

Walnut Hills Newsletter

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NOTICE: The April 8th Civic Association Meeting has been cancelled. We will meet again Thursday, May 12th at 7:00pm at Metrum Credit Union: 6980 S. Holly Circle, Centennial, CO 80112

High School Graduates



Send in your Senior Pictures for the June Graduation Issue. We love to celebrate your special year as a community. Every graduate from all schools - send your digital photo to walnut hillsnewsletter@gmail.com

Congratulations!



GID News and Updates Spring is underway and the GID is getting geared up for another great season of perimeter maintenance. Here are some highlights from the last few weeks, and a few items looking forward: The damaged sign at Costilla and Quebec is being rebuilt. The pillars (less the decorative stone and caps) are installed and the sign face has been mounted. Thank you to DaVinci Signs for doing a great job.

Posts along the perimeter fence are being reset or replaced as needed. Approx. 6 posts along Quebec have been replaced in the last few weeks. Thank you to our wonderful handyman, Gary, for doing a great job. Painting and minor repairs along the Dry Creek side of the perimeter fence continues. Freezing temperatures have made for slow progress, but as the weather warms up, painting and minor repairs will continue. Thank you to our wonderful handyman, Matt, for doing a great job.

Those crazy tall grasses on Yosemite are being cut back to allow for new growth (and visible speed limit signs). Soon our landscape maintenance crew will be back on the job helping to control weeds, clean up debris, and keep our neighborhood looking great. High Altitude Landscape has done a great job for the GID the last several years and we hope to continue our positive working relationship!

The GID is an active part of the City of Centennial, but works to maintain our neighborhood. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to the GID Project Manager, Julie, at neighborhood6@walnut hillscolorado.org.

Spring Dumpster Days Join us for another exciting spring clean up at Dumpster Days! Dumpster Days will be held on Saturday, May 12th and Saturday, May 19th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am OR until full. We have seen some crazy things come through the line - mattresses, couches, patio furniture, remodeling debris and as always a lot of branches and yard debris - the trash trucks eat it up! Please NO liquids, paint (unless totally dried out), concrete, dirt, etc. Your paid \$25.00 WHCA membership covers one pick-up truck sized dump. Additional dumps are \$10.00 each. The WHCA reserves the right to reject materials that can not go into the trash trucks or charge an additional fee for over-sized loads (i.e., that car sized trailer stuffed full). If you have questions about a certain item(s), please reach out to Donna, our Dumpster Day Queen, at 303-552-8384 for additional information. The trash trucks will arrive at Walnut Hills Elementary School promptly at 8:00 am. Please do not line up prior to 7:30 am to be courteous to the neighbors.

2018 Membership Drive Is off and running! The 2018 Membership Drive was started the first week of March with either mailings or hand deliveries of membership forms and a calendar of events. Did you notice our new format for the calendars using a magnet? The board thought that this was an easy way to keep the events and dates close at hand! We hope you join us for one or all of the events this year! Also notice that we have added a date for a Halloween Party in October - this suggestion came from several of the Mom's in the neighborhood with young kids. Thank you to all of the members past and present for your wonderful support. If you haven't participated in the WHCA, or are new to the neighborhood, we welcome you to join the WHCA. The voluntary dues of just \$25 annually help to support so many great events and activities!! Dues can be paid with check or via PayPal on the WHCA website under the 'Dues/Scholarships' tab. If you have any comments questions or suggestions about the membership drive or future events, please feel free to reach out to the board at membership@walnut hillscolorado.org, contact your local neighborhood representative, or attend one of the WHCA monthly meetings.



Geese at Dry Creek Elementary

Photography Jesse Alcorta

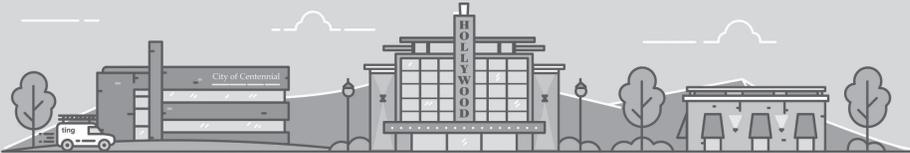


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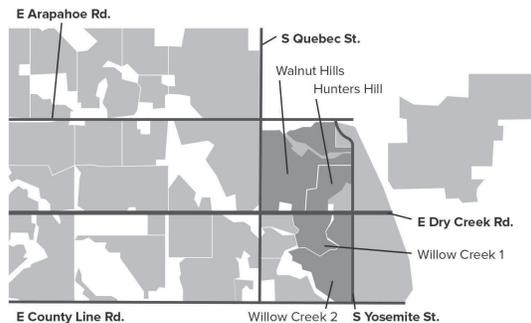


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Centennial, CO Fiber Network



Construction has started in Walnut Hills

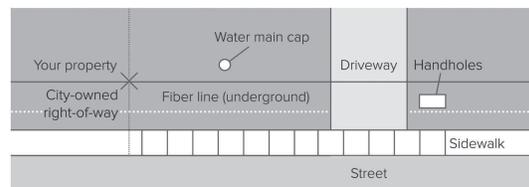
Over the next six months, you'll see us hard at work, building and expanding the network and putting all the infrastructure necessities in place that make fiber work. When the network is ready to go, we'll start installing our first fiber customers in Phase 1B, anticipated to start Summer of 2018.

We plan to build the network out to most of Centennial. For the most up to date information regarding what neighborhoods we'll be building to next go to ting.com/centennial and click on News.

- Phase 1A - Willow Creek 1 and 2 (currently under construction)
- Phase 1B - Walnut Hills and Hunters Hill

Construction: Here's the plan

- In one day of work, we can typically construct the infrastructure of our network for 20 homes.
- Before we start construction a utility location service will mark the underground utilities in your neighborhood. This process ensures underground utilities won't be disrupted during construction.
- We bring the fiber line to your home by a method called directional boring. A directional bore will travel underground up to 300 feet and is directed to avoid underground utilities. The directional bore creates the path that will eventually house fiber conduit.
- Handholes are required every couple of house lengths. These Handholes are unobtrusive and look very much like the kind of recessed access hatch you might find in a lawn irrigation system.



Pre-order before July 31st, 2018

When you pre-order Ting gigabit Internet, you get the absolute best installation discount we offer: \$250 off your start up costs. If you choose to rent your Internet box, that means you get a free installation plus a \$50 credit on your first monthly bill. The pre-order deadline for Phase One is July 31st, 2018. Not to get overly pitchy on you here but seriously, "Don't delay, pre-order Ting Internet today!"

Pre-order at ting.com/centennial

Ting Update:

What to expect when we're working on network construction in your neighborhood:

Here's everything you need to know about Ting fiber network construction. When our crews come into your neighborhood, we do our best to make the whole process as efficient and smooth as possible. This post focuses on the underground work we do in the City right-of-way in Centennial.

How network construction works: We do our best to make construction of the Ting fiber network clean and surgical. Here's what you can expect when we roll up with our trucks. Before construction starts a utility location service will mark the underground utilities in your neighborhood. This ensures underground utilities won't be disrupted during construction. Utilities will be marked by paint and will be removed by soda blasting (baking soda at high pressure) within seven days. Construction work will happen in the City right-of-way. We won't dig on your property unless you have specifically requested to have fiber brought from the street to your home.

Where construction happens: Work will either take place in the public right-of-way, which is the five to 12 feet on the street side of your home that's owned by the City and that is reserved for utilities. While many utilities work at the back of properties, Ting fiber network construction will be happening in front of your home. This is where we place handholes, access hatches similar to what you'd see in a lawn sprinkler system. Companies and contractors who have obtained permits can do construction and maintenance in the right-of-way for utilities including water, gas and even crazy fast fiber. Ting provided network build plans to the City for review. After that, a permit was issued in order for us to build in the city-owned right-of-way.

Directional boring: How we bring fiber lines to your home: To begin, a directional boring machine is placed at an entrance point. Entrance points are usually located on street lots at the beginning of a street or on corner street lots. A directional bore will travel underground up to 300 feet and is directed to avoid underground utilities. The directional bore creates the path that will eventually house fiber conduit. We take great pains to put things back the way we found them. If your property is beside an entrance point, you may see water and mud throughout the time we are directing the bore underground. This is completely normal and we will do whatever it takes to return the grass to its original condition. Rest assured, the water you may see is not from the water main. You may also hear the machine working during this time. Handholes are required every couple of house lengths. These handholes are unobtrusive and look very much like the kind of recessed access hatch you might find in a lawn irrigation system. Traffic flow may be temporarily impacted while we work. This should only last the day and we will do the best we can to minimize impact.



In Loving Memory

Kathleen Therese Kellison

July 27, 1936 - February 12, 2018

Kathleen Therese McCarrick Kellison (1936-2018) passed away in her home on February 12, 2018. She is survived by her brothers Pat (Barbara) and Bill (Mary Anne) McCarrick and by her eight children: Dave, Tim (Beverly), Monica (Steve Delcuore), Mike, Steve (Lynn Campbell), Danny, Patty, and Brian, two grandchildren whom she raised, Josh and Jamie, three more grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. She was dearly beloved and will be deeply missed.



She mothered far more children even than the ten she raised. From the 1960s up until almost the time of her death, neighborhood children could come over for a snack and a place to play, and anyone who needed somewhere to go on a holiday was welcomed to dinner, child or adult, expected or not. She always wanted to hold the baby (whether it was one of 'hers' or not), congratulate any child's achievements and brag about her own children's, and pleasantly chat with anyone she met about anything at all. Her kind heart and generous spirit are a great loss to all who knew her.

Kathy's husband, Charles Kellison, was buried on St. Patrick's Day 2015. We celebrated Kathy's life and Irish heritage the same way, on March 17, 2018. In lieu of flowers, the family would be honored by donations made in Kathy's memory to: <https://www.stjude.org/give.html>.



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Annual Membership Meeting March 2018

Ana Carrera

The WHCA annual meeting was held on March 8, 2018. We had a good turn out and many folks to give updates on the activities going on in and around the neighborhood. Our local Boy Scout Troop 257 joined us for the flag ceremony to get the meeting kicked off. Our District 3 Representatives were not able to join us this year. Centennial Youth Commission was also unable to join, but provided written info - see Youth Commission article in this Newsletter (page 10).

Mark Gotto spoke about the Ting Installation: City of Centennial is partnering with Ting to bring gigabyte speed internet to residences, potentially increasing property values 3%. Phase 1 of infrastructure construction has begun in 5 neighborhoods including Walnut Hills. Audience members asked several questions and the Ting responses were:

- 1. Marking utilities - paint will be removed within 7 days. If not, let Ting know.
- 2. Drilling within right of way, 2-6 ft. from sidewalk, will occur in every other to every 3rd front yard. Ting will restore landscaping to look the way it was before drilling and may have to return during growing season to complete restoration.

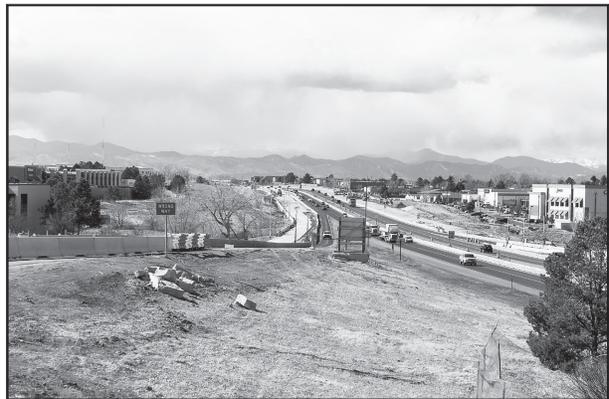
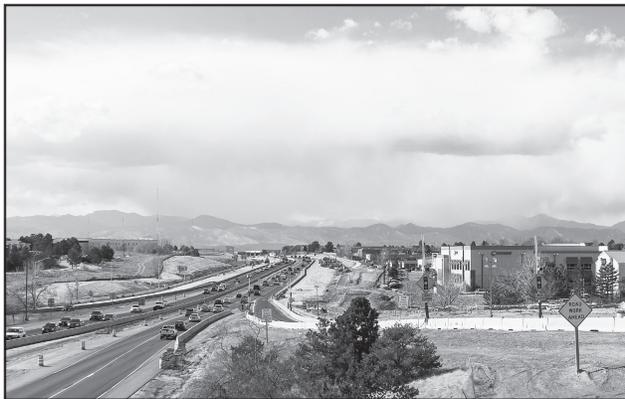
- 3. Pull fiber up to 50 ft. under sidewalk to tie to each property with small 2-6" trench to box on side of house (if residence signs up for service). All construction to be completed by fall, with first customers receiving service mid-summer.
- 4. Residences that pre-order by July 1st get free installation.
- 5. In addition to high speed internet, Ting is looking to offer a basic TV service product by the end of the year.

City of Centennial-Senior Commission member Paula Hillman presented. Senior Commission is appointed by city council to advise on senior issues, has produced a free "Caregiving Checklist" booklet and provides activities around the City. For more information and to see the calendar of events visit the Senior Commission website at: <http://www.centennialco.gov/Government/senior-commission.aspx>

Deputy Scott Sickafoose from the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office presented. Just a reminder, the Non-emergency number for Sheriff's office: 303-795-4711. Resource for "crime mapping" at arapahoesherrif.org - look for "how do I?" section and enter your address to pull up stats and reports with given date range. 31 crimes reported in Walnut Hills in the last 6 months, mostly vehicle break-ins, thefts, and burglaries which is "not bad" per Deputy Sickafoose. He reminded everyone not to leave vehicles running unattended. With increased traffic, crashes are up on major roadways. Neighborhood Watch program has not kept up and is no longer effective. Please call police if you see suspicious activity or behavior, NOT people. Dog Walker Watch is a new crime watch program to be rolled out around May.

Jay Buerger gave a brief real estate update saying that the local market is strong, with 4 closings in the last few months and some current new listings. Values are ranging from \$385K-\$450K. Younger buyers are investing in home updates and improvements. Many buyers looking in Walnut Hills specifically because there is no HOA.

Some residents expressed frustration with some neighbors who have excess of old, non- functioning vehicles parked on properties and street and non-enforcement of zoning/codes. It was agreed that this is a known downside of not having an HOA, but that it seems a majority of WH residents prefer this to being subject to HOA rules and regulations. Residents can contact the City of Centennial Code enforcement at <http://www.centennialco.gov/code-compliance-complaint.aspx>



The C-470 Expansion And Sound Wall is progressing and approaching the C-470 & Quebec overpass. A new westbound on-ramp is under construction and the new eastbound off-ramp is almost complete. Lane widening has started between the I-25 & C-470 interchange and Quebec Street. Work on the overpass/underpass areas has started in some spots and traffic congestion can be observed during construction. The sound wall on the north and south side of C-470 from Broadway and moving east is starting to take shape and appears completed in some points.



Photography Jesse Alcorn

Swarms of Bees Wanted

Walnut Hills is full of honeybees ready to swarm. If you see a swarm please call me right away and I will come pick it up. If you have any questions, give me a call and we can talk about saving the honeybees! Donna Senn 303-552-8384



In addition to being a long standing board member volunteer, Donna is also an experienced organic beekeeper.

Cherry Creek Bruins Swim to Fight Cancer

The Cherry Creek Bruins Boys Swim & Dive Team will show over the next month that swimming really does make a difference, by participating in a team service project to raise funds for Children's Hospital Colorado, specifically the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. This is in association with Swim Across America, specifically the Denver organization introduced this year. We hope Walnut Hills residents will be proud to help the Bruins "Make Waves to Fight Cancer", through donating to their efforts, including a lap-a-thon pool swim on April 19th.

Please reach out in April to one of the local neighborhood Bruin team members to sponsor them, or go online and make a donation to "Team Bruins" at www.swimacrossamerica.org/denver. We ask local residents and businesses, especially those that have had family members on the Creek teams in the past, to help the Bruins make this a successful community service project, showing that swimmers and divers are more than just student-athletes.

Eric Vitcenda, Hunters Hill resident and Bruin team alumni, will assist in answering any questions - ericvitcenda@comcast.net. For more information about Swim Across America- Denver, as well as the special open water swim event being held on August 26th at Chatfield Reservoir, and how individuals or teams can participate, or local businesses sponsor or volunteer, please visit www.swimacrossamerica.org/denver

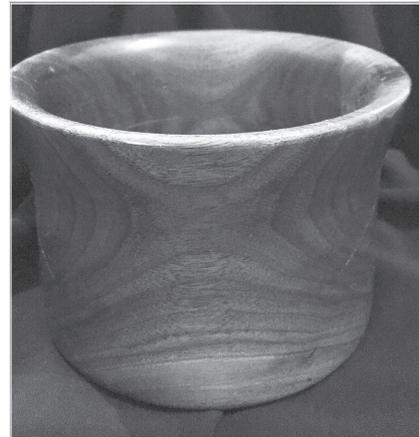
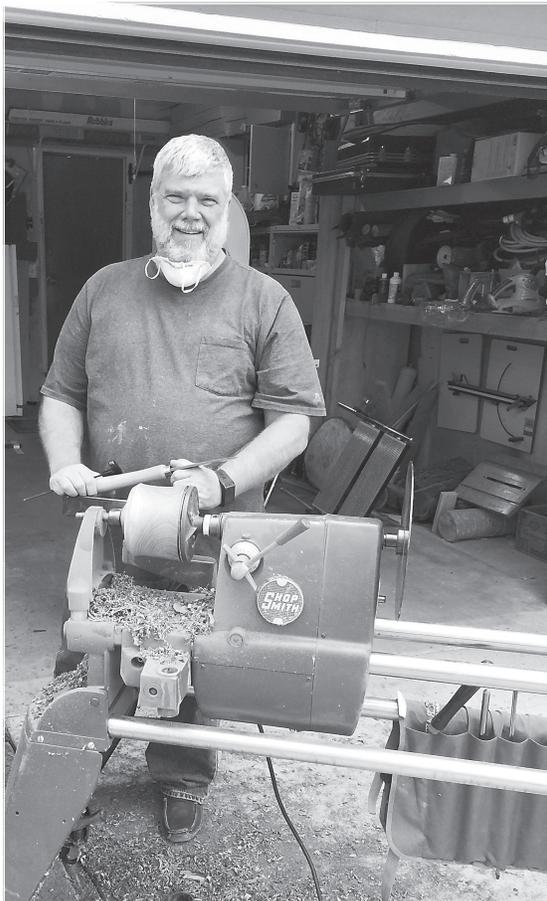
Why The Name Walnut Hills?

Carol Fischer

Since there seems to be a dearth of walnut trees in our community, I've always wondered (for 48 years of living here) why the name. Andrea Suhaka, who has a wealth of knowledge of the WH history, says that the original developers were Dream House Builders and they gave a walnut tree to every new homeowner. Other accounts dispute that, but in researching the topic, I cannot find any definitive answer. There also is a theory that there was a walnut grove, or a walnut farm, probably along Little Dry Creek.

Walnut trees have taken a beating, not only in Colorado, but starting in Eastern US due to a disease known as "1000 cankers." It was first discovered in Knoxville, Tennessee in 2010 and has spread westward throughout the Midwest. The walnut twig beetle bores into the bark and a fungus formation that appears like a canker causes dead areas on the limb and kills the tree. There is no known effective method to save trees with TCD—thousand cankers disease. Probably this disease explains the lack of walnut trees in WH. It could be that the last walnut tree was cut this fall on S. Tamarac. Homeowner Jody Sanders explains that the tree was dead when they moved in about 5 years ago.

The larger pieces of that tree are now in the yard of my neighbor, Andy Beaudreau and he is making some beautiful wood pieces from it. With a beautiful grain and color, the walnut tree lives on! If interested in any walnut home decor, you may contact Andy at 303-888-0383.



Photos Carol Fischer



I bought my home and moved into Walnut Hills in 1994. I only paid \$143K, but that was top of the market at that time. Since that time, I got married and my wife and I raised two kids in this great neighborhood. My original investment has tripled while we enjoyed the convenience of the location and the quality of the schools. I would love to hear your stories! For information on Walnut Hills and other areas visit:

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It Was A Perfect Morning For The Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 24th we probably had about 200 in attendance, one of course was the Easter Bunny. There were toys and treats to be had by everyone. Unfortunately, the warm morning made for a few melted treats. The craft table was well attended with puffs and pipe cleaners, ribbons and bows, and the creativity was flowing! Thanks to all who attended this great event! Thank you also to WCHA board members who helped set up and clean up! This event is made possible by the generous neighbors who pay the WHCA annual dues of just \$25. Dues can be paid via PayPal at www.walnuthillscolorado.org/dues or via check.



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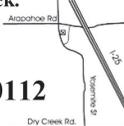
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S.T.E.A.M. Time At Walnut Hills

Doris Garner - Elementary Project Support Team - Cherry Creek School District #5

At the beginning of this school year, Walnut Hills Elementary started introducing STEAM into every classroom, every day. Principal Teolyn Bourbonnie has designated the first hour of every day for STEAM, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. "I felt the only way I could implement STEAM with fidelity, was create a space in our block schedule dedicated to STEAM," says Bourbonnie. "My thought was to allow teachers to extend design projects across a week or over several days, if needed, and this schedule allows for STEAM to happen daily."

Teachers and students are enthusiastic about the new schedule. Jan Ragnow, a fifth-grade teacher, loves getting kids involved in critical thinking skills right away. "I think it sets the tone for high expectations throughout the rest of the day. It also gets kids engaged in their learning first thing and I love that they have choice in what they are doing. I am seeing more motivation in [other] content areas." Fourth-grade teacher Jana Lucas agrees. "I love seeing the excitement when they arrive at school. The kids are so excited to come in and work on their projects."

To understand STEAM, students at Walnut Hills participate in project-based learning, based on the book, LAUNCH by John Spencer and A.J. Juliani. LAUNCH is a design-thinking cycle, and stands for: Look/Listen/Learn; Ask a lot of questions; Understand the problem or process; Navigate ideas; Create; and Highlight what is working and what is failing. Each week, students are learning to creatively think, collaborate, design and LAUNCH innovative projects into the world. Lucas says, "I love the LAUNCH cycle for this kind of learning. It gives both teachers and students guidance in how to approach any problem. It also gives all the teachers common language with kids and with colleagues."

The teachers have also reported positive results in other content areas beyond STEAM. Ragnow observes, "I have seen the most differences in math and writing, more stamina and more willingness to revise and stay with problems longer. It seems my kids are more motivated to actually revise because they can see the connections."

The types of STEAM projects vary widely. So far this year, younger students have participated in Grab Bag challenges, building bridges, and designing and building roller coasters, just to name a few. Older students have collaborated on solving problems such as designing playground equipment, re-designing their morning routines, and creating public service announcements (PSA) for the younger students.

For the PSA's, the 5th graders first brainstormed ideas of what they could teach the younger students. The topics included how to walk down the hall, stranger danger, and bully proofing. In small groups, they created a storyboard and a script. They then filmed their PSA. The following week, they learned how to edit the PSA's in their technology class.

All of these steam projects culminate in a launch day. Principal Bourbonnie is excited about their four launch days this year. "On launch days, kindergarten through 5th grade students will present their steam projects," she says. "We are inviting families, friends, and community members to visit classrooms and see the projects. The teachers and student are excited for our launch day!"

The first launch day took place on October 31st. Lucas shared, "the kids were so excited. They were able to share the launch cycle - what they did, what they would change, and what they learned about the process. I was very impressed at their ability to talk to what they did."

The staff at walnut hills is optimistic that they will continue to see improvement across all content areas. "All of this is a work in progress," says Lucas. "Because this is new, I think that the learning across the curriculum will evolve." Ragnow adds, "now that the kids understand the process, I am really looking forward to them being more involved in individual projects at a deeper level during the second trimester!"

The next launch day at Walnut Hills is scheduled for May 22.

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Greetings Neighbors!

This year has already been successful for the PTCO. Below is a list of great accomplishments.

Awarded \$8,711 in teacher grants
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Movie Night was a free and fun night for all
Restaurant nights combined have raised \$1,666 to date
Holly Day was a chance for students to help people in our community
Chili Game Night raised \$1,884 and everyone had so much fun
Valentine's Service Project brightened the rooms of patients at Children's Hospital Colorado
Free Book Swap provided new/used books to be available for all kids
Purchasing through AmazonSmile has raised \$146.52

Raising funds for the school is the primary objective for the PTCO. We earmark a large portion to assist the school with salaries for teacher assistants. This is so important as it provides more adults in our children's classrooms. As the community that surrounds our mighty school, you have the opportunity to donate to exciting projects. This summer, the school will undergo renovations to integrate innovation into the learning for every child. Consider bookmarking AmazonSmile for your shopping needs. AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of every purchase directly to Walnut Hills Elementary and the PTCO. Below are the steps to set up your Amazon account into a fundraising machine.

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2. Search for Walnut Hills Elementary PTO
3. Bookmark your AmazonSmile account
4. Shop and donate automatically

Every bit of donated funds is a chance to make a difference in a child's life. Thank you in advance for your kind and giving spirit. We invite you to the school to see all the wonderful things that are happening. It is truly amazing to walk the halls and see the art of students, listen to recorders in music class, or watch as imagination and engineering come together with S.T.E.A.M.-based projects. And, please email anyone on the board with questions, comments or ideas. Every child, every day!



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Community Garage Sale - Have Too Much Stuff?

Each year, the WHCA assists residents in advertising a community garage sale with the hopes that multiple homes/sales/locations will bring additional traffic to the garage sale participants. This summer, the WHCA will be helping advertise again! The Community Garage Sale weekend is June 1-2, 2018. The WHCA will be contacting the Denver Post, the Villager, NextDoor and Craigslist. We hope you take advantage of some additional advertising and get those sales!! NOTE: The WHCA does not provide a centralized location or any sale items.

Items of Interest

JHF

You know that you live in Walnut Hills if:

- There are two CCSD elementary schools within walking distance and non WH residents bring their children to attend them.
- There are three Parks maintained by South Suburban Parks and Recreation.
- There are Tennis, Handball, Basketball and Frisbee facilities available.
- There is a Civic Association that addresses the community needs and provides many community and family programs and activities.
- There is a walking path along the creek.
- There is a small amphitheater at Walnut Hills School Park funded by WH Elementary Students.
- There is a General Improvement District to fund the upkeep of the parameter.
- There are grocery stores, banks, filling stations, and many stores within walking distance.
- There is a neighborhood scholarship program that has provided \$189,000.00 to 135 Walnut Hills High School graduates.
- There is an outstanding public library at the edge of your area.
- There is a great fire and rescue department just across the street that responds in minutes if you need them.
- There is a Newsletter that announces community activities, awards and information on a regular basis.
- Your children can attend school at one of the top-rated school districts in the state.
- The Arapahoe County Sheriff's office reports that you live in one of the safest communities in the county.
- There is a public transportation system that runs next to the community.
- There is no HOA to tell you what color to paint your house.
- You are close to major shopping, medical facilities, and lots of restaurants.
- REALTORS® are saying that your home has doubled in value in the last few years and that they need more listings for the families that want to live in Walnut Hills.
- There are lots of residents that care about their neighbors and neighborhood, are you one of them?

Compiled by a resident of Walnut Hills.

Hawk & Ting

Bruce Ferguson

When it is dry like this, the ground is hard and it is best to soak it a day in advance of digging or weeding. The clay though can become very sticky and difficult to deal with when it is wet. Digging doesn't seem to be a problem for the voles that are living in the yard. I noticed the neighbor's cat likes to crouch just at the edge of the grass and watch for them. We joke about him watching the garden grow.

The Ting optical fiber people seem to understand that using water to soften the ground is a good idea. It is interesting to note that the thin layer of topsoil and roots that make up my supposed lawn was so dry that it seemed to actually float away from the subsoil. Along the sidewalk the ground rose about three inches.

A flicker has started tapping on the chimney flue, which is always a sign of spring. I planted some daffodil bulbs last fall and they are blooming now, stunted a bit from the lack of water. Years ago, I gave up on daffodils simply because every March they just got smothered in snow and the blooms wilted. This time I decided to put them in the warmer parts of the yard to see if they might fare better. This year it doesn't seem to have mattered. Tulips always seem to understand weather better.

I've been cleaning out the perennial beds, leaving some of the debris to help keep the ground covered and hopefully to keep things from getting too dry. I can see that I really should be watering already, but I just don't trust the weather. I imagine that by the time this goes to press I will be turning the sprinklers on. The cold and snow in the spring don't seem to do much harm. Most of the plants just seem to relish the moisture. One exception seems to be the fox tail lilies which really resent the cold just as the flower spikes are forming. It damages the blooms and they never seem to recover.

I grow hellebores under the maple tree, where they are sheltered by the tree and the fence. They don't seem to spread all that much, but they do flower every year without fail.



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2018 Ms. Colorado Senior America Pageant

The 2018 Ms. Colorado Senior America Pageant will be held Saturday, May 26, 2018, at 2 p.m., Lone Tree Arts Center, 10075 Commons Street, Lone Tree, CO 80124.

Tickets are \$25 and are on sale now www.lonetreeartscenter.org

The Ms. Colorado Senior America Pageant is held in Spring each year. It gives women who have reached the Age of Elegance (60 years of age or above) the opportunity to show their beauty, poise, personality, and talent in a competition that is scored by five judges whose backgrounds are related to their talents (such as singing, dancing, performing, or acting). Contestants are rated as follows:

Interview: 30%

One of the most important aspects of the Pageant is for all judges to meet each contestant individually. It is during this personal interview that the judges have an opportunity to select a woman whose charm, personality, and conversational ability meets the ideals of Ms. Colorado Senior America.

Philosophy of Life: 20%

The Ms. Colorado Senior America Pageant recognizes physical beauty but seeks to emphasize that true beauty comes from within. Each contestant presents a statement that conveys her "philosophy of life."

Evening Gown: 20%

It is the philosophy of the Pageant that "clothes do not make the woman but rather, the woman makes the clothes." In this contest the judges observe the poise and grace of each contestant.

Talent: 30%

The talent presentation is designed to encourage talent drawn from music, art, dance, theater arts, homemaking, etc., and demonstrate that talent does not diminish with age.

For more information about the 2018 Pageant, please contact the Colorado State Pageant Administrator, Rene' Green, at renemscap@gmail.com, or call 303-814-8221.



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