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POOL OPENING DATES & PHONE NUMBERS



North Pool 6767 E. Easter Ave. 303-770-8290 Opens June 9th*

South Pool 7035 E. Geddes Pl. 303-796-9581 Opens May 21st

West Pool 5896 E. Geddes Ave. 303-793-0296 Opens June 4th

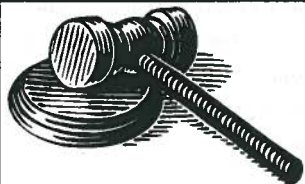
*The North Pool is also open for Memorial Day weekend



CONGRATULATIONS 2011 GRADUATES!

See page 23 for a glimpse of what some of our Homestead students are doing after graduation.

DUMPSTER DAY is on Saturday, May 21st at the North Pool. More information on page 18.



**Next Regular
Board Meeting
6:30pm
May 10th, 2011
West Pool Office**

**THE JUNE
HERALD DEADLINE
IS
MAY 13TH**





ASSOCIATION NEWS

**JUNE HERALD
DEADLINE IS
MAY 13TH**

BOARD MEETING

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

Tuesday, May 10, 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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Pool	Jaylene Jones	303-617-0221

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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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POOL PARTIES

Interested in having a party at the pool this summer? Pool parties can be scheduled through Front Range Recreation, our pool management company.

Homestead offers two types of Pool Parties: after hours events in which you have the pool facility to yourself for your group; and parties during regular pool hours in which you share the pool with other residents. Parties during regular pool hours are limited to 20 people and may require that you pay for an additional lifeguard to be hired during your party.

To schedule a pool party at Homestead in the Willows, log on to frontrangerecreation.com and click on the tab labeled "Pools". Scroll down to the Homestead in the Willows pool you are interested in, complete the necessary forms and submit your request. You can also call Front Range at 303-617-0221.

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.

CALL TO REPORT

Eagle Waste Services	303-761-8387
(HOA Trash Co.—Pick-up day is <i>Thursday</i>)	
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

HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS POOL RULES

(REVISED 04/19/10)

1. **The lifeguards on duty have the authority to enforce and interpret all of the pool rules.**
2. Pool privileges may be suspended for up to 48 hours by the lifeguards, and for longer periods by the pool manager, for infractions of pool rules and/or regulations.
3. Children 8 years old and under who cannot prove swimming ability to the lifeguard, must be supervised by a responsible person 16 or older.
4. Children 10 years old and under must be accompanied by an **ADULT** during Family Swim and Late Night Swim.
5. During Adult Swim, only **children three (3) years old** and under are permitted in the pool with an adult.
6. Large rafts are permitted on Tube Nights only. **IF SAFETY BECOMES AN ISSUE, THE LIFEGUARDS HAVE THE SOLE DISCRETION OF BANNING LARGE RAFTS.** A child of non-swimming ability must be under **DIRECT SUPERVISION** of an adult at all times.
7. The baby pool is for use by children **6 years old and under ONLY**. **NO LIFEGUARD** is provided and parents are responsible for children using the baby pool.
8. Only **swim diapers** are permitted in the pools.
9. Proper swimming attire is required in the pool area at all times. No cut-offs or shorts may be worn into the pool.
10. Guests are allowed only if accompanied by a resident.
11. All members shall be responsible for damage to property of the Association caused by their family and/or guests.
12. The pools may be rented for private use on any **NON** Late Night from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (as courtesy to our fellow neighbors who live by the pools). Parties need to be scheduled through Front Range Recreation at www.frontrangerecreation.com. **SMALL parties (under 15) during regular open hours are allowed, but notification to the Pool Manager, Front Range Recreation at 303-617-0221 is necessary 7 days in advance for safety and possible scheduling of lifeguards.**
13. Radios must be kept at a volume that is not disruptive to others.
14. Bicycles, skate boards, roller blades, etc. are not allowed in the pool area. Roller blades must be removed before entering the pool area.
15. Animals are not allowed in the pool area at any time.
16. No person having an infectious or communicable disease or open wound is permitted in the pool area.
17. Smoking and other tobacco products are not allowed within any pool perimeter fence or within any pool house building.
18. Profanity is unacceptable.

Diving Board

1. Only one person on the diving board at a time.
2. Only one bounce is allowed.
3. After going off the board, swim directly to the side and exit using the ladders.
4. Do not swim under the diving board.
5. Do not hang on the diving board.

POOL OPERATING HOURS, SUMMER 2011

<u>POOL ACTIVITY</u>	<u>NORTH POOL</u> May 28-30 June 9 – August 21 Phone: 303-770-8290	<u>SOUTH POOL</u> (Season Schedule) May 21 – Sept. 5 Phone: 303-796-9581	<u>WEST POOL</u> (Season Schedule) June 4 - Aug. 21 Phone: 303-793-0296
Early Morning Lap Swim - The pool is open for lap swim before work	See schedule pg. 17 5:00 – 7:00 am - July 16 5:00—10:00 am July 17 through Sept. 6th	5:00 – 8:00 am	5:00 – 8:00 am
Swim Team Practice	7:00 am – 12:00 pm Monday – Friday June 8– July 15		
Open Swim – Residents and their guests may swim during these hours. Interested adults may request the Lifeguard set up one lane rope at the North Pool for Lap Swimming anytime daily.	12:00 pm – 7:00 pm Daily	10:00am – 7:00pm Daily	10:00am – 7:00pm Daily
Tube Night – Floating toys and rafts may be brought into the pool. (For safety reasons the lifeguard on duty may limit the number of rafts and toys allowed in the pool).	5:00pm – 9:00pm Monday	5:00pm – 9:00pm Tuesday	5:00pm – 9:00pm Wednesday
Barbeque Night – The HOA will provide the grills, while each family supplies the grub!	5:00pm – 9:00pm Sunday	5:00pm – 9:00pm Friday	5:00pm – 9:00pm Saturday
Late Night Swim – Family swim is extended at one pool six out of seven nights of the week	7:00pm – 9:00pm Sunday, Monday Thursday	7:00pm – 9:00pm Tuesday & Friday	7:00pm – 9:00pm Wednesday & Saturday
Swim Meets – 6:00am through 2:00pm	May 28th June 18th & 25th Prelims July 13th		
Tuesday Star Meets – 6:00pm – 8:00pm	June 7, 14, 21, 28 July 5th Rain Day		

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HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Regular Board Meeting April 12, 2011 – Unofficial Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Board President, Reed Richardson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed new Board Member, Aloah Kincaid. Other Board Members present were Christopher Molke, Chris Raab and Bill Shelden; as well as Business Manager, Katie Kidwell; Pool Manager, Jaylene Jones; Landscape Manager, Nancy Bauer; Tennis Manager, Melissa Shuck; Swim Team Parent Representative Paul Russell. ACC Chair, Kate Botkin and homeowners Bill Botkin, John Lutz and Linda Zenner attended portions of the meeting as well.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 2011 Annual Meeting were approved as read.

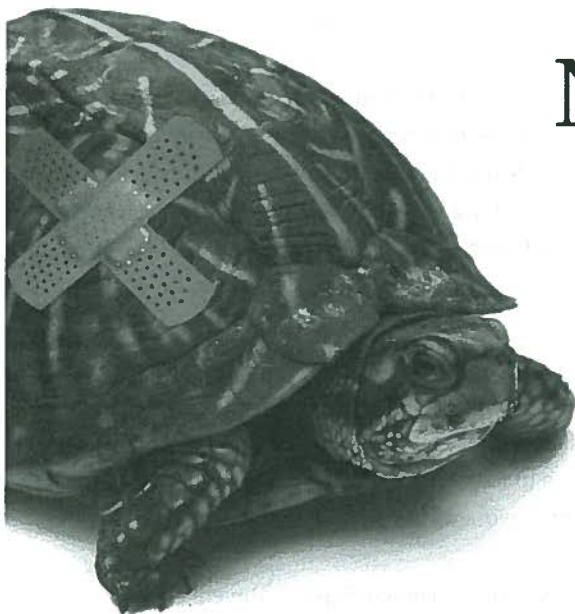
SWIM TEAM: Parent Rep, Paul Russell, announced that orientation for new members would occur on April 20. The Swim Team expected about 220 swimmers to register for the season. Front Range planned to have the North Pool ready by May 9th, however practices wouldn't begin until May 16th.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer, Bill Shelden presented the Financial Report. Revenues totaled \$219,328 during March, the majority of which were HOA Dues Assessments. Expenses totaled \$32,445 and included \$14,760 for Land Maintenance and \$12,257 for trash and utilities. The reserve fund was owed approximately \$84,073 from the operating fund in addition to approximately \$97,000 of surplus from 2010, which would be allocated after the outside audit had been finalized.

HOMEOWNER COMMENTS: John Lutz requested that signs be posted declaring Homestead a no-solicitation community. Linda Zenner approached the Board about a covenant issue and the Botkins asked the Board to rescind a former agreement with Sanford Homes prohibiting privacy fencing between Niagara Court and Costilla Circle.

MANAGER REPORTS

1. **POOL:** Pool Manager, Jaylene Jones, reported that the North and South Pools were scheduled for draining, cleaning and filling during the week of April 18th. The West Pool was scheduled for May 20th. Jaylene confirmed the pool opening dates, which would be posted in the May Homestead Herald. Although the leak at the North baby pool had been repaired, the concrete had not been re-poured yet due to weather. The tiles at the South baby pool would be re-glued to the walls however, due to the size of the cement slab that comprises the South Pool deck, heaving was expected and those tiles would probably fall off again. This was a purely aesthetic problem.



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2. **LANDSCAPE:** Landscape Manager, Nancy Bauer, reported that tree pruning had been completed for Tract C, sections of Easter Avenue and along Quebec between Easter and Fremont Avenues. Repair and painting of sections of the perimeter fence would begin in mid-April and the landscaping at the West Pool would be complete before the pool opened in June. Nancy then introduced the contractors who work on the property. Mark Peterson of WaterKetch has been in the sprinkler business for over 30 years and has been Homestead's irrigation specialist for six years. He has hired a Homestead resident to be a part time troubleshooter who will know how to shut off the sprinklers in an emergency and who can show any interested Board members the procedure. Rob Massingale of Colorado Designscares introduced himself and explained that Designscares had been in business since 1992 and with Homestead for four years. One of the company's owners is a Homestead resident. Designscares has 10 mowing crews and 170 full time employees during the regular season. They are a full service landscape and maintenance company except for tree pruning and spraying. Duane Van Abbema of DVA Landscaping introduced himself. DVA has been in business since 1980 and Homestead was its first customer. Duane has done almost all the tree trimming in Homestead for the last 30 years and built the perimeter fence. DVA now specializes in residential renovation of old landscape and works for many families in the neighborhood. He complimented Nancy Bauer as one of the most knowledgeable and hard working managers Homestead has employed.
3. **TENNIS:** Tennis Manager Melissa Shuck announced that windscreens had been lowered and court cleaning was scheduled for the week of April 25th. League play begins the first week of May.
4. **BUSINESS:** Business Manager, Katie Kidwell, reported that 48 homeowners received 2nd notices regarding dues payments. All other homeowners had either paid their dues or requested payment plans due to unexpected hardships. The tax return and preliminary audit report were distributed. The HOA owed no taxes and Aloah volunteered to review the return and audit letter for the Board. A homeowner who had paid his HOA dues after the March 1 deadline had requested the Board waive the late fees assessed. Discussion centered on the practice of charging late fees for HOA dues. Late fees have traditionally been assessed to homeowners who fail to meet the deadline and last year the Board directed Katie to pursue payment of late fees. The fact that many homeowners who paid dues after the March 1 deadline included the late fee and finance charge to their checks without being asked was considered, as was the observation that many companies offered grace periods in the payment of their fees. Aloah moved and Chris Raab seconded that the Board decline the request to waive the late fees. The motion passed unanimously. Reed suggested the Board consider the advisability of changing the policy next October when the budget is prepared.

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5. ACC: Chairperson Kate Botkin reported that the ACC had met twice in 2011 and had added a new member bringing the committee to six. During their meeting, the committee discussed the review process and concluded the current procedures were appropriate. The charter of the ACC was to review changes that homeowners submitted and to ensure that the proposed change was in harmony with the look of the community. Although applicants were asked to have two neighbors acknowledge the application, neighbors' signatures do not act as an approval of the plans. They are notified so that they are aware of the project and any possible disruption, but not to approve the proposed change. The committee decided that since more and more houses were building additions, it would be a good idea to take pictures of well-done remodels to have on a display board at the Business Office. The Board and Kate discussed whether it would be a good idea to have homeowners planning an addition obtain the acknowledgement of every surrounding homeowner. It was noted again that the ACC role was to review plans for design harmony within the neighborhood. After considering the discussion, the Board decided not to change the application procedure. Kate went on to report that during the ACC meeting the committee discussed fencing and decided it was time to update the list of approved roofing materials. A re-cap of the design decisions made at the meeting would be published in the May Homestead Herald.
6. TENNIS: Chris Raab reported that the tennis community was handling the USTA league participation.

OLD BUSINESS: Reed reported that Comcast Cable had approached the HOA requesting a ten-year easement agreement and offered to pay fair market value for the easements. After review by attorneys for the HOA and Comcast, an agreement was reached and Homestead would receive \$157,000 which would be deposited in the reserve fund and used for needed improvements throughout the community in accordance with the reserve study. The HOA had also been approached about attaching a wireless antenna to the Xcel power pole near the fire station at Dry Creek and Quebec and to keep equipment on HOA property next to the pole. Although the HOA was within its rights to add the antenna, the Board asked Bill Sheldon to contact the affected neighbors to get their thoughts on the matter. Perhaps the neighbors and Board members could meet at the site to review the proposed plans.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board discussed the history of the previously mentioned privacy fence agreement. It was noted that the Business Office had no record of any such agreement and the HOA attorney had reviewed the governing documents and public records on file finding no verification prohibiting privacy fencing. The Board unanimously decided that the former agreement was null. The Board then discussed the homeowner comments from the Annual meeting:

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Nancy Bauer



Kids and Gardening

Kids—98% of them—who grow their own vegetables will actually eat them, says the American Gardening Association!

That means kids will want to eat peas, carrots, tomatoes and maybe even spinach! Experts say that kids need to be outside more and that gardening is one great outdoor activity they can enjoy all summer long. Show them how fun gardening can be!

Help them by doing. The key to cultivating young gardeners is in getting them involved and letting them do the 'work'. Even a 3 year old can tuck some seeds into the soil and will love holding the water wand to sprinkle newly planted seeds. Keep it simple. Kids are most motivated when they grow plants that are easy to grow and that show fast results.



Dog and Yard Harmony

Spring is here and to dogs, seedlings are for trampling and dirt is for digging! Your first line of defense is pet friendly design; simple ideas like raised beds and clearly defined pathways help keep dogs out of the plantings. Rough mulches and rocks may sometimes keep pets from digging or lying in certain areas, but if your dog has a favorite place to sit it might be better to not plant anything there.

Once you've planned a garden that your dog can't hurt so much, make sure your garden doesn't hurt your dog. Check out the toxic plant material list at aspc.org/apcc. Avoid 'disulfoton', often included in rose products, and 'metaldehyde', used in slug baits. Both can cause seizures and death. 'Sluggo' slug bait is a safe alternative. Also, never use 'cocoa bean' mulch - like all chocolate products, it's dangerous to dogs.

Secrets for Successful Container Gardens

Outdoor container gardening is a great way to add splashes of color to all your outdoor spaces. The deck, patio, porch or windowsill – and regardless of your gardening experience or level of experience, it's easy as 1-2-3!



Planning:

Think about color schemes that would enhance your patio or deck and what worked well last year. Consider your light conditions and what plants work well together. Add interesting textures and leaf colors in addition to bloom colors. Foliage can add a unique depth to your contained garden.

Planting:

Be sure to use quality potting soil and provide a clear drain hole. Roots, potting soil or other debris can keep water from draining out of pots, which can lead to root drowning and sometimes root rot. Many local garden centers offer a variety of options to provide good drainage. Containers will be lighter, use less potting soil and provide plants with that critical oxygen to survive. Fill the container to within 4-5" of the top. Place the taller wider center plant, then the next largest around the perimeter, and balance them according to color and size down to the smallest plant. Fill in between plants with soil and leave about 1" at the top of the pot so that when the container is watered it won't overflow.

Maintenance

As your plants grow and bloom, give them an occasional 'haircut'. Pluck off dead blooms and trim back leggy growth. This will keep your containers blooming well into the fall. Keep your plants watered and fertilize regularly.

***May is a good time to plant container gardens, but be prepared for that last frost or two between May 15th and the 30th!**

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A Note from our Pool Company

A swimming pool is a very enjoyable health, recreation, and fitness feature for children and families. It does require responsible use and parental supervision without which it can be a very dangerous place for children. Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental, injury-related death for children under 15 and the leading cause of accidental, injury-related death for children under 5 in the US (US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Young children do not splash, cry or call for help when they are in distress. Drowning is a silent killer. There are an estimated 3,500 drownings annually in the US, meaning an average of 9 people drown per day (US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Over 50% of drownings occur in water less than 5 feet in depth (State Health Department). An estimated 5,000 children ages 14 and under are hospitalized due to unintentional drowning-related incidents each year; 15% die and 20% suffer severe, permanent neurological disability (National Safety Council and Foundation for Aquatic Injury Prevention). Of all preschoolers who drown, 70% are in the care of one or both parents at the time of the drowning and 75% are missing from sight for five minutes or less (Orange County California Fire Authority). The majority of children who survive (92 percent) are discovered within two minutes following submersion, and most children who die (86 percent) are found after 10 minutes. Nearly all who require cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) die or are left with severe brain injury (National Safe Kids Campaign).

Pool Safety Tips

- ☐ Always watch your children. Never assume that someone else is watching them, even when lifeguards are present - Even the best lifeguard is not a substitute for parental supervision. If your child is missing, check the pool first. Go to the edge and scan the entire

area, bottom and surface. Every second counts.

- ☐ Young children do not splash, cry or call for help.
- ☐ Teach children to always swim with a buddy, never alone.
- ☐ Teach children not to reach into the water for toys, ask a grown-up for help.
- ☐ Do not rely on substitutes. The use of floatation devices and inflatable toys cannot replace parental supervision.
- ☐ Children should learn to swim. Enroll them in swim lessons taught by qualified instructors, when they are ready, usually after age 4. However, lessons do not make a child "drown-proof."
- ☐ Avoid inflatable swimming aids such as "floaties." They are not a substitute for approved life vests and can give children a false sense of security.
- ☐ Counsel teenagers about the increased risk of drowning when alcohol is involved.
 - ☐ Never dive into shallow water.
- ☐ Don't chew gum or eat while you swim — you could choke.
- ☐ Avoid rough play that may cause injury or drowning.
- ☐ Familiarize yourself with the swimming pool and find out about the safety rules. Make sure you know how the depth of the pool changes.
- ☐ Educate your family on proper, safe pool use.

Your community swimming pool is a relatively safe environment, but wherever there is water there is always a hazard present and children are at risk. Supervision is imperative at all times, lifeguards are there for users safety but they cannot replace the care and attention of a parent for children who are using the pool, particularly if they are weak or non-swimmers. Estimates indicate that U.S. lifeguards rescue more than an estimated 100,000 persons from drowning annually (United States Lifesav-

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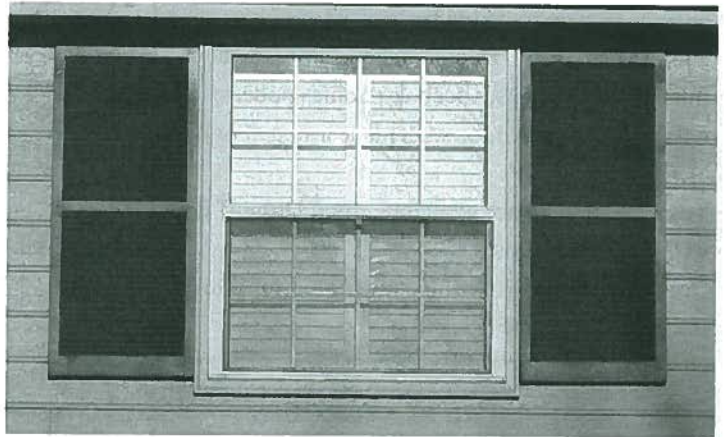
ACC ADVISOR—SHUTTERS

Shutters are being replaced throughout the community. Our “Colonial Aesthetic” guidelines are clear about the material and style. Approved shutters are louvered, wood or man-made material, with straight edges and proportioned to the window.

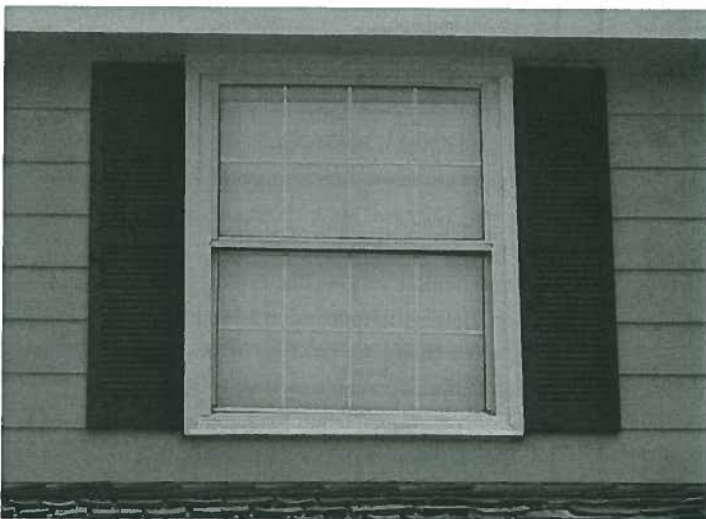
Since windows vary in size, it is impossible to give exact dimensions; however, the original shutters are wide, approximately half the width of the window they border. Imagine that if they were working shutters, if you closed the shutters on each side of the window, they would close over the entire window.

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

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The Covenant Review Taskforce

The Taskforce will be walking the community reviewing all homes and property again this summer. Why do these courageous volunteers do it? To help ensure that property maintenance is occurring and that our community maintains the high standards of value it has enjoyed in the past. As all residents realize, it adds value to our individual properties and to our collective community.

Now is the time for you to review the conditions the Taskforce looks for and make improvements before the walk about in June.

House Condition -

Paint- Are painted surfaces on the house, windows, shutters or shed, extremely faded or blotchy, is there significant chipping or peeling, or “touch ups” of paint that don’t match?

Siding- Are there holes or other distinct deterioration or rotting present like boards “cupping” or pulling away from the house?

Window frames- Does the window frame brick molding have holes, or is there general deterioration of the surfaces, including loss of paint?

Shutters- Look for multiple vanes broken or missing from a shutter(s). Are the shutters missing altogether?

Garage doors- Same guidelines as above, regarding holes, paint, deterioration, or disrepair.

Roof/Gutters- Look for multiple missing or dislodged shingles or tiles on the roof. Gutters should be present and in good repair.

Driveway- Is there significant cracking, heaving, and buckling?

Property Condition-

Dead branches/trees- Completely dead or mostly (50% or more) dead trees must come down.

Shrubs and plants- Are shrubs overgrown blocking windows, walkways or the entrance to house? Weeds in garden beds should be minimal.

Lawn- Is there more than 40% weed intrusion—dandelion, thistle, vines--or dead areas or dirt patches present? Grass should not be grossly intruding into planted areas either.

Fence- Look for missing or broken rails/ boards, sections that are leaning, repairs made with other materials that do not match the fence. Mesh cannot be extended up above a fence.

Trash cans- Are trashcans or loose trash being stored in the front or on the side of the house in view.

General debris- Are there items being stored in the front (including porch), or on the side of the house in view?

Commercial or stored vehicles – Vehicles cannot be stored on a property.

Special note:

Greenbelts – Back yards that are visible from the greenbelt need to be reviewed for the above situations relative to trees, shrubs, lawn, fence and general debris.

Perimeter fence – Are there trees and shrub branches laying across the perimeter fence?

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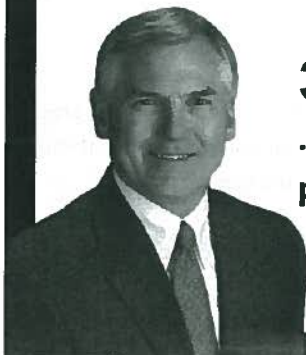
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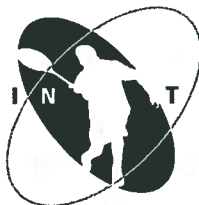


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Homestead Grads 2011

Maggie Kennedy

will graduate from Creighton University where she majored in Psychology with a Spanish minor. While at Creighton she participated in the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Women's Club Lacrosse Team, Psi Chi National Honor Society, Dean's List, and was a Pixan-Ixim teacher (volunteer teacher of English to immigrants). After graduation Maggie plans to volunteer in Honduras as part of Shoulder to Shoulder, a non-profit organization as the assistant medical team coordinator for one year and then graduate school.

Katie Kennedy

will graduate from Marquette University where she majored in Accounting and Information Technology. While at Marquette Katie made the Dean's List and participated in Beta Alpha Psi, Big Brothers Big Sisters, & Women's Club Lacrosse. After graduation Katie plans to work at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange in Chicago, IL

Erin Kennedy

will graduate from Creighton University where she majored in Nursing, BSN. While at Creighton Erin participated in Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Intramural basketball & flag football, Dean's List, Sigma Theta Tau, Campus Kitchen, Creighton University Student Nurses' Association, & various other volunteer sites/ projects. After graduation Erin hopes to get a nursing job somewhere (hopefully in Colorado) and potentially go to grad school later.



Kelsey Leas

will graduate from Arapahoe High School on May 19, 2011. She ranks in the top 3% of her class and is a member of the National Honor Society. Kelsey plans to attend the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington in the fall. Kelsey has lived in Homestead the last 5 months.



Jamie Watson

will graduate from Cherry Creek High School. While at CCHS Jamie participated in Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Pit Orchestra, National Honor Society, Homestead Charity Chicks. After graduation Jamie will attend Colorado State University. Jamie's family moved to Homestead when she was two.



Jim Siekmeier

An 18-year Homestead resident, Jim graduates from Cherry Creek High School and he'll attend the University of Colorado. Jim earned his Eagle Scout rank with Boy Scout Troop #373. He is a Varsity Lacrosse team member, DECA Club officer, West Cafe manager, Muscular Dystrophy Association volunteer, Recycling Club member, and he joined the Wrestling and Cross Country teams.

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ACC Meeting Update

The Architectural Control Committee has met twice this year already. The following is an update of major activities/decisions.

“Residential Improvement Guidelines” – The ACC members reviewed the “Residential Improvement Guidelines” to ensure that it was current. A few areas needed to be revised and new language was provided to the Business Manager to be included in the next printing of the guidelines. The language changes on those sections that changed will be printed in the Herald.

Checking finished projects – In making final inspections of last year’s projects, members found that a few homeowners’ projects were not finished according to their approved applications. Letters were sent to those homeowners requesting information as to why the project was not finished to plan and indicating that they could be accessed a fine.

Roofing Materials – An ACC member suggested that it was time to review and update the approved “Roofing Materials Guidelines” since some of the resin products were no longer available and some of the colors on other products had changed. The ACC will be reviewing roofing materials available in Colorado in the next few months and updating the “Roofing Materials Guidelines.”

Reminder – *Any change to anything visible on the outside of your house or within the yard must be submitted for approval to the ACC as our covenants require.*



The Annual Homestead Easter Egg Hunt was a great success and enjoyed by all who were able to attend this year!

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1. Snow Removal: The Board reviewed the current policy of not shoveling the HOA sidewalks due to both the cost and increased liability for the community. The Board agreed to continue the current policy.
2. No-Solicitation: Some homeowners would like no-soliciting signs posted, others have called the Business Office saying that such signs were not neighborly and detracted from the feeling of community Homestead enjoys. A lengthy discussion ensued about how to enforce no –solicitation for outside groups but still allow the girl and boy scouts. Did signs really work, would the police come if called? Reed suggested that the Board take the question to the next roundtable of the Community Associations Institute and see how other communities have handled this problem and what solutions have been found. The Board agreed to do so at the next local roundtable.
3. More detail in the published minutes: The Board thought the current level of detail was appropriate and that homeowners who wanted further information could attend the meetings personally.
4. Post signs denoting slippery areas: The HOA had been asked by a Village I townhome member to post a sign noting the path from the townhomes to Easter Avenue was slippery and icy in the winter. The Board noted there were many such spots throughout the neighborhood. The Board discussed the ramifications of posting a sign in one area and not another. Were such signs necessary? Don't we all know the slippery spots where we walk? The Board agreed that the icy spots were out there but did not think signs necessary.

The Board also determined the Board Member positions for the 2011 year. Reed Richardson would remain as President and Christopher Molke would continue as Vice President and act as Pool liaison. Aloah Kincaid would become the Treasurer and act as ACC liaison. Bill Shelden would be the Member at Large and Landscape Liaison. Chris Raab would act as the Secretary and continue as Tennis liaison. Finally, Dumpster Day was set for Saturday, May 21st.

ADJOURNMENT AND CALENDARING: Chris Molke moved and Bill seconded that the regular meeting adjourn at 9:12 pm. Motion passed. The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:14 pm to discuss the litigation with Plaintiffs Dunbar and Horneck. The next regular Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30pm at the Business Office.



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SUMMER NANNY/BABYSITTER: 18 yr. old experienced babysitter, CCHS senior. COR and life guard experience. Own transportation and can safely drive your children to activities. Please call Sarah at 303-758-1309 or 303-717-2170.

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 PETSITTER 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.**

PETSITTING/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/PETSITTER: 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!

RESPONSIBLE 16 year old will babysit your children. References available. **Call Nicole McVey at 303-771-9958 or 303-325-6536.**

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.**

DAVID'S LAWN MOWING /PET SITTING SERVICE: Reliable 16 yr. old will trim and mow lawns & pet sit while you're on vacation. Lawns can be mowed all summer or vacation only. **Call David at 303-771-9958.**

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 middle, and defensive middle. **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.**

PET & HOUSE SITTING: Mom & daughter team will watch your pets, bring in the mail and paper and keep an eye on your home. Sixteen years in Homestead. **Call Sharmel & Madison at 303-689-9704.**

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.**

SAVING FOR FIRST CAR: I am a reliable, motivated and responsible 15½ year old CCHS student available all summer to do jobs/chores for you. I can pet sit, babysit, cut lawns and do odd jobs around the house. Excellent references! **Call Hunter 720-384-6866 or 303-221-4199. THANK YOU!**

BABYSITTER/HOUSESITTER: 19 year old college sophomore available over the summer for babysitting, housesitting or petsitting. Experienced and responsible. **Call Rachel Scharmann at 303-250-2986.**

BABYSITTER/PETSITTER: Experienced, responsible 17 year old high school junior looking for summer babysitter/nanny position. Great with kids. Can safely drive your children. References available. **Call Anne Scharmann at 303-717-3533.**

BABYSITTER: A Red Cross Certified loving and fun 7th grader. Loves children, the outdoors, arts & crafts, and cooking. **Call Erin Keith at 303-290-6238.**

POOP HAPPENS: We can help. Weekly or periodic yard service. We will pick up after your pets! Mowing and pet-care offered too. **Call Ryan & Connor at 303-771-2788.**

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PATRICK'S PARTIES & DJ SERVICE: Want to add some tunes to your parties? Book your birthday or graduation party now. **Call Patrick McClellan's DJ Service at 720-838-8863.**

BABYSITTER/PETSITTER: CPR and 1st aid certified. Responsible senior at Regis HS. I am available nights and weekends. I can safely drive your kids to sports and or lessons. **Call Maddie Rutenbeck at 303-843-9148 or 303-946-7240 cell.**

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LESSONS/ BABYSITTER: 11th grader who can coach your kids in baseball or softball. Have taken many years of private lessons and can share these skills with your son or daughter. Been playing baseball for 10 years, the last 5 years on competitive baseball teams. I'd also like to babysit. Responsible Life Boy Scout who is great with kids. Red Cross babysitting and 1st. Aid certified.. **Call Jensen Handwork at 303-791-4233.**

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.**

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. **Please call Ashley 303-694-4066.**

BABYSITTER/PETSITTER: Responsible, caring, fun 9th grader. Red Cross certified. Loves kids and pets! **Call Caitlyn Concklin at 720-200-4024.**

DOG-WALKER WITH A CAUSE: Responsible 10 year old would love to walk and play with your dog(s) after school and this summer. \$1.00 for 30 minutes of enjoyment for your pet and .25 cents from each dollar will be donated to Angels with Paws. **Please call Coralee at (303) 997-4176.** (Parent assistance provided for large dogs at no extra charge).

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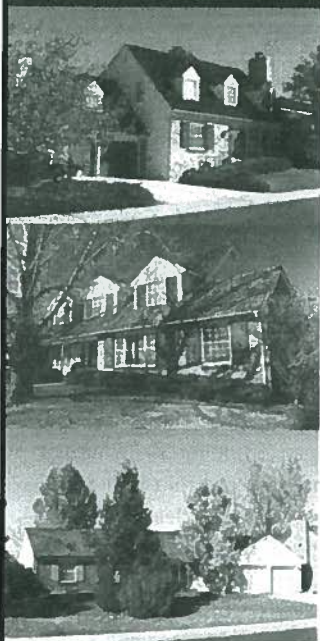
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