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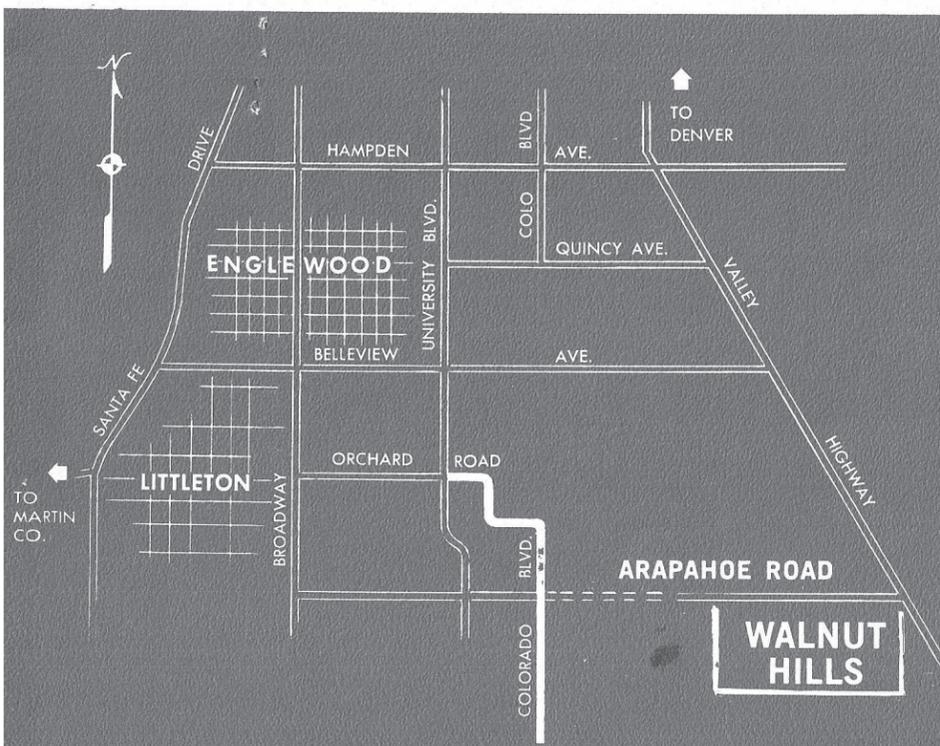
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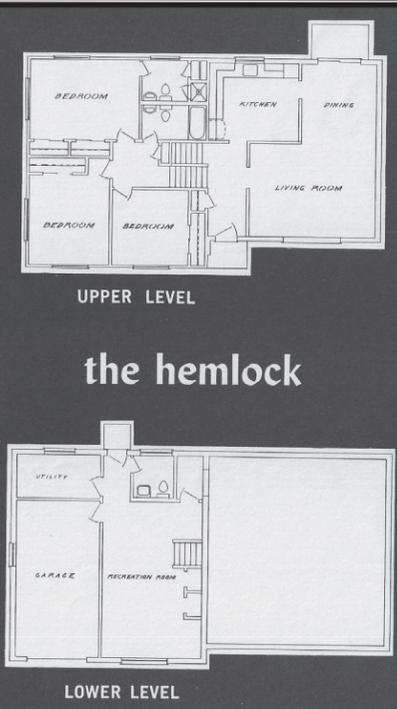
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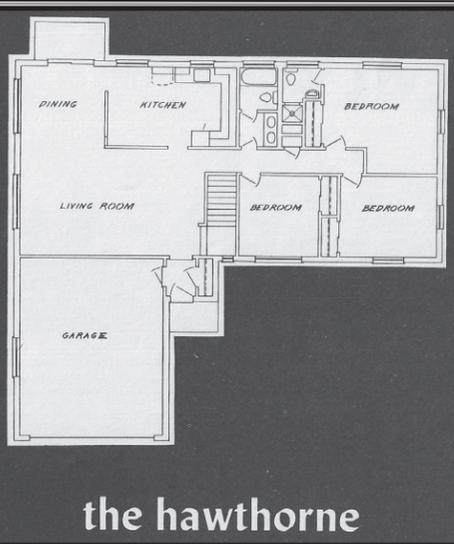
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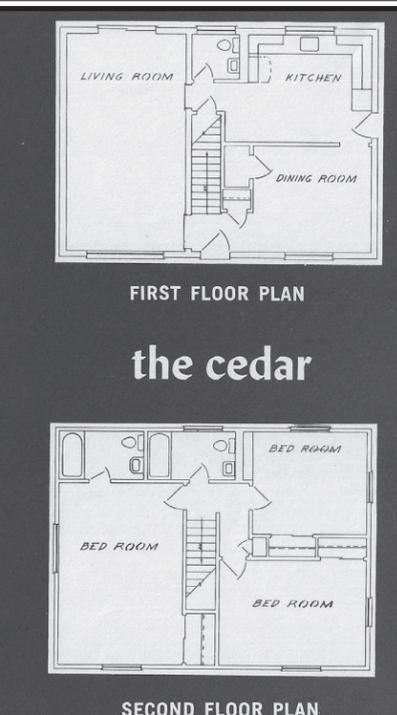
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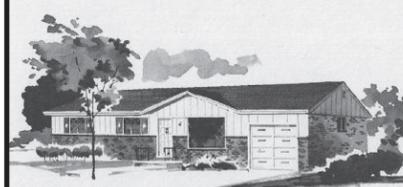
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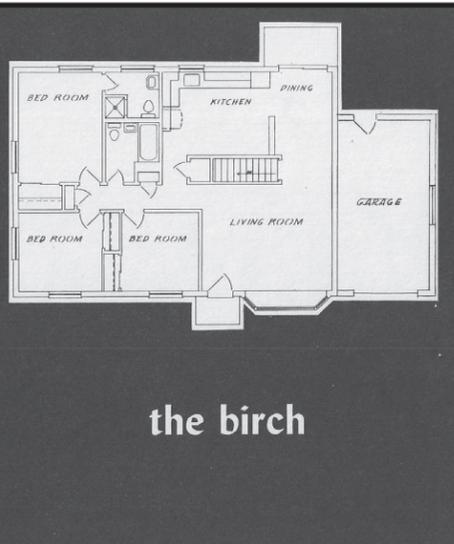
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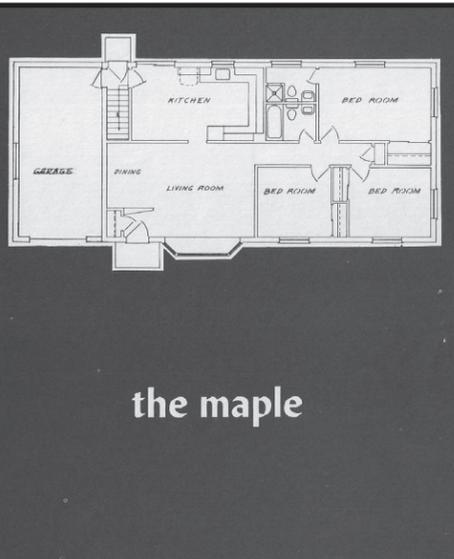
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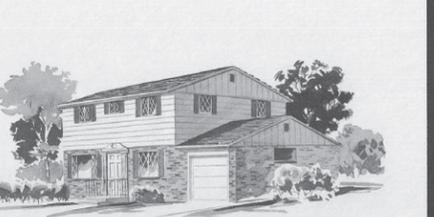
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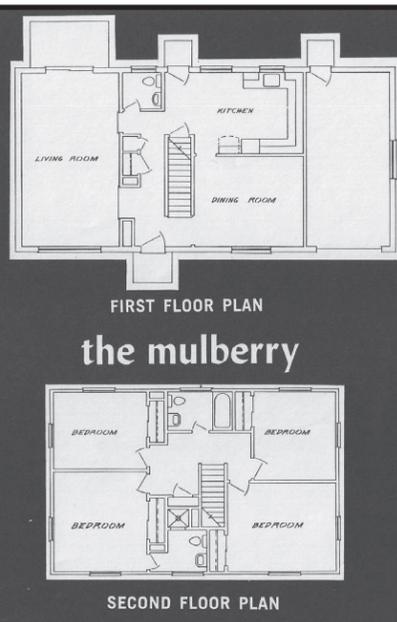
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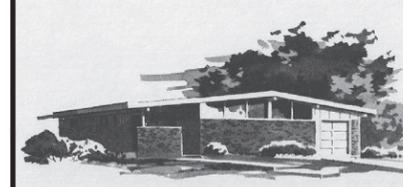
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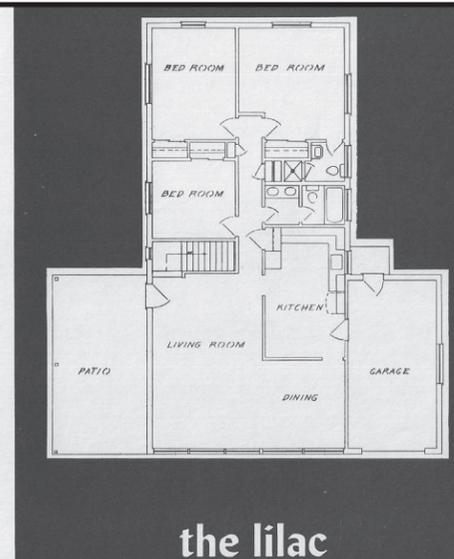
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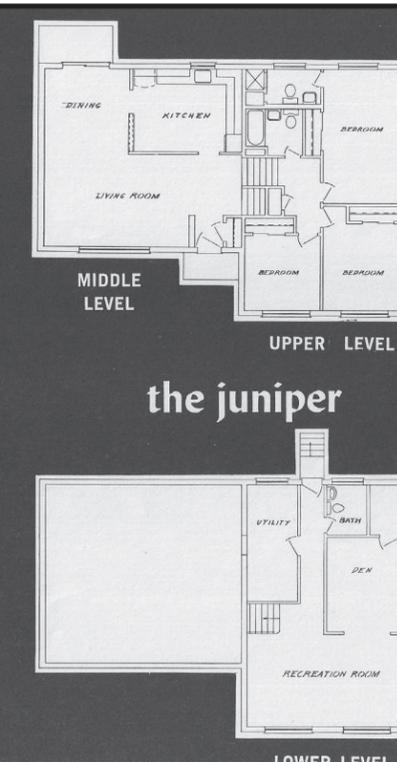
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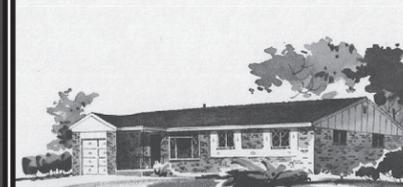
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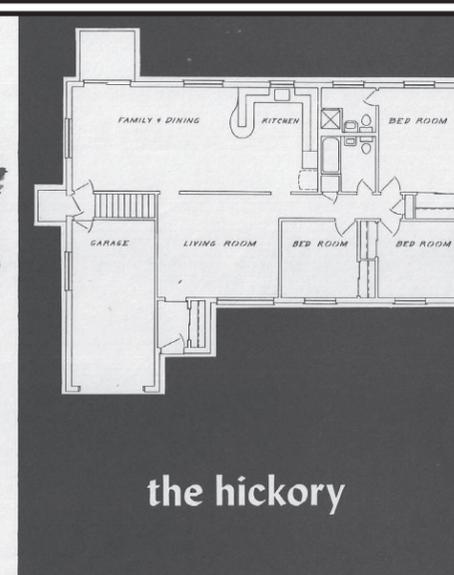
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- Full Basement
- Garage
- Beautiful Family Room
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Walnut Hills Development



Original Owners in Walnut Hills: Fred and Mary Wood

By: Frank Haskett

When Fred Wood came back from WW II, he was probably just happy to be alive. He flew 34 1/2 missions from England into Europe as a tail gunner on a B-24.



Then Fred married Mary Schrefer--but they had to live with her parents at first.



They moved into a rental on S. Garfield not far from what is now I-25. Finally, they bought a new home in Walnut Hills built by contractor "Dream House Acres." It was May of 1962; the cost was a whopping \$17,000, with \$100 down to hold it until the paperwork was done. Fred and Mary were the 3rd or 4th homeowners in the neighborhood. Fred quickly converted the basement to two more bedrooms and added one upstairs--for their future 10 children. Fred worked two jobs to keep the family solvent. Mary was a "homemaker," a term you don't hear much anymore. Both are native Coloradoans--Mary grew up in south Denver and Fred on a cattle ranch near Hot Sulphur Springs.

In the spring of 1962 there were only 7-10 show homes along Briarwood Place and new homes going up along it and Valentia. A builder named Witkin built some just south of these down as far as Briarwood Blvd. All of the new homes were bounded by Uinta to the



west, Willow to the east and Briarwood Blvd to the south. There were none on Briarwood Ave, just to the north. You looked at the model homes, told the builder which one you wanted with which floor plan and color, and they built it for you. They made the choice in May and it was done in Sept. Arapahoe Rd. was gravel and extended from I-25 to Quebec--no services on it or at the interchange.

I-25 was fairly new and there was little traffic so no noise. They recalled that you could hear it, but it wasn't a problem. For gas you needed to go to Colorado Blvd or west on Yale to University Hills. Ditto for groceries and restaurants. Paradise Valley Country Club (I-25 & Belleview) had fireworks on the 4th of July--which they watched from their home. Mary also recalls walking through empty fields north of Arapahoe Rd all the way to Belleview.

Walnut Hills was the first development around here and was surrounded by prairie (no trees but there were tumble weeds). If you liked wind, dust and no shade, this was your place. There was also lots of wildlife--antelope, deer, prairie dogs and coyote, etc. Once they woke up to find cows grazing in their yard. Except for the cottonwoods along Little Dry Creek, almost every bush and tree in Walnut Hills was planted by someone. The soil was bad, mainly clay, and bentonite, which has a nasty habit of raising and collapsing when wet and then dry. The cracks that you see in the concrete on C-470 south west of us were caused by the same heaving soil. Some foundations and driveways had to be repaired or replaced. An apparent urban myth was that you were given a walnut tree when you moved in. They didn't get one and had never heard that story. They did wonder where it got the name as there were no walnut trees around. They did have an incinerator in the back yard, as did each house, with a cement walk that led to it. People burned their trash in those days. If you see one, you will probably mistake it for a barbecue grill, but the top is rounded and is a chimney. I can recall one as late as 5-6 years ago on E. Davies Ave.

The Wood children went to a Greenwood Village elementary/middle school at Orchard and Holly, then Cherry Creek High. Walnut Hills and Dry Creek elementary schools came much later, as did Walnut Hills Park. The family had but one car, not unusual for the time. If she needed the car she had to drive him to work and pick him up.

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Mary remembers the Walnut Hills Women's Club, but only went a few times and doesn't know what they did except put out the newsletter. It was a sheet or several done by "Mimeograph" or "Ditto" process. You get extra credit if you can explain either one of these to someone. In any event, it was a far cry from the tabloid style newspaper that we enjoy today.

Fred and Mary celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on May 1, 2011. Oh, and if you want to know how you fly one-half a mission, ask Fred the next time you see him.

March 1965

Concerning the Walnut Hills News

By: Anna Lane Apolius

To Have or Not to Have – Do you or don't you anticipate its arrival each first Monday with pleasure?

Why did we start this little publication in the first place? Many thought that a form of communication was needed through which real good could result for the entire community. The main purpose of this paper is to be informative on conditions and developments in Walnut Hills. We all have a stake in the progress of this area. Our homes are here. This represents an investment in the welfare of our children and appreciation of property values. Just how many of you want recreation facilities for your children, a park, fire protection, clean streets or other? _____ You name it!

We want you to put your sentiments in writing. If you feel this paper is worth reading, please let us know, now. The Women's Club sponsors and pays for this publication. We will gladly continue it if your interest indicates it is worthwhile. If you do not agree that it is, ignore the next statement and we will have our answer.

Man, woman or child, in 150 words, tell us why you feel publication of this paper should be continued. Your "essay," or call it what you will, may be written or typed. Deadline date is March 17, 1965 (St. Patrick's Day) and mail to Mrs. A.L. Apolius, 8583 E. Briarwood Place (Please do not phone).

We care enough to offer a prize rewarding the best reasons submitted. Positive and constructive ideas will be valuable to us all. Our aim – Walnut Hills, a wonderful place to live

April 5, 1965 CONTEST RESULTS

A Big, Hearty Thank You to all the fine friends who responded to our request for sentiments on the value of continuing the newsletter. Below is the winning essay:

"In response to the request for sentiments on the Walnut Hills Newsletter, we feel it is an excellent, interesting, and informative little paper. We have especially appreciated the column of the County Agent's on Gardening and Landscaping and the Welcome to New Families. In an isolated area such as this one, unity, friendliness, cooperation, and "esprit de corps" are all vital for success. Petty arguing, aloofness, and unconcern can – and will – destroy all chances of developing a friendly, successful and really desirable community. The Newsletter is a big step toward unity, mutual interest and concern of neighbors for one another. Therefore, we believe it is very much worth writing and reading. We sincerely hope the Women's Club will be able to continue this effort."

Mrs. G.H. Dalebout – 6920 S. Uinta.

Runner up:

"As newcomers to Walnut Hills, we received our first copy of the Paper on March 1, 1965. We all found this issue both interesting and informative. So much so that we were upset to read that it might be discontinued. We realize much effort goes into its preparation and circulation, but to us at least, those efforts are most worthwhile. Our family hopes for its continuation."

Mrs. Vernon Hall – 8584 E. Briarwood Blvd

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November 1964

It's Not as Wild and Woolly As you Think!

By Carolyn Stauffer

Did you know that?

- The speed limit on Walnut Hills Streets is 25 miles per hour.
- You must stop when approaching or following a stopped school bus with blink lights, and not proceed until the blinking stops.
- There are presently no laws concerning times for burning in incinerators.
- For advice on fire extinguishers, call your insurance agent.
- Leaving your porch lights on all night helps discourage prowlers and prevents crime in the neighborhood.

Call the Sheriff

- To report a crime
- To report a fire – He will summon aid from Littleton or Englewood fire departments.
- If stray dogs are a nuisance. The Arapahoe County Animal Warden will be dispatched immediately to pick up the dogs.
- If you need an ambulance.
- If you need a resuscitation.
- If someone is target shooting too close. There is no law prohibiting shooting in unincorporated areas, but if there is any danger involved, those with guns will be sent away and picked up if they refuse to go.

November 1964

Home...Home...On the Range

By: Betty Owens

Did you know that there was a range war in Walnut Hills last month? It was a very quiet one with nary a six-gun showing, but it did involve a group of very determined citizens and about a hundred head of White Faced cattle!

It all started when Mr. Simpson of 6942 E. Briarwood Blvd., (that's west toward the mountains, pardner!) looked out one afternoon to see men fencing in the area due west of his home. By the next morning, approximately 100 head of Colorado's "steak on the hoof" had moved into the enclosure.

Dismayed by all these cattle almost in his backyard, and concerned for property values and people, Mr. Simpson started calling. His first call to the Arapahoe Sheriff sent him to a source of information, the District Attorney's office. This clarified his belief that the area was and still is a residential area (for people... not cows, that is).

Then he began calling neighbors to ask them to join him in complaints to the District Attorney. And neighbors began calling neighbors.

By the time this writer reached the District Attorney in early afternoon, a weary secretary told me there had been more than 50 calls by that time, and that prompt action was being taken.

As I looked out my window, the next morning, the roundup had begun. A cowboy on horseback, a pickup truck and an extra cowhand on foot were herding the cattle together. Soon the last white faced steer disappeared over the knoll, back to their field between Quebec and Holly Streets.... And the range war was over.

But I can't help adding the moral to the story...if you haven't already guessed. Isn't it amazing what people can do if they stick together and voice their opinions. It's a real example of getting quick response by concentrated community action. Everyone who took the time to make a phone call that day deserves our thanks.

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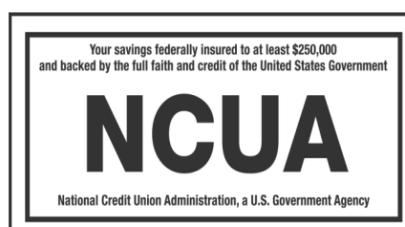
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Walnut Hills Elementary Turkey Trot 2011



In honor of the 50th Birthday of Walnut Hills, I'd like to share some history on our little neighborhood school. Planning for Walnut Hills started in the early 1960s when the area was developed and home building began. Many families liked the expansion of I-25 south and saw this as the perfect area to raise their family. The land where the school sits was deeded to the Board of Education in 1965. The next step was the formation of a planning committee comprised of parents and the first principal, Mr. David Mathias. The school welcomed its first class in September, 1969. We were the seventh school to be built in Cherry Creek School District. There were 380 students enrolled and we had a staff of fifteen teachers and three interns.

The two elements that defined the school were team-teaching and open space concepts. Students were assigned to multi-age pods; Red Pod for ages five to seven; White Pod for seven to nine and Blue Pod for nine through eleven. The school was dedicated on June 3, 1970. The area continued to grow quickly and so did our school, at one time we had 600 students enrolled. This situation was eased with the construction of our neighbor school, Dry Creek in 1972.

Currently, we have approximately 415 students in grades pre-school through 5th grade. Through the years, our school has grown and prospered and our goal remains the same today as on that summer day in 1969 when we opened; to provide every student with an opportunity To Think, To Learn, To Achieve and To Care.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday Walnut Hills!

Cyndi Burdick, Principal



Happy 50th Anniversary Walnut Hills!

By Paula Hillman

While I have not been in the neighborhood for 50 years, my family has been here for 44. In 1968, at the urging of my mother, we moved to a remote neighborhood with no trees and nothing surrounding it but a Chevron on Arapahoe Road. Still, it was exciting to be moving to a new house that we watched being built.

Though there were not many activities nearby it was a great place to grow up. There were kids everywhere. Summers were filled with games of kick the can, water fights, 4th of July picnics and bike trips to Cherry Creek reservoir. Winter always included snowball fights, snowmen and sledding. As we grew a bit older, we were excited when they opened 7-11 (Papa John's Pizza is there now). It was great to be able to walk to get a Slurpee.

When it was time to learn to drive, there was ample opportunity to practice on roads with few cars. My father would take me on Arapahoe Road and County Line Road (both only two lanes) and we would be the only ones out there. He was still very nervous though; how bad a driver could I have been?

At about the same time as I learned to drive, Arapahoe Drive-In Theater was built (where Fay Meyers is now). What a great way to spend a weekend night! I worked there for a couple of summers and have always loved movies since. I must have seen the Godfather about 15 times. After graduating from Cherry Creek I went to college and eventually left my parents home. I moved back about 12 years ago. I thought it was a temporary stop after a divorce, but then my father needed some help and I ended up staying.

Even though the surrounding area has changed dramatically, the basic quality of Walnut Hills has not. It is still a great place to grow up. My niece and her family (the Wishmiers) live here now and I see her kids playing hide and seek, having water fights and attending the 4th of July ice cream social and parade. They frequent the Chris Atencio sledding hill (next to Walnut Hills Elementary) after snow storms, and do all the kid things my friends and I used to do growing up. I love seeing another generation of kids making new memories of Walnut Hills.

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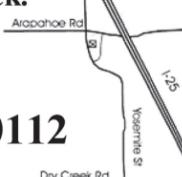
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From Louise Meis

By: Ilsa Gregg

Louise and Herb Meis moved to Walnut Hills into their brand new house in 1963. They had been living in Northeast Denver at 32nd and Krameria. They were looking at homes in Walnut Hills because their family had grown too large for the duplex Herb, who was a contractor, had built for them. They looked at one of the bigger show homes in the neighborhood, but decided to go home and think it over. That night the salesman showed up at their house in Denver. Louise said he seemed quite desperate to sell that show home and promised to add on a second garage and replace the back window with a sliding glass door at no additional cost. They were sold! (Louise does have a one of a kind house in Walnut Hills!)

Louise was six months pregnant with their 9th child when they moved in. The children loved playing on the prairie and would be gone all day and no one worried about them. There was a bit of trouble when they started playing in the rafters of the unfinished homes being built south of the creek, and so after that the kids got reined in a little bit. Horses used to wander into the back yard from time to time and several rattlesnakes were found in the front and back yards. The kids always let Louise know when the snakes got too close to the house. Remarkably, no one ever was bitten by a snake. Louise remembers planting an evergreen tree in the front yard that the kids used to jump over. Now that tree is over 30 feet tall.

Holidays are still at Louise's house because all the kids still love to come home to Walnut Hills. Good thing she bought the bigger show home, because now she enjoys 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Louise's and Herb's 8th child, Mary, was born in 1962 with special needs. The doctors had recommended that she be put in an institution called "Ridge Home" and not be allowed to go home with the family. Louise, Herb and all the rest of the kids thought this was ridiculous and took their lovely daughter home. Mary grew up to be a Special Olympian and worked for many years. She now lives quite independently at Southglenn Commons and still comes home every weekend to check on her mom. I am told she is dreading her 50th birthday this summer.

Louise still loves living in Walnut Hills because she is so close to her church, her friends, and the Sunflower market!

Walnut Hills 50th Anniversary

By: Andrea Suhaka

Well, I guess you'd call me an "old-timer." I'm not an original owner, but I moved into Walnut Hills in March 1973. This was our first (and only) house. Boy, has the landscape changed in the past 38 years!

I'm in a home that was built in 1961. I have the Certificate of Occupancy in Filing #2. I guess the part of Walnut Hills that wasn't built with the original homes was completed in 1972, but five homes in Filing #2 were built after we moved in.

Arapahoe Rd. was a 2-lane road, turning to dirt just a little east of the highway. I missed the drive-in movie theater where the Arapahoe East Shopping Center is now. My block, Ulster Cir., used to have an egg co-op that would drive out to Richlawn near the Arapahoe/Parker intersection and buy a case of fresh eggs (18 doz.) for 50¢ a dozen. Richlawn became the soccer fields and now the Corner Star Mall.

Arapahoe/I-25 was a diamond interchange with a gas station on the southeast quadrant. The owner of that station lived in Walnut Hills. There were no interchanges at Orchard or Dry Creek Rd.; they were every 2 miles back then.

In fact, Dry Creek Rd. going west from

Happy 50th Anniversary Walnut Hills!

By David Senn

My family moved to Walnut Hills in June of 1970. Arapahoe road was just being paved and the I-25 interchange was being completed. Exit 89 would take you off the interstate and into unincorporated Englewood. My earliest recollection of the area around Walnut Hills was that we had just moved to the middle of nowhere. My fellow long time residents may remember when Walnut Hills was the southern end of Denver.

My two older sisters were junior and senior high school age. I was 10 at the time and entered Walnut Hills Elementary in the 5th grade. My school was one of the "new" open space schools. No walls, with four classes to a pod. The only dividers were between the student areas and the teacher glass enclosed offices. I am not sure, but they may have been soundproof. Anyone remember the hair band called Winger in the 70's? Google it. Kip was in my class.

My street ended at what is now Quebec St. The area west of Walnut Hills was a horse boarding area that went all the way to Holly St. One day a friend and I carried a bucket, 12 and 16 gauge shotguns, and a few shells over the fence into the Little Dry Creek area for some target practice. During our walk through the sand to set up the bucket target, I turned around and noticed a large area of sand in motion! The area was filled with western diamondback rattlesnakes sunning themselves. It was a scene out of Indiana Jones. My first experience shooting a shotgun was about to change. I quickly closed the breach of the single shot 16 gauge and pulled the trigger with the shotgun aimed toward the snake filled sandy area in front of my feet. I am not sure what was more disturbing, the loud report of the gun going off, the recoil of the gun, sand flying everywhere, or snake guts raining from the sky. Much to the dismay of my friend, our shooting session was over. I have never seen so many snakes in one place since then, including at the movies.

Another favorite past time was to ride our 70cc Hondas at a place we called the frog ponds. You may know this area

as the area south of the intersection of Dry Creek and Quebec, at the bottom of the hill where the sheriffs now sit to catch speeders northbound on

Quebec. We would fill our bikes with gas at the Tenneco, now Valero, for less than 25 cents and ride along the fence from Arapahoe, on a dirt path of what is now Quebec, all the way to the track. At the time, it seemed to take quite a while to go the nearly two miles. We would ride at the track until almost dark, or until we got hungry, whichever came first. One guy I used to ride with is still one of my closest friends and whose parents are Walnut Hills residents. Hi Dean!

My children will find this hard to believe, but we did all of this before video games were even invented! We spent lots of time outside doing things that today may constitute child endangerment (see snake incident above) but remember, we were living in the middle of nowhere. There were open fields west, south, and east of our neighborhood. On the north side of Arapahoe Road, there were only two businesses, Tenneco and Burger King.

In 1976, when I learned to drive, my driving practice with my dad was to go to the nearest grocery store. It was the King Soopers west of Holly. Once I got my license, I drove that route any time my family needed something quick from the store. My parents let me do that because there was so little traffic on Arapahoe.

When you look at our neighborhood now, I hope you can imagine how it looked 40 years ago. My job takes me all over the world. The only place I want to live is here. All you long-time residents know what I mean. By the way, that was me in the 69 Roadrunner back in 1978. Sorry if I scared some of you.



Quebec and Quebec going south from Dry Creek Rd. were dirt! County Line Rd. was there and you used to drive down the dirt Quebec and climb up onto County Line Rd. - for those folks who worked in Johns-Manville or Lockheed over in Waterton Canyon. I remember Governor Dick Lamm saying he was going to "drive a silver stake in the heart of C-470." He was against C-470 being built.

Also, there was another entrance into Walnut Hills from Arapahoe Rd. at Willow St. Willow was closed when Arapahoe was made 4 lanes. Our Walnut Hills entry monument is still there.

Spruce St., down from Arapahoe Rd. into Walnut Hills, was dirt. In fact, our Realtor got lost trying to find our house when he came out here to show it to us. My 24-year-old husband saw an empty garage (one-car!) and said we'd take it on the spot.

Syracuse, north of Arapahoe Rd., was a straight, dirt road. Cars coming over the hill down to Arapahoe would shine their headlights right into our front window. The land south of Caley was used for grazing horses. We had a volunteer Castlewood Fire Dept. at the time and the station was located where the exit ramp from I-25 south onto Orchard Rd. was built. Those

fire trucks would come bombing down that dirt Syracuse to get into our neighborhood! That was the only fire station on our side.

Our little library started at Walnut Hills School, moved to the basement of Arapahoe Bank (now First National) and then to a small building on Yosemite just north of Briarwood Blvd. Way back then you didn't take your life into your hands when crossing Arapahoe Rd. to the bank building. There were no traffic signals at Spruce or Uinta. When the proposition came forward to build a new library at the corner of Uinta & Arapahoe, the neighborhood came out en masse to support it. They had a naming contest, and Castlewood was chosen because of its historical significance to our area (but that's a story for another time). We had a grand opening in 1982 and it was a whole different building when it was built originally.

The creek running down from Arapahoe Rd. beside the Library and in back of the homes on Ulster Cir. was open, running water and the kids loved playing back there in the open field. I've been told that before I moved in, Walnut Hills fought off a proposed trailer park and a proposed K-Mart in that field just south of Arapahoe between Uinta & Quebec, but I missed that fun!

Amazing Neighbors!

Walnut Hills Makes The News 1964



Denver Post Photo by Ira Gay Sealy

Women Wage War on Weeds

Better than a one-woman war on weeds is a war waged by a whole committee. Members of the Walnut Hills Women's Club go to work on the weeds at the entrance of subdivision at Arapahoe Road and Willow St. as part of their improvement project.



Kids are signed up for summer activities sponsored by the Women's Club 1964

Walnut Hills may have been out in the middle of nowhere, surrounded by cows and dirt roads, but the women of Walnut Hills stayed busy, working, raising children, enjoying their new homes and making new friends.

The Women's Club sponsored Christmas and Easter parties for the children, bridge luncheons, picnics, socials, put this newsletter together and distributed it.

These pictures and articles were all found in Women's Club scrapbooks. Although the club no longer exists, I know these neighborhood bridge games are still going strong!

Girls Just Want to Have Fun!



Reception for Incoming Officers 1964



A Coffee given for the new residents 1969



Bridge Luncheon 1964



Quartet entertains at Women's Club Meeting



Officer Receptions



Weekly Story time Summer 1964 (incinerator out back)



Proud new homeowners 1962



Picnic by the creek 1963

In 1972, the first Walnut Hills Scholarship was awarded for \$200.00



JEANNINE M. GAMBLE

Walnut Hills Club Gives Scholarship

Miss Jeannine M. Gamble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Gamble 8111 E. Briarwood Blvd., has been awarded the Walnut Hills Women's Club's annual scholarship.

The selection was made by the Walnut Hills Scholarship committee, comprised of educators, business and professional persons. Evaluation statements by high school faculty and administration were also considered.

A June graduate of Cherry Creek High School, Miss Gamble plans to attend Colorado State University at Fort Collins, where she plans to major in natural sciences or mathematics in the field of education.

At Cherry Creek, she was president of Pep Club, member of the National Honor Society - and participated in other programs.

Deadline to Apply for the Walnut Hills Scholarship is March 15, 2012 - Applications are available at Cherry Creek HS. Post Grad Center or from John Fuller 303-771-2838.

June 12, 1972
Dear President & members of the Walnut Hills Women's Club,
Thank you for awarding me the Walnut Hills Women's Club Scholarship. It was a great honor as well as a much appreciated financial assistance. I am very proud to have received the first of what I hope will be a spreading interest among other communities such as ours to set up such a scholarship.
Thank you again for the honor and the assistance.

Very truly yours,
Jeannine Gamble

Can you put a price on kindness?

No one ever forgets a kindness. Every time you find the Walnut Hills Newsletter on your stoop, you are the recipient of a true kindness from your neighbor; maybe even anonymously. Can anyone quantify just how far and wide this simple gesture, by hundreds of volunteers over the years, has really reached?

The Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund has given away over \$125,000 since 1972. The only years that a scholarship was not given out was 1981, 1982 and 1983 when there was a change in the editor. So where does all that money come from? In recent years, nearly all of the money collected for the Scholarship Fund comes from private donations made by the residents of Walnut Hills at the time they pay their Civic Association dues. The newsletter always contributes to the scholarship fund, but where do we get our share of the money, especially since the newsletter went down from

eight issues a year to six issues a year in 2006? The obvious answer would be the advertisements from this newsletter, but printing costs are way up since 1972, and since the Great Recession, we have had to offer discounts on advertisements just to get as many ads as we have. So just like every other household, we have to scrimp and save it up a little bit at a time.

As of 2012, the estimated cost to mail the newsletter to a house in Walnut Hills is about 50 cents. Even in 1964, the newsletter could never afford to be mailed. Instead, a complicated distribution system was designed with over 75 volunteers to reach each and every home in Walnut Hills. For years, one volunteer even delivered newsletters to Hunters Hill by herself door-to-door.

Walking down your own street six times a year to deliver papers to your neighbors does not seem like that big of a deal, right? The truth is that it can be really, **really** hard to find new volunteers.

How can I describe the volunteers we do have? Some of our volunteers have been delivering newsletters faithfully for decades! The farthest records I have go back to 1997, but I see many of the same names on my list today in 2012. Holly and Sherry Job are our most committed current volunteers, delivering 70 newsletters to four different newsletter routes. One route they inherited from Sherry's mother and Holly's grandmother, who also delivered the newsletter for years, but the other three routes are nowhere near their home. Holly also happens to be a Special Olympian and the older sister of Heather Job, who was recently awarded the Walnut Hills Scholarship in 2011!

So to all of the hundreds of volunteers who have delivered the newsletter to their neighbors, past and present, thank you! Every time you deliver the newsletter to the 1200 homes of Walnut Hills, you are helping us save up, a little bit at a time, to contribute to these truly deserving young people, who I am sure will never forget your kindness.

There are currently three open routes that need volunteers:

- 7300 block of South Tamarac Ct.. - 23 homes
- 8300 block of E. Davies Ave to Easter - 15 homes
- 6900 block of S. Quince St. - 15 homes

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April 1997

A Big Boost in Walnut Hills Diversity

By Myron Andrews

Walnut Hills got a big boost in population species diversity when a new family moved in. They made themselves right at home and found the Dry Creek Trail area to be especially to their liking

The move-ins were beavers. They set about building a house and started harvesting food, to the dismay of the older residents. They apparently settled first just west of Spruce St. Soon several trees were on the ground, and even some landscaping trees along the greenway border on private land were attacked. The Division of Wildlife was called for help, and they eventually wrapped some of the trees with chicken wire netting to prevent further damage to the trees.

The beavers seemed to take that as an insult, so some of them moved to a new area about a half a block west of the Walnut Hills Park and right by the Dry Creek Trail 3.5 marker. Again trees began to fall. The first few were only about 3-4 inch caliper, but then the grand project started. The beavers went to work on a tree over a foot in diameter. After 3 or 4 nights of work, a little wind came up and toppled the tree with a loud crash.

The South Suburban Park and Recreation offices were called and a man identified as "Rocky" handled the problem with

courtesy and efficiency. He soon had three men to the problem area. The fallen trees were removed and the standing trees were wrapped to prevent further damage. The workmen thoughtfully left the stump of the big fallen tree to above the beaver cut so that we can see what eager beavers are.



The beavers may have already moved on to patiently hunt for more tolerant neighbors, but there are still some muskrats living along Dry Creek so we haven't lost all of our population diversity. We hope the muskrats continue to be less demanding neighbors.

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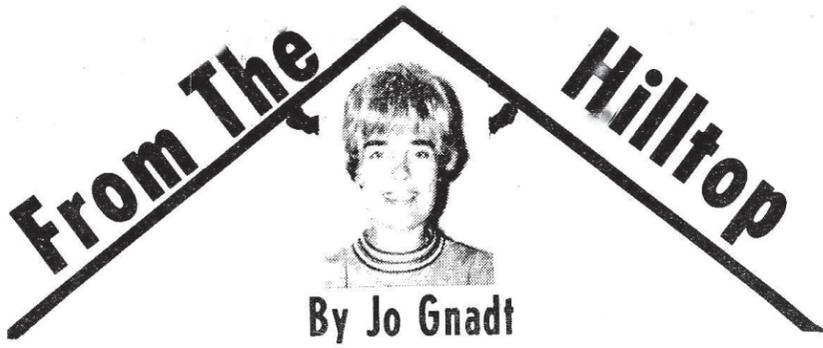
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October 1970 - Suburban Sun News

You need more than bricks, mortar, trees and landscaping to build a community. Somewhere behind the scenes it takes people who care enough to plan and work hard at creating a neighborhood environment suitable for families and children. Walnut Hills, a young, rapidly growing area, has two things going for it... an interested, well-informed Women's Club and an active, vitally concerned Civic Association.

Women's Club was formed in 1963 with an objective to improve the community through education and service. One of the first projects was publication of a local newsletter (also supported by the Civic Association). Club activities include everything from Welcome coffees for new residents, handwriting analysis, lawn and garden tips, to voter registration instructions.

Money - making events such as bridge marathons, ice cream socials, and talent auctions have financed a sprinkler system and trees for a village park, a donation to a rehabilitation hospital in Vietnam, sponsoring of scouts groups, and contributions to Arapahoe County Welfare projects.

Summer picnics, splash sessions at a nearby pool, ice skating parties, a couples' bridge club, dances and cocktail parties are included in entertainment gatherings. Each year the Club gives an annual Christmas party for neighborhood children and holds a holiday lighting contest for the best decorated homes.

Currently, the Women's Club is distributing a cookbook called, "High Country Cookery." Recipes, though contributed from Walnut Hills kitchens, represent all sections of the country, pointing to the fact that today's mobile society reflects a continental acquaintance with other neighborhoods across the nation.

A special section is included on high altitude cooking, which anyone living in the mountain states will find useful. The book, available in limited numbers, can be ordered from Mrs. F. L. Altenbern or Mrs. Carlton Gardner.

Walnut Hills Civic Association has been the important key in promoting services from the fire department, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's office, and the County Commissioner's unit. Through the Association's efforts the community benefits from proper zoning control, adequate street planning, and speed and safety regulations. Bookmobile services and a local library are available to residents. Also, the park services and pre-planning for the neighborhood school and an informational directory are all achievements of this dedicated group of citizens.

Now that urban sprawl, over population, and polluted air loom high on problem lists facing all areas of the U. S., the need to meet, to talk, and to consider common human goals becomes essential to our very existence. The town hall, the village green, the country meeting place are still very important elements in preserving a great nation and its people. Fortunately, this kind of democratic spirit still exists in large and small communities throughout America.



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Recipes From Our Volunteers

In the Women's Club Scrapbook box I found a community cookbook from 1980 called, "Cooking For the Walnut Hills Superstars," I could not help but recognize some familiar names; the names of current newsletter volunteers! Enjoy these delicious recipes from the past.

Spinach Salad Carol Fisher

10 oz. pkg fresh spinach, washed, broken, cut out heavy stems
2 cups crisp broken lettuce
1 can water chestnuts, drained, slice thin.
3 hard boiled eggs, chopped
3/4 cups bean spouts, drained
1/2 lb bacon, fried, crumbled

Dressing:

1 cup cooking oil
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup catsup
1/4 cup vinegar
1 tbsp Worcestershire
1 small onion

Blend dressing in a blender; add to salad and toss

Zucchini and Mushroom Casserole Diane Endsley

1 lb zucchini, trimmed and scrubbed
Pinch of fresh chopped or dried dill
1 clove garlic
Boiling salted water
1/2 lb mushrooms, sliced
3 tbsp butter
2 tbsp flour
1 cup sour cream
Buttered bread crumbs

Cut zucchini crosswise into 1/2 or 1 inch slices. Add the dill and garlic and boiling water to cover and simmer gently until vegetable is tender, do not overcook. Drain, reserving 2 tablespoons of the cooking liquid. Discard the garlic. Saute the mushrooms in butter 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in the flour and cook 2 minutes longer. Add the sour cream, zucchini and reserved cooking liquid, stirring constantly. Correct the seasonings and heat thoroughly, but do not boil. Transfer the mixture to a casserole and top with buttered bread crumbs. Brown quickly under high broiler heat.

Parsley and Parmesan Chicken Carol Fischer

1/4 cup Italian salad dressing
3 lb fryer chicken, cut up
1 slightly beaten egg
2 tbsp water
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
1/3 cup fine dry bread crumbs
2 tbsp snipped parsley
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp paprika
1/8 tsp pepper

Pour dressing into 9 x 13 baking dish. Add chicken,

turning to coat on all sides. Cover and refrigerate for 4 hours. Drain, reserving dressing. Combine egg and water. In plastic bag, combine cheese, bread crumbs, parsley, salt, paprika and pepper. Dip chicken into egg mixture, then shake a few pieces at a time, in crumbs. Return coated chicken to baking dish; spoon remaining dressing on top. Bake at 350 for 50 minutes.

High Altitude Cocoa Cupcakes Veranne Loop

3 eggs
1 cup oil
1/2 cup buttermilk
1 tsp vanilla
1 3/4 cup sugar
2 cups flour
1/2 cup cocoa
1 tsp salt
1 tsp soda
1 tsp cinnamon
1 cup boiling water

Beat eggs, oil, buttermilk and vanilla until smooth. Sift dry ingredients; add to first mixture. Add boiling water. Mix until smooth. Batter will be thin. Bake 350 for 15 minutes.



Bride's Salad Diane Endsley

(10-12 servings)

6 oz. cream cheese
8 pear halves, chopped fine
1 (3 oz.) pkg lime jello
1 cup boiling water
1 cup pear juice

Whip cream cheese until creamy. Add 1 cup pear juice very slowly, using beater. Continue to whip until smooth. Dissolve jello in boiling water and let cool. Add chopped pears and cream cheese. Mix and let cool.

Note: Good results when mixed in blender.



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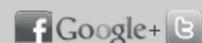
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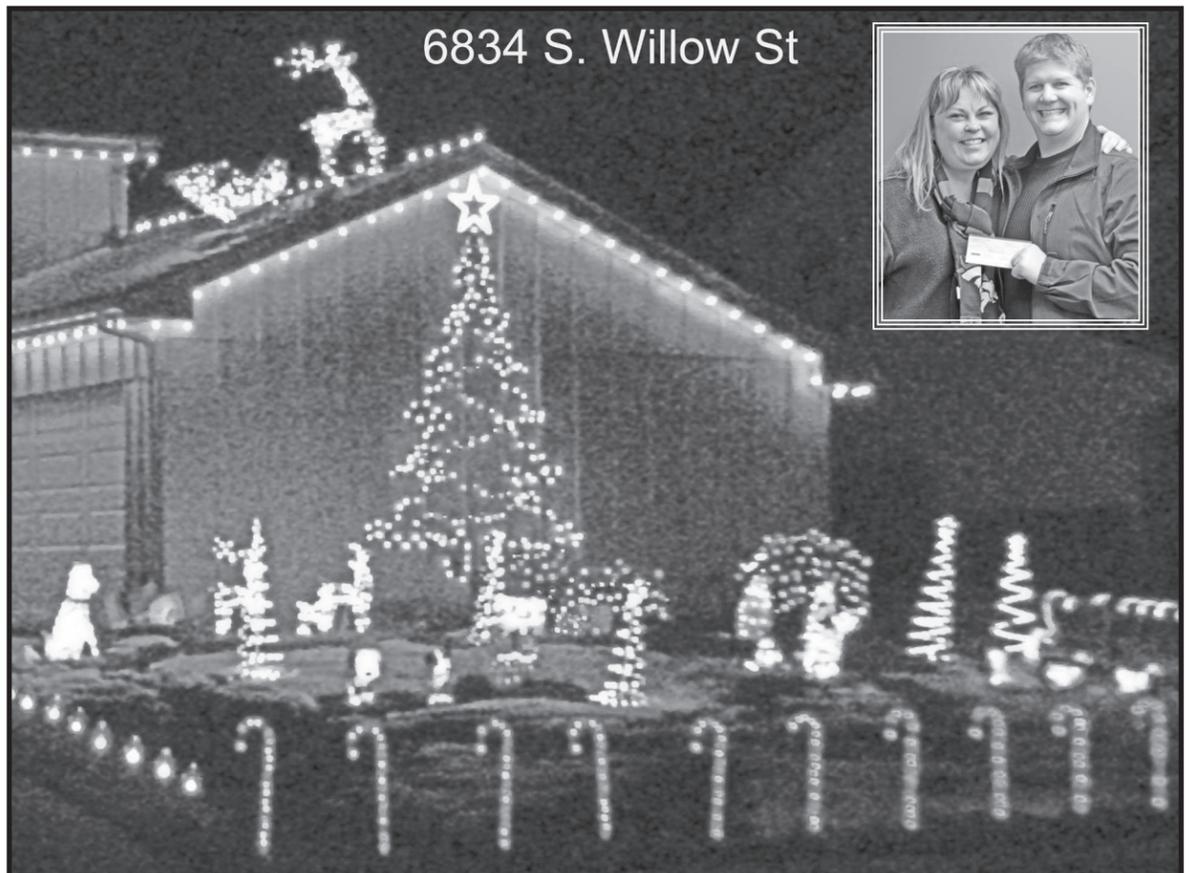
Annual Lighting Contest Winners Announced

On December 15th Walnut Hills Civic Association Board Members drove through the neighborhood to view the holiday lights. As in years past there were so many homes with beautiful displays it was difficult to pick the top three.

The third prize winner was the home of the Lamphears at 6834 South Willow St. The second prize winner was the Dysart home at 7064 South Willow St. The first prize winner was the Call home at 6971 S. Quince Street.

The Civic Association Board likes to acknowledge new homes every year, but previous winners brought their best again this year. The McCauley home at 7246 E. Quebec Ct. was magical once again with their synchronized with music display.

Thanks to everyone who helps make the neighborhood more festive during the holidays. We even have neighbor who adorns the stop sign in the corner of their yard with greenery, a wreath and a red bow!



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Thank you Bud Everson
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Did You Know?

The Walnut Hills Civic Association was formed in 1964. Walnut Hills did have a Homeowners Association set up by the land developer, but it was terminated by the citizens of Walnut Hills and refunds were prorated to the members. The Walnut Hills Civic Association has been in place ever since and all residents have been, and are still, encouraged to join and volunteer to keep our community strong.



Paula Hillman - Chair, Walnut Hills Civic Association

THE GARBAGE MAN

At its December board meeting the Walnut Hills Civic Association agreed to provide information to members and potential members regarding a discount offered by the Garbage Man, a family owned trash hauling service based in Parker. Bob Rhoades, attended our meeting to let us know of the company's discounted rates. The discount increases as more Civic Association members sign up with their service. The Garbage Man's starting rate is less expensive than many service providers out there.

Board members asked lots of

questions about the company and its service and concluded that this announcement would be beneficial to the community. There are trash trucks in our neighborhood almost every week day. They add to the noise and air pollution and tear up the street. Wouldn't it be nice to have one provider one day a week? If you are interested in benefiting the community and your pocketbook at the same time give the Garbage Man a call at 720-842-4558. The collection day is Friday; they bring the containers back to the house and provide recycling every other week.

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