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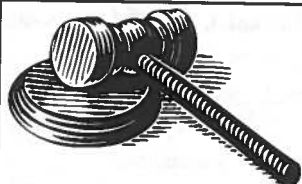
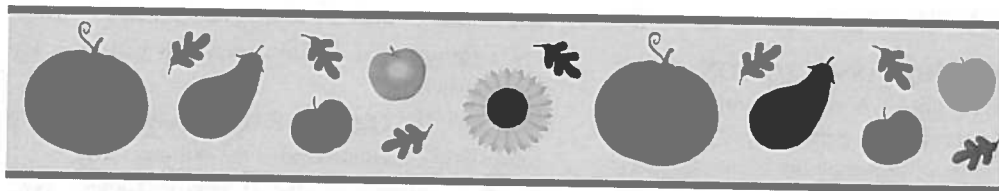
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH**



**Next Regular
Board Meeting
6:30pm
Nov. 11, 2014
West Pool Office**

**THE DECEMBER
HERALD DEADLINE
IS
NOVEMBER 14th**





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meetings are open to residents.
Business Office for dates.

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

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

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BOARD MEETING

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

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

West Pool Office, 6:30 pm

Mark your calendars now. The board meetings are open to all Homeowners.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: In an effort to provide timely Board information to the Membership, **UNOFFICIAL MINUTES** of each Board meeting will be published in the next issue of the Herald. Official, Approved copies of all Minutes will be on file and available at the Association Office.

MOVING FROM HOMESTEAD? If you move from Homestead and retain ownership of your home, it is your responsibility to pay the Homeowners dues. Remember: Please notify the Business office of your new address. Dues are always due March 1st. If you are a **Renter**, you should forward all notices to the Homeowner.

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

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ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL NOTICE

Homeowners are required to submit an "Application for Architectural Change" form to the HOA if you are planning to make updates, replacements or other improvements to the exterior of your home or property; **even if you are replacing or updating with similar products or the same paint colors.** Anything visible on the outside of your house or within the yard must be submitted for approval to the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) as our covenants require.

Applications must be accompanied by complete plans, sketches, samples, color chips and/or other pertinent information so that the ACC has as complete an idea of your project as possible. When requesting fence changes, sheds, accessory buildings, or play structures, also submit a drawing of your yard showing the location of the fence or item and indicate the material, height and style of the proposed fencing, shed or structure.

Forms are available at the office or on the website at www.homesteadinthewillows.org.



Aspen Academy will be hosting Admissions Open House on November 8th from 10AM-1PM for families and applicants are invited to explore Aspen Academy to learn about our academics, programming, extracurricular activities in an intimate setting. Our entire staff will be available to answer questions, as will parents and alumni, each sharing their perspectives and experiences. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the community and gain a sense of what your child would be able to experience.

The event will include presentations with our Head of School and teachers of our Lower and Middle School. You can tour our newly-renovated learning facilities and our state-of-the-art classrooms. Also check out Bears' Student Store - both open for 8th grade Entrepreneurial Leadership Program. Please come out, learn about the many things that make Aspen Academy so special! For more information, contact Sara Anderson at 346-3500 x108 or sara.anderson@aspenacademy



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The Homestead Hurricanes Swim Team is currently seeking a new Head Coach for our swim team. Candidates should demonstrate a passion for the sport of swimming and positively influence, engage, motivate and lead our swimmers.

Candidates must possess a strong knowledge of swimming technique, be well versed in administrative duties and have strong organizational and leadership skills. Applicant should have coaching experience, experience in supervising coaching staff preferred. This position will involve working with a variety of swimmers on a daily basis (from mid May to mid July) to teach them strong swimming skills while improving their overall swimming ability.

The team consists of approximately 250 swimmers, ages from 4-18, with a range of abilities from recreational beginners to competitive sectional qualifiers.

Some of the Responsibilities Include:

- Promote a team culture in which swimmers exhibit team spirit and sportsmanship about swimming, and are excited to come to practice each day and thrive on it.
- Lead, motivate and supervise all Coaches.
- Actively coach one or more practice groups.
- Creating a coaches packet with drills and templates for other coaches to follow.

Requirements:

- Swim coaching experience with demonstrated technical expertise.
- Enthusiasm for swimming and competitive swimming.
- Enthusiasm for coaching children at all levels of youth swimming.
- Personal experience as a competitive swimmer.
- Strong organizational and administrative skills.
- Current First Aid/CPR and AED certification preferred
- Experience with Meet/Team Manager software is preferred

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HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Regular Board Meeting October 14, 2014 – Unofficial Minutes

DER: President, Chris Raab, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Board Members present were zyna and Cole Wist; as well as Landscape Manager, Nancy Bauer; Pool Manager, Jaylene Jones; ; Melissa Shuck and Business Manager, Katie Kidwell. Also present was 2015 Swim Team Parent man. Homeowner Laura Hirsch and South Suburban representatives Dave Lorenz and Brett Collins ng briefly as well.

approval of the minutes of the September 9th regular meeting was suspended pending review by all the s.

: Parent Rep, Paul Eckerman reported that the Swim Team would interview head coach applicants in He presented a sample of the re-surfacing material the Swim Team plans to use on the diving blocks hasing new starting blocks. Full replacement is very costly because the blocks are customized to the n Team asked if the HOA would be able to help fund the cost for resurfacing. The Board asked a few greed to discuss funding during their budget discussion. Cole reminded Paul that the HOA was wait- of season financials from Swim Team and requested that they provide statements by the November eting.

REPORTS

L: Pool Manager, Jaylene Jones reported that her budget had been adjusted to include replacing the fold in the filter at the North Pool. The Board then discussed the cost of the management contract and ervices it included. Jaylene informed the Board that Memorial Day would fall early and Labor Day n 2015 adding 10 extra days of staffing. The Board and Jaylene discussed other items in Jaylene's et and the need to further investigate the cause of the leak at the North Pool.

DSCAPE: Landscape Manager Nancy Bauer reported that she had removed a large Russian Olive tree ; Arapahoe Road and had also removed junipers on Tract C, replacing them with new shrubs. New ap" rock was installed along the South Pool parking lot steps to prevent erosion. The Board reviewed y's budget and the large expenses identified by the reserve study which included timber replacement erimeter fence replacement. The Board agreed that they would continue to monitor the fence and ce sections as needed. The hail storm on September 29th damaged sections of the fence and Katie had a claim with the HOA insurance company.

3. **TENNIS:** Tennis Manager Melissa Shuck reported that trash service had been discontinued the winter months and that the divider nets would be bundled when the weather changed. The 2015 budget was the cost to re-surface the South Courts. The surface is original and 10 years old. Courts are usually resurfaced after 5 or 6 years.
4. **BUSINESS:** Business Manager Katie Kidwell reported on the status of dues collection and Board with a request from a homeowner regarding an extension to complete work cited by the Review Taskforce. Katie reported that many homeowners have called the office requesting recycling containers. She presented a proposal from Waste Connections to provide every homeowner a recycling bin that would remain with the house. The increase in cost to the Association would be \$23,000. The Board agreed that the increase in cost was not feasible at this time. Some homeowners already purchased large recycling containers from hardware stores and Waste Connections is not interested in them. Homeowners who choose to purchase a larger container run the risk that it will become too heavy for the recycling driver to lift and will therefore not be emptied.

HOMEOWNER COMMENTS: A property owner approached the Board about delaying some tree trimming until spring of 2015 to complete the work cited by the Covenants Review Taskforce. Her arborist had advised waiting until spring of 2015 to trim the tree, which was in decline and may not survive the winter. Cole moved and Mary Anne seconded a motion to allow the work to be completed until June 1st to complete the trimming and/or removal. The motion passed unanimously. David Lorenz and Brett Collins of the South Suburban Parks and Recreation District appeared before the Board to inform them about the 2 mill levy increase which will appear on the November ballot.

ACC: Mary Anne attended the ACC meeting and reported that the ACC had made some revisions to the application. They also fine-tuned the final inspection process.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mary Anne reported that the expenses were on target. Expenditures through the month of October were under budget with the exception of water and total expenses for the month were \$45,864.

OLD BUSINESS: Katie reported that she had spoken with Chris Scheffler from the City of Centennial regarding the Board's request to have the "no parking" signs on Costilla Avenue removed. Again he suggested that the City spend another three to four weeks researching the issue. The Board decided that the HOA has done what it can to present the impact of the current parking situation on Homestead residents. The Association has no authority on city streets and encourages individual homeowners to contact the city directly. The Board members reviewed the proposed 2015 budget and balance in the reserve fund. The budget expenses as presented exceed income.

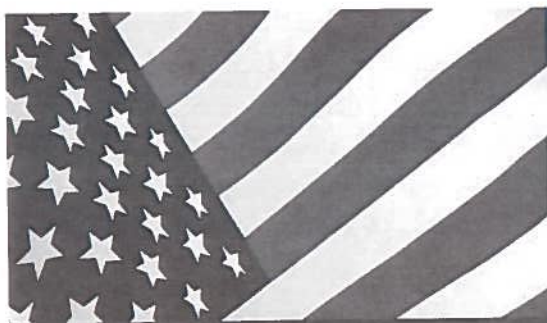
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to the reserve fund. The Board noted that an increased in two years and that homeowners that they appreciate the amenities of the and want to keep them in good condition. decided to hold another meeting on October the budget further. The meeting will commence at the Business Office.

SS: The Board discussed changing the and closing dates. They agreed that all would open to the community on Memorial for the season on Labor Day.

MENT AND CALENDARING: The meeting at 9:22 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting Tuesday, November 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the office.



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HOMSTEAD ELEMENTARY NAMED A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Homestead Elementary School has been named a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced today. It is one out of only four in the state and a total of 337 across the country to receive the U.S. Department of Education's prestigious honor celebrating academic achievement. Every year, the Department of Education awards the National Blue Ribbon School designation to schools based on academic achievement and progress in closing the achievement gap among student subgroups. Since 1981, the program has recognized more than 7,500 public and private elementary, middle and high schools.



"These great schools are fulfilling the promise of a quality education – that all students, no matter what zip code, can flourish when schools provide safe and challenging learning environments," said Secretary Duncan in a press release. "National Blue Ribbon Schools are a mark of consistent excellence and a resource for other schools and districts."

Homestead Elementary received the National Blue Ribbon School honor as an Exemplary High School. This title recognizes schools that are among the state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.

"We are so honored. Being in the upper 9 percent of schools for academic achievement for many years is a testament to the experience," said Homestead Principal Kim K. "This was reaffirming for us to be able to articulate our vision. We have a common focus and feeling about our school as a school."

In January 2014, the Colorado Department of Education contacted Homestead and requested that the school prepare for the National Blue Ribbon Award based upon student achievement. A team composed of Homestead Elementary teachers and staff members submitted their application on the school's application in January. Through a process of reflective practice, the team captured the essence of the school. In addition to detailed information about the demographics of Homestead's student population, an analysis of assessment results, and the school's curriculum and instruction, the 36-page application highlighted the positive impact of the Integrated Curriculum Program on the school.

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tinual focus on developing a "culture of students beyond the classroom was a key lead's application process, Kenyon said. The Homestead community played a key role in this accomplishment.

"The community is absolutely phenomenal, and this," Kenyon said. "We are so appreciative and feel a special partnership with them. This is recognition."

"The accomplishments are at the heart of the award, and the students are hard workers and dedicated. They are the ones who contribute to this entire effort," Kenyon said. Combined with the incredible dedication of the Homestead staff and the contributions of the students, the students' achievements helped create a three-legged stool that was so instrumental in earning the Blue Ribbon title.

The school will be honored along with the 337 public schools from across the country during a ceremony from Nov. 10 to 11 in Washington, D.C. Homestead Elementary joins eight other schools in the Rock School District to receive the National Blue Ribbon School honor since the award's inception in 1992.

Homestead's School Accountability Committee Meeting

**Thursday, November 13, 6:00-7:15pm
in the school library**

Please join us for our next meeting with guest speaker Dr. Floyd Cobb, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, CCSD This is a valuable opportunity to gather with representatives of our school community to discuss our school's big picture – performance data, goals and strategies, and resource allocation. This is a great way to learn more about and contribute to Homestead's continued success! *Homestead SAC meetings are open to the public and are held in the Homestead Library.*

What is Homestead's School Accountability Committee (SAC)?

In Colorado, it is a statutory requirement for every school to have a School Accountability Committee (SAC). The purpose of the SAC is reviewing student achievement and school performance results, making recommendations for the preparation of and monitoring the progress made on the school's Unified Improvement Plan, and making recommendations to the principal concerning priorities for spending school funds.

The Homestead SAC is comprised of several parents and staff members, a PTCO representative, a non-parent community representative and our principal.

Questions?

Please contact LeeAnn Williams or Kathleen Marvin, SAC Co-Chairs

LeeAnn Williams: wiscwills@yahoo.com

Kathleen Marvin: katdugmar@yahoo.com

Landscape Logic

By Nancy Bauer

What To Do With All Those Leaves???

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

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

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

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

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

Winter Water Reminder!

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

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

*Water only when air and soil temperatures are in the 40s F with no snow cover.

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

*Dry air, low precipitation, little soil moisture, and high temperatures are characteristics of fall in many areas of Colorado. There often can be a snow cover to provide soil moisture, particularly in the October through March. Trees, shrubs, and lawns can be damaged if they do not receive adequate water.



Why Do Pine Trees look so bad in the Fall?

Pine trees will cycle their material in the fall. That's why our deciduous trees drop their leaves. Chemical hormones within the trees trigger this. It can take ten to twenty years when needle drop seems more noticeable. This is often due to environmental issues common to that season that produced a more abundant tissue.

Pine trees drop old needles every three years. They replace their needles each year. As long as it is the

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2014 VETERANS WEEK IN CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS

The Cherry Creek School District will again honor our nation's veterans and active duty military personnel with educational events and community celebrations at every school in the district during Veterans Week, November 10-14. Check with your school or visit the

Cherry Creek Schools website, www.cherrycreekschools.or, for a complete list of Veterans Week activities.

BREAKFAST WITH OUR LEGISLATORS

You're invited to the annual Breakfast with Our Legislators from 7-9 am on Wed., Nov. 19 at the Instructional Support Facility (ISF), located at 5416 S. Riviera Way, Centennial, 80015. The cost is \$8. The event is sponsored by the Cherry Creek Community Legislative Network (CCCLN), a non-partisan committee promot-

ing awareness of education issues, legislative process. Registration form: [fast Flyer.pdf](#)

RESTRUCTURING OF DISTRICT SAVES TAXPAYERS \$6 M

On Thursday, October 2, 2014, the Cherry Creek School District successfully sold \$37,585,000 of General Obligation debt for a savings to taxpayers of \$6 million.

The bonds were sold competitively with electronic bids via the internet. The winning bid was submitted by J.P. Morgan Securities with a Cost of 1.69%. The cover, or second best bid, was submitted by Bank of America Merrill Lynch. There were nine additional firms that submitted bids including Piper Jaffray, Citigroup Global Markets, Raymond James & Associates, Morgan Stanley, and Fargo Bank as the next best bidders.

The issue refinances \$43,540,000 of Series 2008 bonds which were outstanding and which carried a rate of 4.18%. The bond issue was structured as 20-year bonds maturing over the period 2015-2034. Guy Bell, Cherry Creek School District Chief Financial Officer, was extremely pleased with the number and quality of outstanding results.

"This transaction reduced the outstanding debt by \$6 million dollars, while also lowering the interest rate from 4.18% to 1.69%," Guy Bell said. The resultant savings are passed directly to the taxpayers.

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ARAPAHOE COUNTY NEWS

Citizen Volunteers needed to aid local government

The division of Judicial Services and Motor Vehicles are both looking to fill volunteer positions with candidates who can successfully handle various administrative type duties.

Judicial Services administers programs that provide alternative sentencing programs for the 18th Judicial District and Arapahoe County courts. Volunteers will assist with the high volume of incoming calls to the call center and other tasks including data entry and office assistance.

Volunteers with Motor Vehicle Title and Registration will support county staff that provides various services for new and existing residents in the county.

There are several locations including our offices in Centennial, Aurora and Littleton where volunteers are needed.

Qualifications include: must be proficient in English, must be proficient on the computer, bilingual a plus, age 21 or older, complete a volunteer application form and pass a background check.

To get involved and help create a stronger Arapahoe County by joining Volunteer Connections, call Carrie Olinger at 303-738-7938 or email her at colinger@arapahoe.gov.

CENTENNIAL NEWS

Centennial Youth and Senior Commission Thanksgiving Food Drive

(Centennial, CO) The Centennial Youth and Senior Commission are partnering with the Academy for the 27th Annual Thanksgiving Basket Project. This food drive is currently running and ends Wednesday, November 12. To please bring non-perishable foods to the Food Bank Center located at 13133 E Arapahoe Road. Put them in the bin.

Donated food will be distributed to 228 families in the SafeHouse battered women's shelter, mental health pathways, the Denver Indian Family Center, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, cancer clinic at University Hospital, Kidney Foundation, local houses of worship, families with children attending Endeavor Academy.

The SHARE Project began in 1988 and has helped feed 5,819 hungry families so they could enjoy Thanksgiving dinner. This project has no money spent buys food, non-food items which to put them.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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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.

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Our community is active with a lot of joggers, walkers, and children going to and from school. Safety is a prime concern for everyone, especially drivers. The few seconds it takes to STOP and proceed with caution is it for the safety of all residents; pedestrian and driver.

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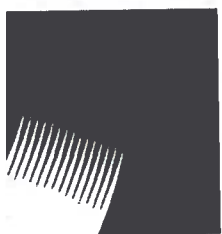
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SOUTH SUBURBAN NEWS

Thanksgiving Break Camp, Monday-Wednesday, November 24-26, 7 am-6 pm, Ages 5-10

For the convenience of our families near **Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd in Centennial**, children can be dropped off at Goodson by 8 am daily for transportation to **Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgeway Circle in Lone Tree** for fun camp activities all day, including swimming. Then, children can be picked up at **Goodson** between 5 – 6 pm. Parents must provide a morning snack and lunch each day. We will provide an afternoon snack. Participants must bring a swim suit and towel each day. For all required paperwork and necessary information, please contact Mary Kaminski at 303-708-3518 or 303-435-8242 at maryk@sspr.org.

Adventure Day Camp, Family Sports Center, 6901 S. Peoria St., Centennial

No School? No Problem! The following Day Camps are offered in November:

Tuesday, November 4, Friday, November 14, Wednesday, November 26, Friday, November 28

We keep kids ages 6—13 busy from 7 am—6 pm with activities such as the eXerGame zone, ice skating, sports in the dome, rock climbing, laser tag, inflatable obstacle course, bumper cars and more! Morning and afternoon snacks, and lunch included in the fee.

Register online at www.sspr.org or contact the Program Coordinator Christina Ibarra at 303-754-0552 or christinai@sspr.org

Chase N the Dream Concert, Friday 9 pm, Douglas H. Buck Recreation Center, 10249 Powers Ave., Littleton.

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Let's Talk Turkey, Friday, November 27, 7 pm, Carson Nature Center, 3000 W. Carson Ave., Littleton.

Join us for a relaxing evening as we talk about turkeys. We have a short program on wild turkeys, a free, award-winning documentary: *My Turkey*. Refreshments included! For further information, contact victorias@sspr.org.

Turkey Burner Fitness Jam, Thursday, November 27, 8:30 am – 10 am

- **Douglas H. Buck Recreation Center, 10249 Powers Ave., Littleton**
- **Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd, Centennial**
- **Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgeway Circle, Lone Tree**

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BABYSITTER: I am a thirteen year old boy and I am Red Cross Certified. I am a 8th grader at West Middle School. I will babysit any ages from baby to whatever you need. I learned how to feed, change diapers and other lifesaving skills. **Please call Ryan at 720-383-8038 or 303-905-9312**

BABYSITTING/PETSITTING: Red Cross certified, responsible 9th grader who loves babysitting and caring for pets! Available evenings and weekends. **Call Makayla Rapp at (303) 771-6416 or (303) 895-6159.**

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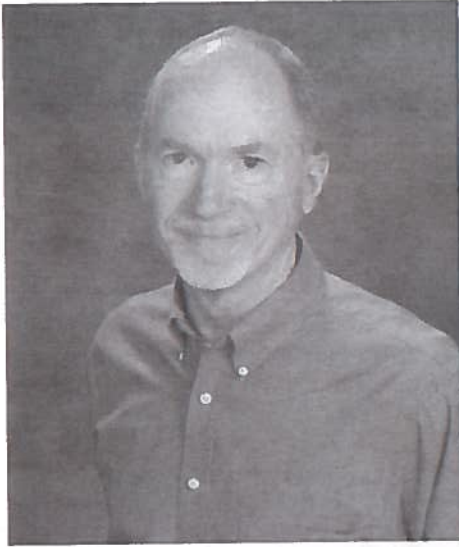
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SUMMER NANNY/MOTHER'S HELPER: **BABYSITTER:** I am a 14 year old female and am looking to nanny on a regular basis. I will babysit if you need some free time to run errands this summer. Love kids and can work around your schedule. **call Mara Steron at 303-949-4913.**

HOMESTEAD BABYSITTER AVAILABLE: Responsible, responsible 6th grader. Will watch your kids. Will attend Red Cross babysitting course this summer. **Call: Maddie Nash at 303-488-5447**

BABYSITTER: Red Cross certified 8th grade or roll student at West. I love kids and would love to watch them with games and boost their imagination. **Call Anna Pentermann: 720-488-5447**

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Black Friday Fun Run 5K, Friday, November 28, 10 am, deKoevend Park, 6301 S. University Blvd, Centennial.

This is the last event of the 2014 South Suburban Race Series. See current race series standings.

All ages and abilities are welcome. Family oriented games and activities also offered. Pre-registration fee is \$25, \$15, for ages 14-under, (day of race \$30/\$20) and includes race T-shirt and goodies. Children 6 and under are free (no shirt included). Register by Friday, November 14 to guarantee T-shirt size. Weather hotline 303-794-3338 will be updated after 6 am on race day. **Register online:** <http://www.runningguru.com/Event/BlackFriday>. For more information or to sponsor this race, please contact reedd@sspr.org.

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The HOA pays for your trash and recycling your homeowner dues. Homestead is recycling and your trash should be at the curbside pick-up day which is Wednesday. The HOA with WC allows you to place three trash cans out for pick-up weekly. During the week, WC will accept 6 extra bags of yard maintenance leaves or cut shrubbery. If you have branches, they must be bundled into 4 foot length bundles with string. WC will accept Christmas trees cut into 4 foot lengths as well, but these are not accepted by WC, so if that is important to you, take them to South Suburban at the Willow Brook space location. Your regular route driver will not take large trash items such as construction debris or appliances. Please call WC at the number on the back of your trash can for a special pick-up. Have a credit card; you can pay them directly over the telephone.

Recycling:

Many homeowners have more recycling than can fit in their regular trash and have requested larger recycling containers. Our contract with Waste Connections does not allow for 96 gallon containers. The containers servicing our neighborhood are not meant to hold a large tote container filled with recycling. If too heavy, the driver cannot manually lift it.

That said, many homeowners have notified us that they already own 96 gallon recycling containers. That Waste Connections is emptying them with a specialized truck! Perhaps different trucks drive down our streets. All the office can suggest at this time is if you choose to purchase a 64 or 96 gallon recycling container, be aware that it may not be accepted by Waste Connections if it is deemed to be hazardous.

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ARAPAHOE LIBRARY PROGRAMS

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

CHILDREN (AGES 5-11)

Doggie Tales (ages 6-10) – Improve your reading skills by reading to a dog. Register for a 30-minute session up with *Have Paws Will Travel*, the *Guide Dog Puppy Raising Club of Arapahoe County*. (November 8)

Kids' Chess – Join us to play chess, the game of kings. Bring your own chess set or use one of ours. (November 14)

Little Wing School of Rock (ages 3-5) – This program aims to promote creativity and confidence in you through music and movement, while developing listening skills. But the kids just know it's fun! (November 14)

Make Your Own Games (ages 9-12) – Learn to use the invention kit Makey Makey to create games and ac banana piano to anything else you can imagine. Making your own fun will take on a whole new meaning. (November 14)

Stories and More – Are you caring for young children ages 0-5? Join us for a special storytime with extended you to do at home. *Sponsored in part by the Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council*. (November 4, 13, 19, 20, 24)

Teletale Story Line – Teletale brings a story to children ages 2-5 over the telephone any time, at 303-220-8 are offered weekly and updated on Thursdays. Spanish stories are offered the first Thursday each month and are a week. English stories are available the remaining weeks.

World Harvest Celebration – Join us as we celebrate the season of harvest around the world. Each library v and games to highlight the harvest of two areas of the globe. (November 10, 13, 14, 15, 22 and 24)

TEENS (AGES 11-17)

Alive at 25 (ages 15-24) – Take responsibility for and gain confidence in your driving behavior. No driver's license for this classroom course. Learn from a certified trainer. Register online at alivate25.us. Click on "Find a Course," "Colorado" and lastly, select the library where the course is being offered. *Tuition is \$79. An additional \$25 surcharge county court referrals. Students who are under age 17 and identify that they are taking the course to obtain their driver's permit the discounted tuition rate of \$39.* (November 8)

Bottom of the Inkwell – Do you daydream about the stories in your head? Do you love language, imagery and of writing? If so, join our monthly meeting to strengthen your craft, get feedback on your work and meet other writers passionate pen. (November 12)

Game On – Play computer games and video games – you never know what games you'll get. Come find out and playing! *Video games are rated E – Everyone through T – Teen. For information, visit esrb.org.* (November 7, 14, 19 and 26)

Zentangle – Explore how lines and circles combine to create amazing art that anyone can do, even if you think you can't draw. This isn't doodling! *Taught by a certified Zentangle teacher.* (November 12 and 19)



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Our staff attempted to determine what the withdrawal was for, and our members stated it was a family emergency, but would not share much after that. The good news is the Safeway store at 181 W. Mineral Ave (303-218-2100) had been hit already multiple times during that same day and the alert staff and manager (Frank) pulled our members to the side telling them this was fraud. Thankfully, our members did not purchase the gift cards and lose any money.

Our members are in their late 70's and our staff felt that something was not alright. A police report has been filed already and we have completed additional training this morning about potential methods of getting members to open up and share more details of their transactions.

Again, knowing that the Safeway store already had multiple customers come in to purchase the gift cards, it appears to be a fairly large scam happening and it appears also to be targeted at Seniors.

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND UP)

AARP Smart Driver Course (for drivers ages 50 and older) – Learn defensive driving techniques, new more. *Fee: \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members, payable to AARP at the class.* (November 14)

English Conversation Circles – Practice your English language skills. For details, including dates and locations, visit arapahoelibraries.org (Programs & Classes).

Film Critique: *Gone With the Wind* – Learn why this film stands the test of time. Get the scoop on the process, casting, the search for Scarlett O'Hara, the influence of the press, reflections from several actors and more.

Hidden Pompeii – Archaeological sites like Pompeii normally aren't open to the public, but here is your chance to see about the many challenges curators face in conserving these important ruins. Learn about the culture of the surrounding area and the dangers of Mt. Vesuvius. (November 3 and 18)

Lawyers in the Library – Attorneys will be available for 30-minute sessions to offer legal advice and provide information. *Registration is suggested; however, walk-ins are welcome prior to 6:15 pm and subject to attorney availability.* (November 14)

Literacy Make and Take – Combining fun with learning is easier than you think. Learn how to set the stage through singing, writing, reading, playing and talking. All who provide care for children ages 0-5 are welcome. (November 14)

Red Cross Blended Learning: Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED – Learn First Aid, (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and how to use an AED (automated external defibrillator). You'll learn how to recognize and respond to a variety of first aid emergencies and how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies. After successful completion, you will receive a certificate valid for two years. This course consists of an online learning portion that you complete prior to attending the classroom skills session. *Register at redcross.org. Cost is \$90, payable at registration.* (November 14)

Technology Showcase – Staff will demonstrate the library's newest tech devices and you can try them yourself.

Writers Circle – Is there a creative voice calling in you, or a writing voice that expresses fantastic nonfiction? Join an adult writing group that will provide support and insights to strengthen your craft. Get motivated to start your writing journey where to aim it. (November 12)

FAMILY

Family Storytime in Russian – This storytime is for families with children of all ages, but geared to ages 3-5. We will have picture books, rhymes, songs and play. Parents and caregivers are asked to stay and participate. *When registering, please indicate which child is attending.* (November 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29)

Game On – Play computer games and video games – you never know what games you'll get. Come find out and have fun playing! *Video games are rated E – Everyone through T – Teen. For information, visit esrb.org.* (November 23)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Program registration is required. To register, visit arapahoelibraries.org & Classes link, visit any branch, or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279). Library patrons should call 303-769-4310; for Kelter Library, call 303-844-4310.

CIVIL WAR PROGRAMS

LIFE FOR A TEEN CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

Explore what life was like for a teenage farm boy turned soldier. See some of the items from this era he would have used such as money, a uniform and a prayer book. *Teens.*

Castlewood Library – Thursday, November 13, 4:30-5:30 pm

Smoky Hill Library – Monday, November 24, 6:30-7:30 pm

Southglenn Library – Tuesday, November 4, 4:30-5:30 pm

GATHER UP THE FRAGMENTS

Quilts and the Civil War share a vivid history. This trunk show features quilts made between 1840 and 1870. You'll learn about the types of quilts made for soldiers and quilts that were used on the Underground Railroad. *Adults.*

Eloise May Library – Monday, November 17, 2-3 pm

Southglenn Library – Tuesday, November 18, 2-3 pm

LIFE FOR A CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

What was day-to-day life like in the Union Army? During this costumed presentation, hear about a soldier's living conditions, meals and duties. You're likely to gain a new appreciation of the daily sacrifices soldiers made on and off the battlefield. *Adults.*

Castlewood Library – Wednesday, November 12, 6:30-7:30 pm

CIVIL WAR TEA

Join us for a relaxing tea time just as ladies have done throughout the ages, in spite of war and daily trials. If you have a favorite teacup, bring it along. *Adults.*

Davies Library – Monday, November 10, 6:30-7:30 pm

Kelver Library – Saturday, November 1, 2-3 pm

LIFE FOR A CIVIL WAR LADY

A costumed presenter will tell you about life for women who were at home while their men were fighting. Afterwards, stay for tea, a daily ritual ladies observed in an attempt to lead a normalized life during this trying period. *Adults.*

Sheridan Library – Wednesday, November 5, 6:30-7:30 pm

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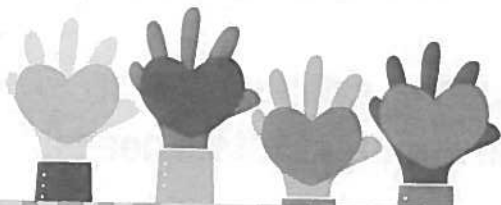
Christina Baker Kline is the author of five novels. She will discuss her *New York Times* bestselling novel *Orphan Train*. Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, *Orphan Train* is a powerful story of upheaval and resilience. Tattered Cover will be selling books on site. Refreshments will be served. *Adults*.

2014 holiday drive: a clean start

Drop off items in the collection box at your library November 1-30, and we'll deliver them to Inter-Faith Community Services. Items needed include hygiene products: shampoo, bath soaps, razors, combs, washcloths, laundry and dish detergents. Travel sizes and larger sizes are accepted. Inter-Faith Community Services provides basic human services and enrichment programs to low-income people using community resources.

- Gather with others to assemble bags of products for the needy in our communities. Items needed include hygiene products, toiletries, and treats while you help out this worthy cause.
- **Eloise May Library** – Saturday, November 1, 2014
- **Koelbel Library** – Sunday, November 9, 2014
- **Smoky Hill Library** – Saturday, November 15, 2014
- **Southglenn Library** – Sunday, November 23, 2014

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