

Walnut Hills Newsletter

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Centennial Next

For the next 3 weeks, the City of Centennial will be taking comments on its 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN for the future of Centennial. This 366 page document describes, in detail, future land use plans for every inch of Centennial. From the document itself, there have been few responses so far. Make sure your voice is heard! Take a look at the proposal yourself at centennialco.gov/centennialnext. After reading, use the survey link to comment. Comments will be taken until August 24.

**Walnut Hills Night Out Saturday August 11th from 5-7 pm
Walnut Hills School Park / Amphitheater**



Thanks for letting us know...

When you talk to your neighborhood representative or any WHCA Board member, we hear you! Starting now, the WHCA will do our best to respond to requests and comments here and on the WHCA website walnuthillscolorado.org in an effort to better communicate with the neighborhood.

- Thanks for letting us know that the access hatches in the sound wall were not secured. The WHCA has contacted Southgate Water and Sanitation District to get locks placed on those access hatches and is pleased to announce that they are now secured with padlocks.
- Thanks for letting us know that the utility marking flags that we placed on the southwest portion of the neighborhood had been around for several weeks. The WHCA reached out to TING and asked if the flags needed to remain. TING let us know that they had a drilling machine break and that forward progress was moving slower than expected and that was the cause for the flags being in the ground for a long period of time.
- Thanks for letting us know that you would like the WHCA to have a presence on NextDoor. The WHCA has reached out several times to NextDoor and has been told that they are not able to offer agency accounts to local associations or non-profit organizations at this time. The WHCA will continue to work with NextDoor to develop an account when it becomes available. In the meantime, please visit us at walnuthillscolorado.org for news, event information, by-law review, and meet the Board of Directors.

Walnut Hills Night Out

will be held this year on Saturday August 11th from 5-7 pm at the Walnut Hills School near the amphitheater. We will again have:

- Live Music - An Ensemble Called Encore (Big Band And Jazz Tunes)
- Centennial Area Agencies And Services
- Food - BBQ and Hot Dogs
- Treats For Dogs
- Frisbee Golf and Other Games
- Fire Engine
- Tents With Local Walnut Hills Businesses (if you have a local WH business and want to participate please contact Myra Garcia for information)

For Information On Walnut Hills Night Out Please Contact: Myra Garcia 720-934-5822

Photos: Jesse Alcorta

Walnut Hills Civic Association is in the process of revising our by-laws and we want your input! Did you know that every household in Walnut Hills is a member of Walnut Hills Civic Association Incorporated? It's true! The by-laws are a document that outlines how the WHCA has to operate. Recently, the Board of Directors were made aware that we had a few 'holes' in our procedures and by-laws that we have worked diligently the last few months to address. Now that we feel that we have a good draft of the revisions, we are asking you, our members, to also review and comment on these by-laws. A DRAFT of the by-laws is posted on the WHCA website at www.walnuthillscolorado.org. The DRAFT is open for review and comment until September 7, 2018. Please email a list of any comments or questions on the by-laws to membership@walnuthillscolorado.org or your neighborhood representative.

Maintaining the Perimeter - GID News

As you know, your tax dollars are hard at work maintaining the perimeter of the neighborhood. The GID picks, pulls, sprays, paints, repairs and replaces as needed to keep our exterior looking neat and clean and maintaining our fence line in good condition. The GID is working on several projects this summer that will continue into the fall including fence repair and repainting along the Dry Creek side. In addition, we will be adding some new rock, mulch and decorative concrete along the Yosemite side. We are also working to elevate the monument sign at our Unita entrance. Recently, the GID Representative and Project Manager met with the City of Centennial to discuss budget needs for the upcoming 2019 year. The GID budget includes several general categories including ground services, landscape maintenance, maintenance Contractors, management, utilities, mulching and graffiti removal. We are anticipating an operating budget of approx. \$65,000 for the 2019 season. If you have any questions or project suggestions, please contact Julie at neighborhood6@walnuthillscolorado.org

Fall Dumpster Days will be here before you know it! Mark Saturday, October 13th on the calendar!

We are still dealing with the heat of the summer - and man, has it been hot! But, before we know it, it will be time for dumpster days again! This fall, in addition to our usual dumpster days, we will be offering ELECTRONIC RECYCLING. If you have any questions about what can be thrown in the garbage trucks, contact Donna at Neighborhood5@walnuthillscolorado.org.

Accepted electronic equipment includes: General E-Waste (Computer Towers, Laptops, Servers, Tablets, iPads, Kindle's, e-Readers; CRT/LED/LCD Monitors, POS systems, Smartphones, cell phones, telephones, telephone systems; UPS batteries, battery backup units, routers, switches, hubs, modems; Fax machines, copiers, printers, scanners, plotters; Cables, cords, power supplies, keyboards, mice; Stereo components and speakers, radios, reel to reels; DVR/VCR/DVD/CD players; Xbox/Wii/Play Stations, related gaming equipment; Cable boxes, satellite TV components (dish/receiver); Cameras, camcorders, film projectors; Recording equipment, A/V equipment, overhead projectors; Calculators, adding machines, typewriters, word processors) TVs (LCD/LED/CRT, Rear Projection, Plasma) Small household appliances (microwaves, fans, lamps and other small appliances). NOTE: we CANNOT accept refrigerators, large appliances, A/C units, thermostats or any items with hazardous chemicals. If you have an item that is not on this list, but would like to know if you can recycle it, contact Jackie at Blue Star Recyclers at 720-584-8917 and let her know you are with the WHCA.

You must be a PAID member of the WHCA to attend the dumpster day and/or electronic recycling. Your \$25 dues grant you one dump to the dumpsters and the electronic recycling in October. This is our most expensive event of the year costing approx. \$5,000 for the day. Your paid membership dues make this, and all of the events, possible. Please pay via cash, check or PayPal at www.walnuthillscolorado.org. *NOTE* THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT WALNUT HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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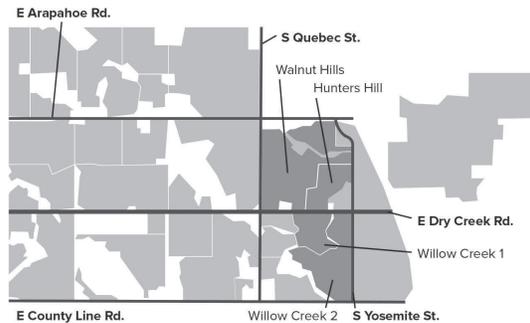


What is Gigabit fiber?

This is next generation Internet that has huge benefits not just for homes but for businesses too. We're talking symmetrical gigabit Internet. 1000 Mbps download and 1000 Mbps upload. It's an Internet connection that doesn't slow down no matter how many people are in the house, in the city, or online.

- stream videos without buffering
- video conference without delay
- surf the web with no load time
- get unlimited monthly data usage

Centennial, CO Fiber Network



Construction has started in Walnut Hills

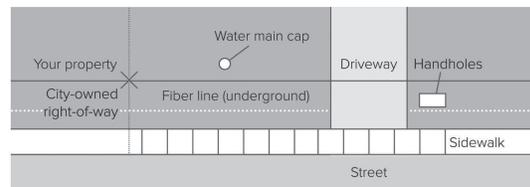
Over the next six months, you'll see us hard at work, building and expanding the network and putting all the infrastructure necessities in place that make fiber work. When the network is ready to go, we'll start installing our first fiber customers in Phase 1B, anticipated to start Summer of 2018.

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.



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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!"

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Waterline Construction Project Coming To Your Neighborhood Summer 2019

Dear Walnut Hills Residents:

Southgate Water District is planning upgrades to the water infrastructure in your neighborhood. The \$3 million upgrade will help provide a more reliable supply to the area, and it is part of Southgate's on-going, proactive pipe replacement program. The pipe was originally installed in the early 1960s and replacing the waterlines will help prevent leaks and unplanned water outages from aging infrastructure, and the extra costs that comes with repairing leaks and delaying upgrades. Replacement of approximately 14,000 feet of 12-inch, 8-inch, 6-inch, and 4-inch water mains, valves, and fire hydrants will be replaced with this project. Streets affected include South Tamarac Court, South Tamarac Street, East Fremont Avenue, South Ulster Street, East Easter Place, and East Davies Avenue. The typical events occurring during waterline replacement construction looks like:

- Mill the pavement where the new waterline is to be installed
- Set-up traffic control for the safety of works, drivers, and pedestrians
- Dig a trench for a section of waterline to be replaced
- Install the new waterline
- Backfill the trench and compact the soil
- Test the new waterline – we test to make sure it does not leak and that it is clean
- Fully connect the new waterline to the existing system
- Transfer homes from the old waterline to the new waterline
- Open the street to traffic before moving on to the next section of pipe - the contractor will likely come back to pave at a later date (in order to do a lot of the paving at once), but it will be drivable in the meantime
- Restore disturbed areas to similar conditions as before construction

We apologize in advance – we understand this work will be messy, disruptive and a large inconvenience to the neighborhood! Southgate's goal is to make this process as painless as possible through planning and coordination. More information on what to expect during construction will be provided to impacted residents as the project gets closer.

Please visit

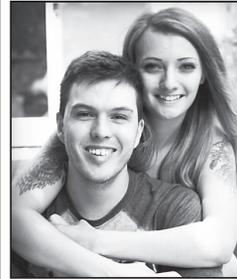
<http://southgatedistricts.org/249/2019-Waterline-Replacement-Project-Walnu>

for updates on the project, and please reach out to us anytime with questions.

Southgate Project Manager:
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Wedding Announcement

Adam Senn of Walnut Hills married Stephanie Spencer of Macomb, MI in Beverly Hills, California on July 27th, 2018. Adam and Stephanie are living in Los Angeles and working in the entertainment industry. Please send all congratulations through David and Donna Senn senn.family@comcast.net



Winners "Pay It Forward Grant"

At the annual July 4th parade, Ice Cream Social (sponsored by the Walnut Hills Civic Association -WHCA) and the awarding of the Walnut Hills Scholarship Awarding this year, another award was made. An anonymous donor made a "Pay It Forward Grant" to Walnut Hills students who had graduated from high school this year (2018). The donor had selected two deserving students to whom they would like to receive this grant. This grant was awarded to Brandi and Austin Munger who are the grandchildren of Charlotte and Ron Messinger, long-time residents of Walnut Hills.

The presenter was Janet Ragnow, a Walnut Hills teacher who taught Brandi and knew Austin in elementary school. They came to live with the Mungers and enroll in Walnut Hills Elementary School when their mother passed away and they were in second grade. They have attended Cherry Creek schools ever since.

Brandi is a member of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA) that has national competition in a number of areas. She presented her project - A Smile More Week. During this time, she sold 2,500 lolly pops with smiley faces and did a fund raiser. She used the money she collected to buy 400 toys for Children's Hospital. Brandi won a gold medal in state competition and went on to win a gold (first place) in the national competition. She works full time at Jump-Street where she has worked for two years. Brandi plans to attend Metropolitan State University in Denver.

Austin participated in a special needs program called Open Arms. He also played Unified Football and Basketball and rugby and is working full time at Safeway where he has worked for the past two years. Austin plans to attend the University of Northern Colorado next year.

The Walnut Hills community is thankful to the donor for recognizing these fine students and their contribution to our schools and community.



Janet Ragnow, center, presented "Pay It Forward Grants" to Brandi and Austin Munger, graduating seniors. Photo Jesse Alcorta

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The Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund was founded in 1972 and has provided more than \$200,000 in scholarship awards to graduating high school seniors that reside in our neighborhood. The Walnut Hills Scholarships are funded by the generosity of our community, the residents of Walnut Hills, the Walnut Hills Civic Association and the Walnut Hills Newsletter. Contributions to the Scholarship Fund can be made year-round and can either be mailed to or dropped off at 7158 S. Quince St., Centennial, CO 80112 or sent via PayPal using the email address of walnuthillsscholarship@gmail.com.

The Scholarship Fund board members are all volunteers and residents of Walnut Hills. The board members are Scott Bess, Peggy Castle, Laura Klee and Bill Philpott. We are also looking to add additional board members for the upcoming year. If you are interested in learning more, or would like to discuss joining our board, please let us know by sending us an email.

Below is a list of names for those that have contributed to this year's scholarships. We recognize that this list is not complete and many of our residents choose to be anonymous. To all of you that contributed this year, thank you, we could not provide these scholarships without your generosity.



From Left to Right: Peggy Castle (Board member), Eric Gottschall (Scholarship winner), Audrey Koenig (Scholarship winner), Caleb Gerken (Scholarship winner), Scott Bess (Board member) and Laura Klee (Board member). Not pictured: Lincoln Chambers (Scholarship winner). Photo: Jesse Alcorta*

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South Suburban Events August 2018

Dates for updates and maintenance closures are:

August 6 - 10, (Gymnasium closes Aug 5), Lone Tree Recreation Center

August 27 - 31, Goodson Recreation Center

Youth High School Fall Baseball

South Suburban is teaming up with our friends at the City of Aurora to launch our first ever, Fall High School Baseball League. It will be an 8-game season with games being held on Saturday afternoons and evenings.

Who: Ages 14 - 17

When: Registration: Mon, Jun 4 - Wed, Aug 29

Program Duration: Sat, Sep 8 - Oct 27

Where: Various parks around Aurora and within the South Suburban District

Price: \$90 District, \$100 Non-District

Pickleball Clinics:

Come for a two-hour introductory class to this badminton/tennis/table tennis-like sport classes. Participants will be challenged to develop their skills by our seasoned instructors.

Who: Ages 18 and older

When: Wed, Aug 8, 9 - 11 am, skill level 10 - 25

Where: Cornerstone Park Pickleball Courts

When: Thu, Aug 16, 12 - 2 pm, skill level 30+

Where: Goodson Recreation Center

When: Sat, Aug 25, 5 - 7 pm, skill level 10 - 25

Where: Pickleball Courts

When: Mon, Aug 27, 3 - 5 pm, skill level 10 - 25

Where: Lone Tree Recreation Center

Price: \$10 District, \$14 Non-District

FREE Family Night Concert in the Park and Fireworks

Bring your picnic dinner, chairs and blankets, then sit back and listen to the Denver Municipal Band, the drum lines from Arapahoe and Heritage high schools and more. Watch the fireworks around 9:30 pm.

Who: All ages

When: Fri, Aug 10, 6 - 10 pm

Where: Sterne Park

Price: Free

Stampede for Open Space and Gold-panning

The South Metro Land Conservancy hosts an event every year during Littleton's Western Welcome Week to raise funds to protect open lands. Join us to hear tales spun by a mountain man and tales told in a tipi, free gold-panning, farm games, and much more!

Who: All ages

When: Sat, Aug 11, 9 - 11 am

Where: South Platte Park

Price: Free, donations welcome to protect open spaces

50th Anniversary Celebration

Join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the South Suburban Ice Arena with ice skating exhibitions, free hot dogs and birthday cake, Avalanche mini mites skate, throwback to the 60s events, and free public skate and rentals.

Who: All ages

When: Sat, Aug 11, 11 am - 2:30 pm

Where: South Suburban Ice Arena

Price: Free

Race Series in August:

The Pancake Stampede 5K

Work up an appetite for a deluxe breakfast at this annual race. Registration includes entry to Littleton's Western Welcome Week's all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at Arapahoe Community College.

Who: Runners of all ages and abilities

When: Sun, Aug 12, 2018, 8 am

Where: Mary Carter Greenway, along the Platte River Trail

Price: Early Registration \$15 for adults, \$5 for 14 & younger

Bluffs Trail Run 8K

Challenge yourself with this trail run around the Bluffs Regional Park in Lone Tree. Breathtaking views are complementary.

Who: Runners of all ages and abilities

When: Sun, Aug 26, 2018, 7:30 am

Where: Bluffs Regional Park

Price: Early Registration \$30 for adults, \$20 for 14 & younger

Perseids Meteor Shower Party

Join South Platte Park for the biggest celestial show of the summer! Lay back in our lakeside meadow and enjoy a campfire, s'mores and good ol' fashion stargazing before the bustle of fall begins. The Perseids produces up to 100 meteors per hour, and with a new moon this year and little light interference, this natural fireworks show should be spectacular!

Who: All ages

When: Sun, Aug 12, 8 pm - midnight

Where: South Platte Park

Price: \$5 - 8 District, \$7 - 10 Non-District, Family rates, \$19 District, \$25 Non-District

Child Discovery Time Pre-School Programs:

This state licensed age-group

specialized preschool program emphasizes on building self-esteem, socialization, physical development, verbal and listening skills, math and reading readiness. Daily snack included.

Ready, Set, Go

Who: Ages 4 - 5

When: Mon, Wed, Fri, August 13 - 31, 9 am - 12 pm

Where: Lone Tree Recreation Center

Price: \$153.75 District, \$168.75 Non-District

Fabulous 3 & 4 year olds

Who: Ages 3 - 4

When: Tue and Thu, Aug 14 - 30, 9 am - 12 pm

Where: Lone Tree Recreation Center

Price: \$112.50 District, \$125.25 Non-District, 10% off additional child

Hawkquest Night Out

Assorted live raptors such as falcons, owls and hawks take flight in front of your eyes! Learn about their habits and importance in the environment.

Who: All ages

When: Tues, Aug 14, 6:30 - 8 pm

Where: South Platte Park

Price: \$5

FREE Yoga (s) in the Park:

Achieve unity and explore the interconnection between your mind, body and the world around you in the great outdoors. No yoga experience necessary, bring a mat or towel and a water bottle.

Who: Ages 18 and up

When: Tue, Aug 14, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Where: deKoevend Park (Shelter C) (if heavy rain or lightning, class moves to Goodson Recreation Center)

When: Tue, Aug 28, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Where: Belvedere Park Moonlight Yoga

(Sponsored by RidgeGate)
Price: Free

Hawaiian Ink Day Camp

Learn Polynesian tattoo designs, such as hibiscus flower or shark teeth, practice on paper, create a wall hanging to take home, and finally, use an FDA approved temporary ink on arm or hand to paint your own tattoo (easily removable with baby oil) in traditional black. Come try out your tattooing skills in this fun day camp!

Who: Ages 8 - 14

When: Wed, Aug 15, 1 - 3 pm

Where: Goodson Recreation Center

Price: \$12 District, \$14 Non-District

Nite Golf

Experience the fun of night golf with new night golf balls and new lighting on the course and for players.

Who: Ages 18 and up

When: Fri, Aug 17, evening

Where: Littleton Golf Course

Price: Reserve one week ahead, call 303.794.5838

Parent's Night Out

Drop your child off for a supervised evening of swimming and a movie. Kids go swimming at the indoor pool for the first half of the evening then watch a movie in the classroom the second half. Pizza and a juice box provided for dinner.

Who: Ages 5 - 12

When: Fri, Aug 17, 6 - 9 pm

Where: Lone Tree Recreation Center

Price: \$15 District, \$20 Non-District

Thank You!

Did you know that 70 of your neighbors and their families, volunteer to hand deliver the Walnut Hills Newsletter to nearly 1200 doorsteps, rain or shine, and sometimes ice and snow? Some are kids and some are original owners. We have whole families who deliver the newsletter together. It's great so many people are walking the neighborhood, getting to know their neighbors and keeping Walnut Hills safe. Delivering newsletters this way has saved thousands in postage over the past 55 years, so that all of the profits from the newsletter go to the Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund. Thank you for being such great neighbors and continuing this tradition. We also have a dedicated newsletter staff that we could not print without! We want to acknowledge everyone's time and dedication to the newsletter. We really couldn't do it without you!

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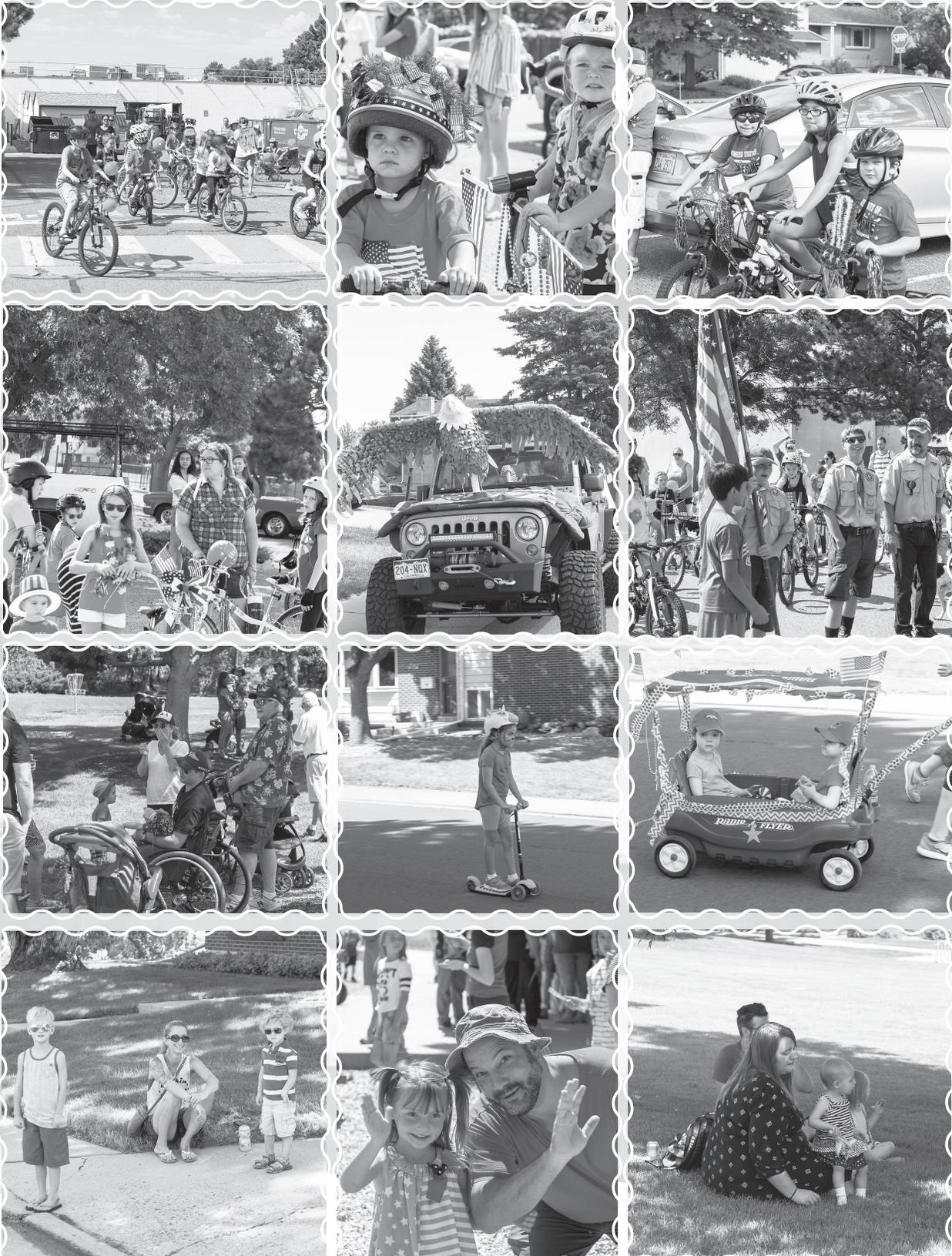
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Walnut Hills Knows How To Celebrate The 4Th Of July!

We had an incredible turn out for the Fourth of July celebration this year! The parade that started at Dry Creek Elementary had a fire engine with EMT bus, several firemen and EMT walking behind. Five vintage/specialty cars, the Boy Scouts carrying our great flag followed by 100 friends and neighbors! Let's not forget the truck with the pool in back and the tribute to John Harfmann making it our first official float.

The neighborhood enjoyed 16 gallons of ice cream and 150 otter pops. A very special THANK YOU to the Walnut Hills Elementary School PTCO for donating all of the ice cream! We are so lucky to have such wonderful schools right here in our neighborhood. Also, a very special thanks to the DJ that joined us on the parade and at the park - not only was he very festively dressed, he also provided several hours of patriotic music for all to enjoy.

Like so many of the activities, our neighborhood is great because of the continued support and participation of our neighbors. Thank you to the Scholarship Fund Committee, Devin Dumonceau the Eagle Scout, and the WHCA board members who were on site to assist with the festivities. We hope that you enjoyed the 4th of July celebration as much as we did! Photography Jesse Alcorta





Items of Interest

JHF

Some People Have All The Answers - Some Are "Smart"

SMART ANSWER

It was mealtime during a flight on Alaska Airlines. "Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked John, seated in front. "What are my choices?" John asked. "Yes or no," she replied.

SMART ANSWER

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

SMART ANSWER

The cop got out of his car and the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window. "I've been waiting for you all day," the cop said. The kid replied, "Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could." When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

SMART ANSWER

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway. A sign comes up that reads, "Low Bridge Ahead." Before he knows it, the bridge is right ahead of him and he gets stuck under the bridge. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally, a police car comes up. The cop gets out of his car and walks to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck, huh?" The truck driver says, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of gas."

Thoughts Of The Day For Seniors

- I thought growing old would take longer
- Sometimes, the first step toward forgiveness is realizing the other person was born an idiot.
- I finally realized it... People are prisoners of their Phones that's why they are called Cell Phones.
- Got tasered picking up my friend from the airport today. Apparently, security doesn't like it when you shout, "Hi Jack!"
- My bed is a magical place where I can suddenly remember everything I was supposed to do.
- Why did the cows return to the marijuana field? It was the pot calling the cattle back.
- "Dad, did you know. In other countries you don't know who your wife is until you get married?" "Son, It's like that everywhere."
- I've got O.C.D. ~ Old, Cranky, and Dangerous
- There are times when my greatest accomplishment is just keeping my mouth shut.
- No matter how big a hammer you use, you can't pound common sense into stupid people.
- Someday we old folks will use cursive writing as a Secret Code
- "Age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying you." Unknown
- When I was a kid, I wanted to be older...This is not exactly what I expected.
- Think Old and you'll be old. Think young and you'll be DELUSIONAL
- If things get better with age then I must be getting close to MAGNIFICENT.
- I remember the TV my folks had and I remember because I was the remote.
- If you haven't grown up by age 50, YOU DONT HAVE TO.
- I've reached that age where my brain goes from. "You probably shouldn't say that." To "What the heck, let's see what happens."
- The idea is to die young... as late as possible.

The 105-Year-Old Person's Remedies To Health

"For better digestion - I drink beer. In the cause of appetite loss, I drink white wine. In case of low blood pressure, I drink red wine. In the case of high blood pressure, I drink scotch. And when I have a cold, I drink schnapps." "When do you drink water?" "I've never been that sick."

Dear Friends and Neighbors



I don't know what to think. There are around 11 families raising honey bees here in Walnut Hills. Half of them have lost colonies. Longstanding, predictable swarms in the spring are gone. There is a real crisis in our great neighborhood.

I have bee hives myself, but I came back home from being gone for a month in November of 2017 and nothing... All my bees were gone.

Honey bees are not hardy. They are delicate females (some males are involved) that are so important to our ecosystem.

When one gets sick or sprayed with pesticides or herbicides, she flies back to the hive with those chemicals and then the colony suffers and collapses.

When the bees are all gone, all that is left are questions.

Did the queen die? Did they all die or fly away.

Did the lawn fertilizers, full of pesticides and herbicides, get into the larva and kill the future honey bees?

Did their immune systems become weakened, leaving them vulnerable to mites, bacteria, and enemies? (yes the honey bee has enemies like wasps, hornets and moths.)

The average honey bee lives 45 days, yes 45 days, if there is no future brood the hive dies.

I have a pond in my backyard and every year my pond is full of drinking bees, thousands of them. Yet this year not one honey bee and boy do I look, every day, yet nothing.

Oh I have plenty of wasps, yellowjackets, hornets drinking from the pond and giving them credit pollinated my apples and pears this year.

But the tender honey bee, none. I am sad and worried, we should all be worried.

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Thank you for sharing life and love with us and for continuing to do so as we say goodbye to our John. We are fortunate to have shared so many memories with one another, and like John, each one of you have touched our lives deeply and will be in our hearts forever.



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The Birds and the Bees

Bruce Ferguson

The Magpies came and went. I watched them one day teaching their offspring how to hunt in the backyard and a few days later they took to wing. Now that the sunflowers are going to seed, the gold finches come in the morning and feast on the seed. The only bird I have seen here that can compete with them in terms of color is the western tanager. The tanager comes sometimes in the early spring, but never stays the summer. Around sunrise, a hummingbird comes to visit the larkspur. Swallowtail butterflies aren't as frequent as they have been in the past, but we have a few every day. Now that the lavender is flowering, it is a hive of bees of various shapes and sizes. I found a guide to the bumblebees of Colorado the other day. <https://www.colorado.edu/cumuseum/sites/default/files/attached-files/thebumblebeesofcolorado-2017.pdf>

The drought is taking its toll on the plants in the yard. I didn't even cut the lawn for two weeks because most of it isn't growing. Up on the hill where the sun bakes the soil, I have let the eyelash grass fend for itself. (*Bouteloua gracilis*) It is called eyelash grass because the flowering spikes resemble eyelashes. Closely related to buffalo grass, it is a warm season grass so it comes on late in the spring. It is clumpy with lots of spaces and weeds, so I can't say it is a great success. What is a success is the mirabilis multiflora, the four o'clocks. It is a native plant and puts down a large tap root and flowers profusely. It needs little water once established and grows to form a 3-foot clump. I need more of these!

Japanese Beetles devastated my grape vine last year. Today I found them gnawing at the Shasta Daisies. I am not one to poison things. So I accept the damage and hope time and nature will intervene. I will however start to pick them off when I see them and learn to live with the karmic guilt. Pyrethrum is the old name for a kind of chrysanthemum, which these days is classified as a tanacetum; such is the nature of taxonomy in the 21st century. Anyway, it is a plant from which the insecticide pyrethrin is derived. Pyrethrin is a safe (for humans at least) effective insecticide that will work fairly well. The biggest problem is that it will also kill all the pollinators.

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Fall Dumpster Day	Oct 13 (Incl. electronics) 8-11 am or full	Dry Creek School (to be confirmed)
Halloween Party	October 27, 2-4 pm	Walnut Hills Park
Movie Night 2019	January 26, 2019 3-5 pm	Walnut Hills School
WHCA Board of Directors Meeting	Monthly - every 2 nd Thursday at 7:00 pm	Metrum Credit Union 6980 S Holly Circle - open to all WH residents

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The City of Centennial Senior Commission

Paula Hillman

The City of Centennial Senior Commission is having a fun summer and hopes residents will take advantage of some of its upcoming events. It is a great way to see interesting programs and meet neighbors. Past programs have included a luau complete with dancers, a presentation on fraud prevention by representatives from the Arapahoe County Sheriff and the District Attorney's office, a visit from Thomas Jefferson and some amazing Legendary Ladies.

Our next event will be presented by Jane Barton, a nationally recognized Caregiving expert and Caregiving for the GENIUS author Jane Barton. She will discuss the journey everyone takes as a caregiver and or/care receiver. Learn how to care for yourself by "design, and not by default." This will be August 9, at 6:30-8:00 PM at the City of Centennial's Eagle St Facility, 7272 S. Eagle Street. This building is located just east of the Jordan Road and Fremont Ave. intersection

Jane Barton will present another session about caregiving in September. The last 3 months of 2018 will be filled with musical programs that include John Denver songs and a performance by the South Suburban Choir. Information will be posted on Nextdoor and the City of Centennial website.

The Senior Commission has received really positive feedback about these programs and we hope many of you will come out and take advantage of the offerings. If you have questions about any of these events give me a call at 303-771-7838.

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