

# Walnut Hills Newsletter

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## Walnut Hills National Night Out/ Walnut Hills Block Party

Andrea Suhaka, Chair, WHCA, 303-770-0058, standy@ecentral.com

Thanks to great preparation by Board member Myra Garcia, all is in place for another wonderful National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 2, 6-8 pm. This event is sponsored by the Walnut Hills Civic Assoc. and Metrum Community Credit Union for all Walnut Hills residents, young and old.

We'll have barbecue for supper, tunes by Juice O' The Barley, and many informative and fun booths by our special districts: South Metro Fire, Arapahoe County Sheriff, South Suburban Parks & Rec., Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA), City of Centennial, Arapahoe/I-25 project, resident Ed Smith (CD Designs) and resident Jack DeFez, Council Member Mark Gotto may stop by; and our sponsor Metrum Community Credit Union.



Teolyn Bourbonnie

### Walnut Hills Elementary Gets a New Principal

When my family moved to Walnut Hills in December of 2012, I was most excited to meet my neighbors. I was aware that the school was considered a community; a place where families could grow. Nothing of my family's experience has been disappointing. My son will be in 2nd grade this year. It's most amazing that the teachers and staff have cared for him like he is their own. It's so important to my husband and I as we live far from all our extended family. Walnut Hills Elementary has become an important part of our village!

This year the school welcomes a new principal, Teolyn Bourbonnie. She comes to us with a great Cherry Creek School District heritage. "T", as everyone calls her, was first a student in the district from elementary

high school. She moved away to attend college and took her first teaching position in Commerce City. She found her way back to CCSD in 1999 and hasn't looked back. The last 3 years kept her busy as the assistant principal at Holly Hills/Holly Ridge Elementary School. She has a 10 year old daughter that attends school in the district. Teolyn is extremely excited and welcomes community members to stop by and visit anytime. Please help me welcome her to our great community!

It's exciting to see the school grow. New teachers, new kids and a new principal make it for a great start to another year. In order to keep our school great, PTCO supports many programs that sometimes go unnoticed. See below for a short list and visit our website for a more in depth look at all our school has because of PTCO's generosity.

- I-ready program to support reading and mathematics
- Teacher assistant positions for classrooms
- Community service projects completed by students
- School wide events after hours to raise funds and provide a close knit community

If you are interested in supporting your neighborhood school, please reach out to the email listed below or go to our website, walnuthillsPTCO.org, and learn about all the ways you can donate. It doesn't matter if you have a current or past student. Or, maybe you know how important the next generation is to our great neighborhood, state and country. Go Cougars! Thank you,

Rebecca Maddison - wal.ptco@gmail.com - Walnut Hills PTCO Secretary 2016-17



Juice O' The Barley

### The Juice's Upcoming Shows

August 2, 6:00 - 8:00 pm- National Night Out Walnut Hills Elementary School park, Centennial

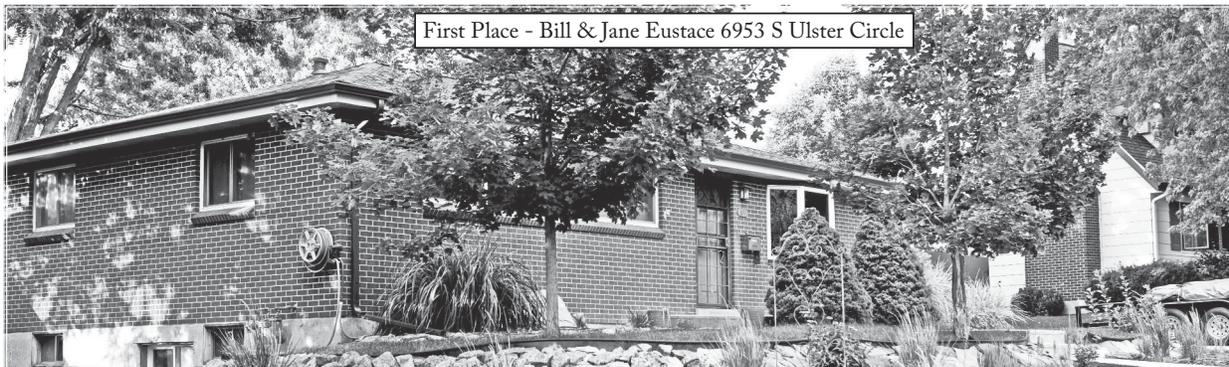
August 20, 8:00 pm-Jack Quinn's Pub 21 S Tejon St, Colorado Springs

September 17, 1:30-3:30 pm-Celtic Harvest Festival 24th & Benton St., Edgewater

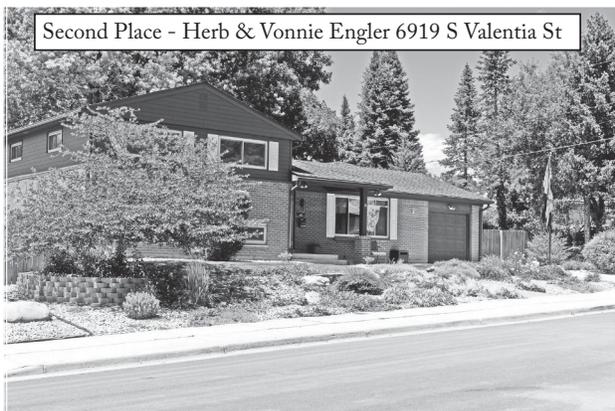
September 18, 1:00-2:00 pm - Summerfest Festival Main Stage - Clement Park, Littleton

## Lawn and Landscaping Contest

Congratulations to this year's winners of the Walnut Hills Lawn and Landscape contest. There were many great yards in the neighborhood, but many homes were disqualified because in order to win you had to be a member of the Walnut Hills Civic Association. (Only \$25 per year and includes two Dumpster Days) In spite of that, we can see that many people in the neighborhood take pride in maintaining their yards. Thank you!



First Place - Bill & Jane Eustace 6953 S Ulster Circle



Second Place - Herb & Vonnie Engler 6919 S Valentia St



Third Place - Kent & Barb Kuwitzky 6923 S Ulster Circle

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## Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund - Providing Scholarships For Walnut Hills Students

Dear Walnut Hills Residents,

The Walnut Hills Scholarship Board would like to express our sincere thanks to the residents of Walnut Hills for their continued support of the Walnut Hills Scholarship Program. We are so proud that our community has shown such financial support of the Walnut Hills graduates in their pursuit of a college education.

Each year since the start of the scholarship program in 1972, thanks to the residents, we have been able to increase the amount and number of scholarships. This year, for the second consecutive year, we were able to continue to award five \$2,500 scholarships.

Counting this year, one hundred and thirty-five Walnut Hills High School Seniors have received a total of \$189,000, most of it coming from resident contributions.



Back Row the Board Members - Left to Right: John Fuller, Scott Bess, Bill Phippott, Peggy Castle, and Laura Klee. Front Row Scholarship Recipients: Chereen Zahner - Colorado State University, Paige Koenig - University of Redlands, Lacey Gottschall - Ursinus College, Dakota Wolner - Otis College of Art & Design, and Cailey Bosman - Auburn University

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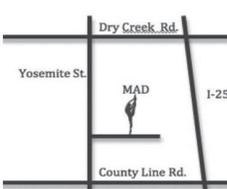
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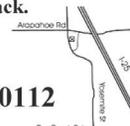
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We want to thank the 225+ residents who contributed to the scholarship fund this year, and we would encourage more residents to contribute to such a fine neighborhood charitable program.

Gracious thanks also goes to the Walnut Hills Civic Association (WHCA) for their generous support. They do so much for our community. Thanks also to the Walnut Hills Newsletter and their advertisers.

We hope you got to attend the presentation of the scholarships on July 4th at the WHCA's Ice Cream Social and meet the outstanding recipients of this year's scholarships, if not this year, plan to come next year.

Thanks Again, Sincerely,

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## What Went Wrong?

Julie Gamec

Why do newly planted trees, shrubs and flowers seem to struggle? In a few words...Transplant Shock. It seems so simple - head to the garden center, pick up some lush, beautiful tree or shrub or flower, take it home and plant it. You do everything right. You amend the soil. You dig the hole just as deep and twice as wide, just like you were told. You water it in well. Then just a day or two later, it starts to wilt, turn brown. The leaves fall off. What's the problem? Where did you go wrong?!

You didn't go wrong. You don't have a black thumb. Chances are the plants are suffering from transplant shock. This term refers to various symptoms of stress caused by a limited root system. When you purchase a new plant, they will only have a small portion of their natural root system. This is for several reasons:

Perennials and Shrubs- the plant was started from seed and is just young, growing in ideal conditions with constant monitoring (i.e., a growing facility, or nursery) and in order to promote sales, many perennials and shrubs are closely controlled in the way of temperatures and nutrients to promote blooming. I for one have never seen a Black Eyed Susan blooming in May in the real world, but go to the Garden Center Mother's Day weekend, and they are awash with color.

Trees - trees are grown in the ground. When it is time to harvest, the trees are dug up, typically by mechanical means and packaged. This process does not get every root that the tree has established, but cuts the roots at a predetermined diameter. The spaded trees are then bound in burlap and a wire cage (known as B&B, for "ball and burlap") and then sent to their retail destinations for sale. Trees are also closely monitored during the growing process and dug at specific times of year. Trees however, are typically grown outdoors and so it is less common to control the cycle of the tree - for instance Crabapples bloom in the spring and only in the spring - you won't see blooms come July.

The plant is struggling to supply water and nutrients through this small or reduced root system. These symptoms are normal, and in most cases, the plants will recover once they start to establish roots in their new home.

Normal symptoms of transplant shock are:

- Wilting (or droopy) leaves and branches
- Brightly colored leaves, yellow or red - occasionally the entire plant will turn its fall color
- Leaf scorch: the tips and edges of leaves are brown or the entire leaf turns brown and falls off
- Evergreen needles may turn brown
- Entire branches are bare or produce only a few leaves

Plants (like kids) need help to grow up strong and healthy. As a rule of thumb, root establishment on trees takes 1 year for every 1" of trunk diameter. You can help to alleviate transplant shock, and help establish roots by following these tips:

- Water deeply and infrequently
- Apply mulch or rocks - this protects the plants from competing weeds, grass and lawn mowers
- Fertilize - use something specific to root simulation - there is a Fertilon product available called "Root Simulator"
- Winter water
- Wind protection

While not every plant will survive severe transplant shock, most of the time with some patience and observation, transplant shock can be reduced and treated so that you can enjoy the plants for many seasons (or years) to come!

## July

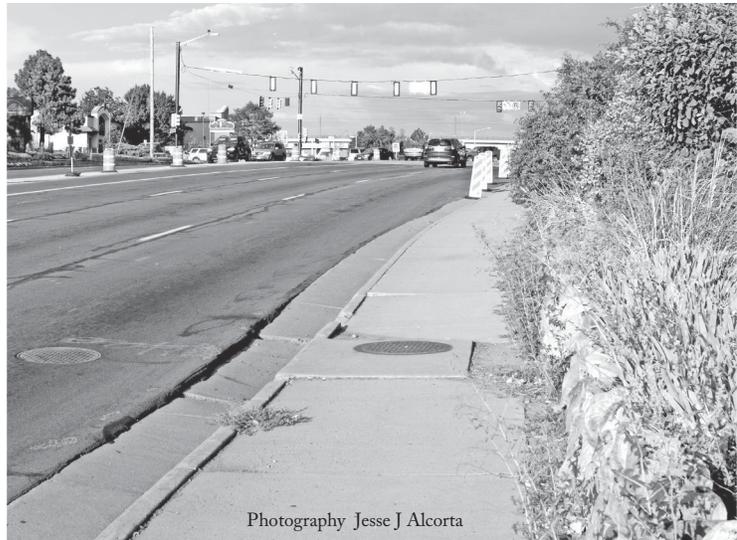
Bruce Ferguson

Often it seems that July should be its own season. The wrens in the nest box have fledged and moved on. The yard fills with the flowers of summer. The scent of lavender fills with bees. Western tiger swallowtails fit about the larkspur. And yet the heat is such that all of it seems to teeter on the edge of disaster. The parts of the lawn that the sprinklers don't quite supply with enough water brown go dormant and die back. The cilantro bolts and sets seed though the daylilies, coneflowers, cupid's dart and yarrows flourish. It is hot. It is dry. The foothills are in flames. The butterflies are warm blooded and thrive in the heat. In the morning you can often find them warming themselves in the sun. None of the birds seem to find them palatable so they fly freely without being bothered. They don't seem to mind my presence at all. Unlike the wrens who make a sort of zzzit zzzit zzzit sound whenever the neighborhood cats or I are around. They're like an early warning system. Though they are not as bad as those storm warnings on PBS that go on and on about how I am going to get killed by hail impaled by flying debris and drowned in floods while I am trying to watch a documentary about the weather.



## Letter to the Editor

In the previous newsletter Maggie Haskett, manager for the General Improvement District (the perimeter) and a Walnut Hill resident offered free Iris and day lilies. The widening of Arapahoe road will take out flowers, sidewalk and everything but the fence, so it was felt that residents might want to have them rather than to see them bulldozed. Because of liability issues residents could not dig them up alone. Throughout the month of June Maggie spent many days and hours digging the flowers up, one clump at a time with almost no help. She had to park at the strip center to the east or Briarwood by the library to the west. A child's wagon was used to haul the flowers up or down to her vehicle. On arrival at home she put the plastic bags that she used to transport them on a bench in her front yard, then called/ emailed people to come help themselves. It was quite an undertaking, but 25 Walnut Hills homeowners now have free iris and day lilies in their yards. Thanks Maggie.



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## Wednesday Nights for ALL!

Fall programs begin August 17, 6:30 pm

- Women's Bible Study
- Men's Fellowship
- AWANA (babies - 5th grade)\*
- Youth Group (middle/high school)

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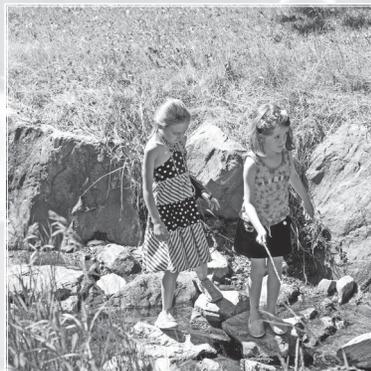
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### Walnut Hills Civic Associations's 4th of July

Andrea Suhaka, Chair, WHCA, 303-770-0058, [standy@ecentral.com](mailto:standy@ecentral.com)

What a party we had! I think we had more people this year in the parade and at the Ice Cream Social than we've had in a while. Our costume contest winners were amazing. In fact, all the costumes were amazing! Special thanks go to those who judged the costumes. We got 17 ballots returned!

- The winners are:
- Most Patriotic Costume: (1) Berkley Tidwell; (2) Greg Flinn & Foxy
  - Most Patriotic Group: (1) Merica! (the Medlocks); (2) Vince Busnardo
  - Most Patriotic Bike/Trike: (1) Aaron Seeman; (2) Ava Moore
  - Most Patriotic Wagon: (1) Claire Moore; (2) Ainsley & Claire Martin
  - Favorite Old/Classic Car: (1) Randy Bond (classic Mustang); (2) Olin Valentine (El Camino)



Photography Jesse J Alcorta

Special thanks go to your hard working Board members, who scooped ice cream for all to enjoy: Brian Bern, Abbas Fazal, Julie Gamec, Myra Garcia, Randy & Jana Lutton, Traci Pole, and Jeryl Tippetts. (I hope I got everyone who was there!) We couldn't have this event without all the help they're willing to give. More thanks go to Carol Fisher who helped me set up and judge the parade.

We owe many, many more thanks to Francis & Ana Carrera, residents of Walnut Hills and owners of Buenos Aires Pizzeria, for their generous discount on the delicious gelato (ice cream) and donation of ice cream cups and spoons. Residents must have enjoyed it because lots of gallons disappeared!

We topped the morning off with awarding the five Walnut Hills Scholarships (see the May/June issue of the Walnut Hills Newsletter) by Chair of the Walnut Hills Scholarship Committee John Fuller. In a sad farewell, the Walnut Hills Scholarship Committee, in gratitude for their over 30 years of service, purchased a bench that will be placed near Walnut Hills School in the name of John and Jan Fuller. They are retiring from the Scholarship Committee.



## In Loving Memory



Jeffrey Lee Clark "J.C." peacefully died at home, in Centennial, Colorado, after an extended illness on Monday, July 18, 2016. Jeff was born in Phoenix, Arizona on November 15, 1950. Jeff spent part of his childhood in Greer County, Russell, Oklahoma. Jeff was a Christian and had a strong faith in God. He believed in treating others with love, compassion and kindness. At the age of 4 his family moved to Casper, Wyoming. Jeff graduated from Kelly Walsh High School in 1969 and attended Casper Community College. Jeff married his high school sweetheart Carolyn and they moved to Denver, Colorado in 1972. For over 43 years, Jeff worked in the automotive industry in parts and customer service. Jeff loved helping others and he always provided a honest service experience and had many returning customers. When faced with blindness, Jeff was resourceful and created a homemade bird house business. Jeff hand crafted over 1500 license plate birdhouses which have been shipped worldwide. In 2009, Jeff joined the Colorado Center of the blind and was recognized for being an entrepreneur. Jeff had many other hobbies including; coin and stamp collecting, gardening, fishing, camping and street rods. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents C.O. and Mary Clark, maternal grandparents Jockey and Eleen Meason and Father Calvin "Hap" Clark. Jeff is survived by his mother VonCille Clark of Casper, Wyoming, Carolyn S. Clark (Bauer) wife of 46 years. Daughters Amy (Stacy) Maupin of Parker, CO, Lea (Michael) Fawbush of Whitesburg, TN. The joy of his life his 3 grandchildren Cody, Lauren and Morgan. Sister Jen (Kevin) Morss of Bar Nunn, Wyoming. Sister in law Mary (Curt) Sessin of Casper, Wyoming, Nieces Kelly(Roger) Heenan of Casper, Wyoming, Sara Backhaus of Colorado Springs, CO, Tiffany Sessin of Sheridan, Wyoming and Kimberly (Mike) Roberts of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Monetary Donations can be made in Jeff's honor to the Center for the Blind 2233 W. Shepherd Ave., Littleton, CO 80120.

## Senior Law and Safety Summit, 10/14 (Save the Date!)

On Friday, Oct. 14, the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office will present a Senior Law and Safety Summit. From 8:30 am until 2 pm, it will be held at the Charles Schwab Conference Center, 10000 Bellwether Ln in Lone Tree, 80124 (1 block north of Sky Ridge hospital). The cost is \$10 which includes lunch and workshops, venter booths, the 2016 Senior Law Handbook, an "Ask-a-Lawyer" session, and door prizes. There will be: Law-Related Topics Understanding: Wills; Medicare, Probate, Power of Attorney, Consumer Savvy and more. Fraud Protection Prevention: ID Theft, Investment Scams, Elder Financial Exploitation and more. Crime Prevention Enforcing: Home Safety, Safety while out and about, Community Safety and more. Registration coming soon.

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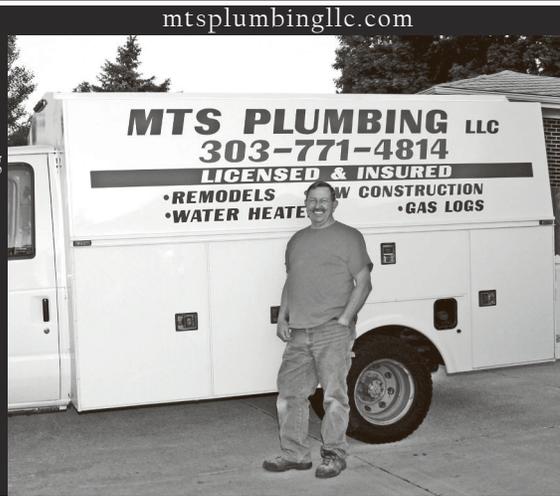
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## Walnut Hills Dumpster Day and Electronic Recycling, 10/8

Andrea Suhaka, Chair, WHCA, 303-770-0058, standby@ecentral.com

The Walnut Hills Civic Assoc. is sponsoring our final Dumpster Day of 2016 on 10/8, 8 - 11am or full at Walnut Hills School. This Dumpster Day includes electronic recycling. (If an item has a battery or plugs into the wall, it's illegal to dispose of it in the trash, it must be recycled.) Blue Star Recycling will again be with us for that purpose and The Garbage Man will do the dumpster part. We'll also have Brooke, our metals guy, in attendance. We reserve the right to charge extra for extra large loads or trailers. Just so everyone knows, this one event cost the WHCA about \$4,000 last year. Your dues do work for you!

As always, you must be a member of the Walnut Hills Civic Assoc. to take part in this event. You may go to [www.walnuthillscolorado.org](http://www.walnuthillscolorado.org), click on Dues/Scholarship to pay your dues by credit card or send in the form from page 10.

## Walnut Hills Afternoon Movie, ??

Andrea Suhaka, Chair, WHCA, 303-770-0058, standby@ecentral.com



We had a good turn out last year for our first movie event, so we hope to try it again. It will most likely be in the same time frame (final Saturday of January (1/27/17), 3:30 to about 5pm). We haven't planned it, yet, but we want to keep those facts the same. Watch for more information in another Newsletter.

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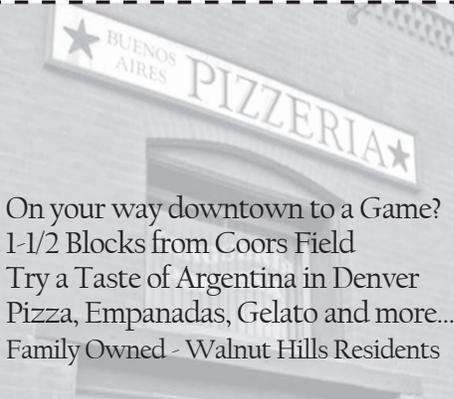
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