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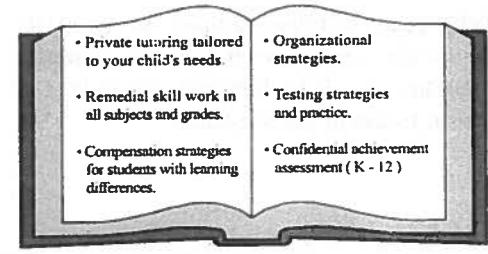
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BABYSITTER: Experienced, Red Cross Certified, gentle, responsible, fun 14½ year old who loves toddlers and kids. Loves creative play, art, sports, and cooking. I am available during the days and nights over the summer to watch your children whenever you need a break! Homestead references available.

Call Kaitlin Harmon at 303-773-8833.

LAWN MOWING/PETSITTING: 13 year old, very responsible and experienced. Lawn mowing, trimming, and yard work. Will take care of pets when you are on vacation. References available.

Call Levi Exner 303-793-0543.

BABYSITTER: Responsible 17 year old Cherry Creek High School junior looking for a regular babysitting job or as needed. I am a reliable older sister with years of experience as well as Red Cross certified. I am available on weekends and some week days.

Call Kinsey at (303)-901-2551

BABYSITTER: 15 year old w/4 years experience. Red cross and first aid certified. Also available for pet sitting and house sitting on the West side only.

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BABYSITTER/PETSITTER: 13 years old, Red Cross certified, loves kids. Responsible and loves animals. **Call Ashley Albright at 303-721-6392.**

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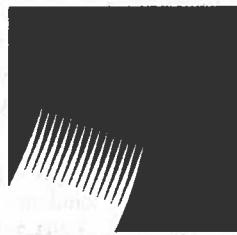
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NANNY/BABYSITTER: 15½ year old – CPR trained and Red Cross certified with 3 years experience. Mature and responsible. Great with babies. Let me help you at the pool! References are available.

Call Ellen at 303-740-8183.

BABYSITTER: Looking for a responsible, fun, caring summer babysitter to entertain and care for your kids this summer or nights out? If so, you have found what you are looking for. CPR certified, Red Cross trained, and very experienced. You won't be disappointed! **Call Claire at 720-529-1778.**

BABYSITTER /MOTHER'S HELPER: Responsible, savvy, Red Cross certified eighth-grade student. Fun, trustworthy, and ready to take on any challenge, from dirty diapers to afternoon boredom and everything in-between!

Call Isabella Bailey at 303-224-9228

RESPONSIBLE PET SITTER LOOKING FOR WORK: Middle school student Red Cross Certified pet sitter willing to look after any kind of pet. Can administer CPR and Rescue Breathing to cats and dogs. **Call Fiona Bailey at 303-224-9338.**

BABYSITTER: Red Cross certified. 14 year old 9th grader. I will play with your children, not just watch TV while they play alone. References available. **Call Morgan Cohen at 303-941-0023.**

PET SITTING/DOG WALKING: Reliable, experienced 17 year old who loves animals, especially dogs, will play with and walk your dog while you're at work, and/or pet sit your animals while you are away on vacation. **Please call Evan Gammie at 303-290-0168.**

BABYSITTER/PET SITTER: Fun & responsible 13 yr. old, red Cross certified, honor roll student. Experienced with toddlers – 12 year olds and a wide variety of pets. **Call Elizabeth O'Bryan at 303-779-3311.**

BABYSITTER: Need a babysitter? Call me, Sarah Hellman, I have LOTS of experience with babysitting and I am a responsible, mature, hard working 13 that would love to help you. Please **Call 303-582-4337**, and leave a message if there is no answer. Thanks!

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.

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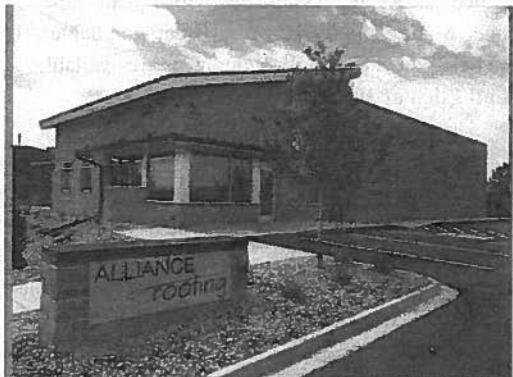
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XCEL ENERGY UPDATE

Dear Xcel Energy Customer:

We are contacting you because we will be installing a new electrical feeder along the following route: (also depicted by the heavy black line)

South along S Holly Street, to the Southeast corner of Arapahoe Rd and S Holly St.

Work will be begin on Saturday February 19, 2011 and is anticipated to be completed by Friday April 15, 2011. The new feeder will give us greater system reliability and ensure that we are providing all of our customers most effectively by reducing system interruptions.

Xcel Energy will be performing excavation work in the East lane of S Holly Street and we will have this lane permanently blocked with concrete highway barriers. We understand a lane closure is a nuisance to your frequently traveled route, however, by doing this; we can save time on the length of the project. We anticipate this will cut the overall project schedule by one-third, therefore inconveniencing you for a shorter overall duration.

During this project you can expect to see:

1. Some night and weekend work in order to avoid as much disruption to traffic as possible
2. Crews using heavy machinery to install our facilities
3. Traffic being diverted as needed to allow for the safe installation of our facilities

While we do not anticipate any work on private property, care will be taken to repair any/or replace any landscaping, concrete and/or asphalt that may be disturbed during our work.

As the construction supervisor for this project, I may not be onsite at all times, but please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have by calling me at 303-375-3506. During the work Justin Maxwell, our Xcel Energy foreman, will be onsite and can be reached at 303-548-5869.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work quickly to complete this project.

Sincerely,

James Lott, Xcel Energy

Supervisor, Field Operations

303-375-3506

ARAPAHOE COUNTY NEWS

Extension hosts 'Backyard to Table' workshop on March 5

Learn to grow, harvest and prepare bountiful foods from your own backyard

Aurora, Colo. — The Colorado State University Extension offices of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties, in partnership with Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association, will host a one-day workshop for residents on how to grow and harvest backyard bounty and turn their efforts into a delicious and healthy meal. The workshop also will include fun classes for kids relating to gardening and plants, cooking and shooting sports.

The 'Backyard to Table' workshop will take place 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Southridge Recreation Center, 4800 McArthur Ranch Road, Highlands Ranch. Presenters will include staff from Arapahoe and Douglas County Extension Offices and from Colorado State University Extension in Fort Collins. Each attendee will attend three classes—one at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Adult attendees can select from the following class topics:

- vegetable gardening;
- integrated pest management;
- raising poultry;
- composting;
- backyard fruit trees;
- wildlife management;
- cooking from the garden; and
- preserving fruits and vegetables.

Youth attendees ages 5 to 13 will enjoy fun, hands-on learning lessons by age group, such as:

- shooting sports;
- cooking from the garden;
- butterflies and bees;
- food from the farm;
- gardening;
- raising poultry; or
- the science of seeds and plants.

The workshop fee is \$11 per person, and includes class materials. Lunch will be on your own. The deadline to register is Feb. 28. To register to attend, please call the Arapahoe County Extension at 303-730-1920 or visit www.arapahoeextension.org for a registration form and class descriptions.

ACC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is looking for a few new volunteers. If you are interested in donating some time to your community, please consider this opportunity. The ACC meets formally every other month and volunteers review change requests at the Business Office as needed. Interior design, construction experience, or familiarity reading blueprints are all helpful but not required. Contact Katie at the Business Office, 303-793-0230, if interested.



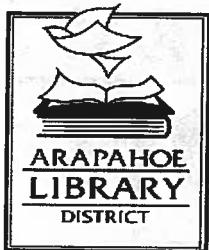
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Children are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal to participate in a "Stuffed Animal Pet Show." Or, join us for "Pipe Cleaner Pets," to listen to a story and make a pipe cleaner pet to bring home.

Kids interested in spending time with a real dog can participate in Doggie Tales where children ages 6-10 practice reading skills with one of the canines from "Have Paws will Travel," the Guide Dog Puppy Raising Club of Arapahoe County.

Teens can tap into their creativity with "Animal Soap Carvings" and "Animal Pendants." Bring photos of your pet for these tributes or use one of ours. In addition, Canine Companions for Independence will offer a teen program to share about assistance dogs and inform teens about how to get involved in training them.

For adults, the Denver Zoo will share about the newest zoo babies and how they care for them.

Finally, families can learn how to make meeting a new dog a success.

For more information, patrons can pick up a "Pets" brochure at any Arapahoe Library District location or visit www.arapahoelibraries.org and click on the Programs & Classes link.

All programs are free and open to the public, but registration is required.

Pets Celebrated During March Programs

Arapahoe Library District will be featuring programs in March celebrating pets of all shapes and sizes.

Join us on Facebook

If you haven't already, don't forget to join us on Facebook to learn about the latest library happenings, receive book and movie suggestions and join in the discussion. Find us at www.facebook.com/arapahoelibrarydistrict.

Learn a Foreign Language

Learning a foreign language just got easier, with the database, Byki Online, now available through the Arapahoe Library District.

Byki, which stands for "before you know it," is an instructional system for more than 70 languages.

Byki Online uses flash cards with thousands of words and phrases and includes pronunciation practice and progress tracking. In addition to the flash cards, Byki Online features blogs, words of the day, language overviews and active social language communities.

Because there is no software to install, patrons can access Byki Online anywhere they have access to the internet, including many smart phones.

To access Byki Online, go to www.arapahoelibraries.org and click on "Research and Databases." Select "Alphabetical" under the heading "Browse research and databases." Then, select "Byki Online" from the alphabetical list of databases.

AARP Tax Assistance

The AARP will offer free tax preparation assistance to low-income taxpayers, especially those ages 60 and older.

The assistance is for basic tax returns only. Sessions take place at Sheridan Library on Saturdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 9:30 am-12:30 pm (one-hour sessions). Sessions take place at Southglenn Library on Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, and 22, 10:30 am-3 pm (one-hour sessions).

For more information on the type of help volunteers can offer, what to bring, or to register, please visit our website at www.arapahoelibraries.org and click on the Programs & Classes link.

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