

Walnut Hills Newsletter

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Speed Humps

Frank Haskett

About 4-½ years ago Ramon Milian and Don Lammers complained at the annual meeting that traffic had gotten out of hand along E. Davies Ave. - speeding and cut throughs. I took it on myself to do a survey of the residents along E. Davies Ave. from Yosemite to Uinta. There are some 60 homes and I spoke with all but 8 over a two-week period in April 2014. I asked them if they noticed the problem and if so, would they be in favor of speed bumps, dips or something to slow traffic. 96 % answered yes to both questions. The then councilman told me that the city would talk to some of these people- they never did.

I forwarded this information to the city and a councilman at the time. For the next 4½ years we have been lied to, ignored, put off by promises to call us back that never happened and told there are no laws that will help us.

The biggest thorn in our side is the public works director, a man name Travis Geiman. He once offered to put up no left turn signs from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM along northbound Yosemite as it passes by Walnut Hills (much like the NO RIGHT turn signs on Quebec for north bound traffic as it passes the west side of Walnut Hills). He withdrew that offer before we could respond and now denies that he ever made it. One of his employees told us that the city has never used speed bumps and never will.

A year or so later that was disproved when we discovered new speed bumps on Eudora Street just south of King Soopers on Arapahoe. You can also find older ones on S Elizabeth St. south of Arapahoe Rd.

We were told to fill out a form NTFM and we would be put on a list for a planning meeting held each year in March. We did, and nothing ever happened. We've NEVER been put on the list and therefore NEVER been considered for ANY assistance to this continuing problem.

The one good thing was that new councilman Mike Sutherland held a meeting with Geiman, Milian, Lammers and I. The bad news is that it was the same old same old. Fill out the forms (we've done this before) and we will do a study (they've done one during construction on Little Dry Creek, so very few people were cutting through Walnut Hills). We were told that "if you qualify we will put you on the list for next March." (Where have we heard that before?)

In order to qualify the study must show that 500 vehicles drive down E. Davies each day, and the average speed must exceed 32 MPH; neither is going to happen. The majority of drivers in Walnut Hills obey the speed limit. All we're trying to do is compel the few that don't, to slow down before someone's child gets killed. Finally, I asked Mr. Geiman what COULD he do for us? His reply? Nothing. Fill out the forms, etc. I gave up. If you want to do something, write to the Mayor. It's our street and our town, not Mr. Geiman's.

Last Call! Dumpster Days And Electronic Recycling

October 13, 2018 at Walnut Hills Elementary 8-11 am or full. This is it folks. Fall is here and so is Dumpster Days and Electronic Recycling. (continued page 3)



Free Halloween Event
Sponsored by your WHCA
Saturday, October 27th 2-4.

Celebrate Fall, Enjoy Your Neighbors' Company, Have Fun At The Walnut Hills Park, And Have Another Opportunity To Wear Your Halloween Costume.

Join us for a festive family Halloween gathering on Saturday, October 27th from 2-4 pm. There will be crafts, games, goody bag for kids, and fun for everyone!

This event will be held weather permitting. Please see the Walnut Hills Civic Association Website to confirm the event if there is inclement weather. walnuthillscolorado.org

Caution: Speeding Ahead

Julie Gamec

Do you stand out in your yard and watch the Indy 500 happen on the street in front of you? I do. And, in all honesty, there are days that I am also a participant. BUT, let's keep our neighborhood a safe place to walk, play, ride, bike and live. Obey posted speed limit signs and remember to stop at stop signs and look both ways for pedestrians. You can also call the Sheriffs Recorded Traffic Complaint Line - 720-874-3825. The WHCA has reached out to the City of Centennial Engineering Department to see what would be required to get an updated traffic study (the last one was completed in 2011 and is available on the WHCA's website at www.walnuthillscolorado.org) in hopes of finding an avenue to improve the safety of our streets. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

How to Get Speed Humps in Your Neighborhood

What You Should Know Before Starting

- Traffic calming matters are handled by local government. Some municipalities only require a signed petition. Others are more thorough. Check online for your city's application process.
- Policies also vary. Some cities pay for and install speed humps, some permit them but expect the neighborhood to pay, and others restrict traffic calming devices all together.
- When approaching city officials, be clear you represent a group of neighbors, not an individual. If the request comes through an existing organization (such as a neighborhood/homeowner's association), officials are more likely to take it seriously.
- Maintain regular communication with your neighbors and your municipality.
- Cities receive hundreds of requests every day so be persistent and remind your officials frequently of the need for safety.

Step #1: Talk to Your Neighbors

Find out if your neighbors recognize speeding as a problem. Do they have specific safety concerns? How do they want to handle these? Are they interested in traffic calming devices? Let them know there are ways to reduce speeding and you'd like to discuss these. Set up a meeting with concerned neighbors. If you can, organize this meeting through your block captain, neighborhood group, or homeowner's association. You will have an easier time approaching local officials if you utilize existing leadership.

Step #2: Research Your City's Procedure

Before the meeting, be clear on the local procedure for traffic calming. These specifics will help you determine your course of action. Cities often require a traffic or speeding study before authorizing traffic calming, so your goal might be to prompt this.

1. Identify appropriate department and contact person. The right department may be streets, public works, transportation or something else. You may need to call your city to find out.
2. Identify legal and preferred traffic calming methods for your municipality. Not every city permits speed humps.
3. Identify the local process for obtaining a traffic

study. Check online.

4. Print related guides and applications from your local government's website.

Step #3: Hold A Meeting and Determine Plan of Action

By now, you understand what your municipality does or does not require. Come prepared to share this information with your neighbors. Have all necessary print outs on hand including a petition. Make sure neighbors sign the petition during the meeting. They should include their address so officials can see the number of households in favor of traffic calming.

1. Define the target segment (beginning and end location) in need of traffic calming. Remember, speeding may start before and extend beyond your block.

2. Establish who will serve as the community liaison -- the primary contact between the neighborhood and local officials. Decide how that person will keep everyone informed (group email, for example).

3. It's not usually required, but it can help to collect testimonials from neighbors about how speeding and reckless driving affects their or their family's safety and impacts quality of life.

4. Determine what data needs to be collected (refer to step #4) and who will be responsible for collecting it. Figure out a schedule for who collects what data when. Establish a shared document (such as a google spreadsheet) where you collect and share this data as a group. Remember, your neighborhood is collecting data for the purpose of presenting it to city officials, so make sure the format is easy to understand.

5. If neighbors are in favor of speed humps, ask if they willing to pay for them. A four-segment (78-inch) speed hump covers standard vehicle track width and costs around \$300.

6. Field questions and address any concerns neighbors have regarding speed humps and other forms of traffic calming.

Step #4: Contact Local Officials

The community liaison should contact the following community officials: council person, police precinct, and fire house. Additionally, he/she should contact the appropriate city official (as determined in step #2).

Describe the speeding problem to each official:

1. Provide the name of the neighborhood organization you are representing and give them the beginning and end location of the target segment.
 2. Tell them why you are concerned about speeding/reckless driving and site neighborhood testimonials/stories.
 3. Explain that you've held a meeting and have a petition with a certain number of signatures from residents in the target area.
 4. Explain the procedure you are following (If you have filled out and submitted the city's application form, say so).
 5. Be sure to ask the precinct and fire house if there are any concerns regarding emergency vehicle access. If so, ask if rerouting or other measures could help solve access issues.
- Ask your officials if you are following procedure correctly. Do they have any suggestions? What additional instructions do they have? Are there resources they can provide? Ask the precinct if they are able to conduct a traffic study.

Report these answers back to your community.

Step #5: Define the Problem

If your city does not provide an application form, you'll want to create a detailed explanation of how speeding is a problem for your neighborhood. Use the initial meeting time, or a follow up meeting, to answer these questions and develop a plan for data collection (step #3, question #4).

1. Identify target segment -- start and end location.
2. Explain how speeding affects the neighborhood -- here's where accidents testimonials are important
3. Data: Identify the number of pedestrians, generating facilities (such as schools, parks, restaurants, bars, transit stops, galleries, or any other place that encourages pedestrian activity) and their proximity to the target area.
4. Data: Identify the number of pedestrians generating activities and the frequency of occurrence. Do neighbors usually hang out outside, food truck or ice cream truck, kids usually play outside
5. Data: Identify times of day when speeding occurs
6. Data: Who is speeding? (hint: Is it the same cars

habitually speeding? If you can, demonstrate that a number of cars are speeding).

7. Data: Identify the number or percentage of pedestrians considered vulnerable population; this includes children under 12, seniors, cyclists, etc.

Optional DIY speed study: If you're precinct won't conduct a traffic study, you can ask to borrow a speed gun and conduct your own. You can also purchase a speed gun for around \$80-\$100. Learn how to conduct a speed study.

Step #6: Determine if a Speed Hump is the Right Solution

Speed humps are inexpensive and incredibly effective, but they're not right for every road. A speed hump is an appropriate solution only if the target area meets the following requirements. The target segment must be:

1. Classified as a local road
2. Not a primary emergency route/bus route/commercial truck route
3. Relatively flat (less than 8 percent incline)
4. Have a speed limit of 35mp or under

Step #7: Present Your Case

Gather the signed neighborhood petition along with official application or the documents created in steps 5. Include a short cover letter, along with your contact information, explaining the requested traffic calming solution and the reasons your community wants this. Indicate the starting and ending point of the target segment and the precise location you want speed humps installed (if applicable). Print (on official letterhead, if possible) and mail these to your city contact and local council person. You may also want to ask your council person to send a letter of support to the city contact.

Step #8: Follow Up

If you do not hear back from your city contact within two weeks, call and follow up. Ask when you can expect to receive and answer of the installation or on gaining appropriate permits. You may need to do this several times to get an answer. If necessary bring your formal complaint -- and other concerned neighbors -- to council meetings or other relevant public meetings.

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Thanks For Letting Us Know...

Julie Gamec

When you talk to your neighborhood representative or any WHCA Board member, we hear you!

- Thanks for letting us know that Ting construction had left some open holes next to walks that could be dangerous for pedestrians. The WHCA contacted TING and we are happy to report that the holes have all been filled.
- Thanks for letting us know that having bathroom facilities available during National Night out would be appreciated. SEMSWA has generously offered to sponsor a port-a-let facility for the event next year! Many thanks to SEMSWA for being a great partner in our neighborhood!
- Thanks for letting us know that code compliance issues such as parked vehicles, debris on the street, etc. have been noticed. When you see something that is a hazard or a nuisance, please report the concerns to City of Centennial Code Compliance at 303-325-8000.
- Thanks for letting us know that the new Dry Creek Elementary School playgrounds are much improved now that they have been replaced. Cherry Creek School District has the following policy on the use of the grounds: Playgrounds, playground equipment, and tennis courts are available to the community when not in use by the District. The non-exclusive use of these facilities does not require District approval, but such use is at the risk of the user. A scheduled activity will have priority over unscheduled use. (Regulation: KF-R Cherry Creek School District No. 5, Greenwood Village, Colorado 1 of 17 Community Use of School Facilities).



This trophy bull elk was taken on public land in Colorado by means of bow and arrow during an over-the-counter hunt by Matt Nee. Matt is the 3rd generation of his family to live in Walnut Hills. He is a local Financial Advisor with Edward Jones.

Winter Is Coming - Jon Snow Would Help Out His Neighbors

Julie Gamec

All puns aside - and apologies to those readers who are not Game of Thrones fans - winter is coming. Please, if you are willing and able, help out our Walnut Hills neighbors who may be less able to shovel/clear snow. Clear sidewalks and access from homes to streets make our neighborhood a safer place for everyone!



Come Have A Drink With Us!

The WHCA is planning to sponsor a new event in January/February 2019 - a night out at Resolute Brewing! Please keep an eye on the WHCA website at www.walnuthillscolorado.org and the newsletter for more information!

(Dumpster Days continued from page 1)

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. 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.

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Items of Interest

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There's A Lesson In There

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

I love the father's reply ...

"Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"

What Would You List?

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World". Through there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes.

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So, she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes a little, I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help."

"The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. To See
2. To Hear
3. To Touch
4. To Taste
5. To Feel
6. To laugh
7. To Love

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that what we take for granted are truly wondrous. That the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

Authors Unknown

A Birdhouse Gourd

Bruce Ferguson

The summer heat has been wreaking havoc on the yard and I have pretty much stopped going outside. The thing is I didn't move to Colorado so that I could live in Arizona. You can say what you want about dry heat, but it is still too hot. I do see flocks of grackles gathering in the apple tree next door and the pumpkins I grew are almost all ripe now so I am hopeful winter isn't too far from here. People say it always snows on Halloween, so let's put them to the test.

Of the successful flowers in this weather, the top of the list has to be the helianthus. Mostly I grow sunflowers for the gold finches, but there is also helianthus maximilian. It is a western native plant and it takes the weather in stride, although it may stride too much. I have it growing together with some Campanula Glomerata, which is also a plant that likes to run. The bell flowers come in the early summer and by the time they are done, the Maximilian daisies have overgrown them and then the daisies flower in late summer. Succession planting at its best. Just cut the whole mess once over the winter.

My favorite part of this summer has been the birdhouse gourd. I grew it from the seeds I kept when cleaned out the last one. Most of the rest of the vegetable garden succumbed to my unwillingness to fight the heat. The zucchini turned all too quickly into giants. They were popular with the fish in the aquariums,



Photo Bruce Ferguson

but not so much with the rest of the house. The early potatoes were some of the best I've had. We have been enjoying the tomatoes and all of June we ate lettuces, so it has been worthwhile. All summer I have been drinking green tea with various herbs for variety. Yesterday, I spied a Monarch Butterfly enjoying the asters.

South Suburban Events October 2018

FREE Ask a Trainer

Get answers to your strength training questions and receive a free blood pressure reading from a South Suburban personal trainer.

Who: Adults and Youth

When & Where: Mon, Oct 8, 2018, 8 - 9 am, Goodson Recreation Center

Tue, Oct 9, 10:15 - 11:15 am, Buck Recreation Center

Mon, Oct 29, 9:30 - 10:30 am, Lone Tree Recreation Center

Price: Free

FREE Arapahoe County Council on Aging Speaker Series - Caregiver Burnout

Join us for these informative topics presented by professionals throughout Arapahoe County. Light refreshments provided.

Who: Ages 18 and up

When: Wed, Oct 10, 2018, 10:15 am - 11:15 pm

Where: Buck Recreation Center

Price: Free

Beaver Safari Hayride

Enjoy a fall evening on an open trailer hayride seeking beavers. Enjoy stories, visit lodges and, hopefully, catch a glimpse of active animals.

Who: varies by day

When: Wed, Oct 10, 2018, 5:30 - 7 pm, Ages 18 and up

Thu, Oct 11, 2018, 5:30 - 7 pm, Ages 0 and up

Where: South Platte Park

Price: \$5 - \$10 Resident, \$9 - \$15 Nonresident

Quarterly NIA Yoga Event - NIA 5 Stages: Transformational Integrative Movement Practice

Based on the developmental stages of human growth: embryonic, creeping, crawling, standing and walking, this simple practice is a pathway to reclaiming the body's natural strength, flexibility and mobility.

Who: Ages 18 and up, any fitness level

When: Fri, Oct 12, 2018, 5 - 6:30 pm

Where: Buck Recreation Center

Price: Free with admission, Drop-in fees apply (\$5.75 Resident, \$7.75 Nonresident)

Hocus Pocus Men's and Women's Pickleball Tournament

Join us at this fun tournament. The two member teams are guaranteed at least 2 matches. Awards given to champions in each division. Registration deadline Oct 3.

Who: Ages 18 and up

When: Sat, Oct 13, 2018, 8:30 am, Men's and

Women's play

Sun, Oct 14, 2018, 8:30 am, Mixed play

Where: Cornerstone Park Pickleball Courts

Price: \$35 per team of 2

Landow Performance Speed and Agility Camps

Participants will focus on developing speed, agility, quickness and 'explosiveness' by learning Landow Performance's world renowned training techniques. Kids will grow the skills necessary to excel at all sports.

Who: Ages 6 - 12 boys and girls

When: Mon - Fri, Oct 15 - 19, 2018

9 - 10:30 am, ages 6 - 12

10:30 am - 12 pm, ages 12 - 18

Where: Family Sports Dome

Price: \$110 Resident, \$120 Nonresident

Blood Screening

University Hospital professional staff screens cholesterol and over thirty other blood components. Drop-in basis, no appointments needed. 12 hour fast required.

Who: Ages 18 and up unless accompanied by parent/guardian

When & Where: 7 - 9:30 am

Tue, Oct 16, Lone Tree Recreation Center

Wed, Oct 17, Goodson Recreation Center

Thu, Oct 18, Buck Recreation Center

Fri, Oct 19, Family Sports Center

Price: \$40

Cupcake Challenge

Cupcake baking and decorative creativity happen in our kitchen. Children will present cupcakes to the group, competition style, at the close of class.

Who: Ages 7 - 12, communicate food allergies to mkeohane@ssprd.org

When: Sat, Oct 20, 2018, 1 - 3:30 pm

Where: Lone Tree Recreation Center

Price: \$29 Resident, \$32 Nonresident

Princess Dance Day

Students will learn dance moves inspired by their favorite princesses. Participates are invited to dress up but we ask that all special accessories or attire do not interfere with their ability to dance.

Who: Ages 4 - 7

When: Sat, Oct 20, 2018, 2 - 3:30 pm

Where: Goodson Recreation Center

Price: \$20 Resident, \$22 Nonresident

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Walnut Hills Night Out was held on Saturday, August 11 this year and it was a fun night by everyone that attended. It was something different than the usual Tuesday event held in conjunction with other National events. The Walnut Hills Civic Association sponsored the event and served a BBQ dinner and had a live band for people to enjoy. We also had many of the City agencies in attendance for people to meet. The police K9 dogs were a huge hit. *Photos Jesse Alcorta*



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- 8/28 Back to School Night 6pm to 7:30pm
- 9/15 Movie Night 6pm to 8pm
- 10/1 to 10/12 Read4Funds
- 10/5 Multicultural Night/Launch 5:30pm to 7:30pm
- 11/4 Family Paint Night 5:30pm to 7:30pm
- 11/8 PTCO Teacher Lunch/Dinner for Conferences
- 11/20 Turkey Trot & Grandparents Day
- 12/21 Holly Day Service Project & Class Treat



- 1/14 to 1/18 Book Swap
- 1/25 Chili Game Night 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- 2/14 Valentine's Day Service Project & Class Treat
- 2/27 Skate City 3:45pm to 5:45pm
- 3/5 PTCO Teacher Lunch/Dinner for Conferences
- 3/29 Run4Funds
- 3/30 Movie Night 6pm to 8pm
- 4/26 Sock Hop & Silent Auction 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- 4/29 to 5/2 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/9 Field Day Family Breakfast/Field Day
- 5/23 5th Grade Continuation 6pm to 7pm

Restaurant Nights will be held monthly.
 It is possible that more events and/or fundraisers may be added throughout the year!
 Please keep an eye on backpacks, emails and facebook for updates!

PTCO MEETINGS

Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings!
 Meetings start at 6PM in the school library!

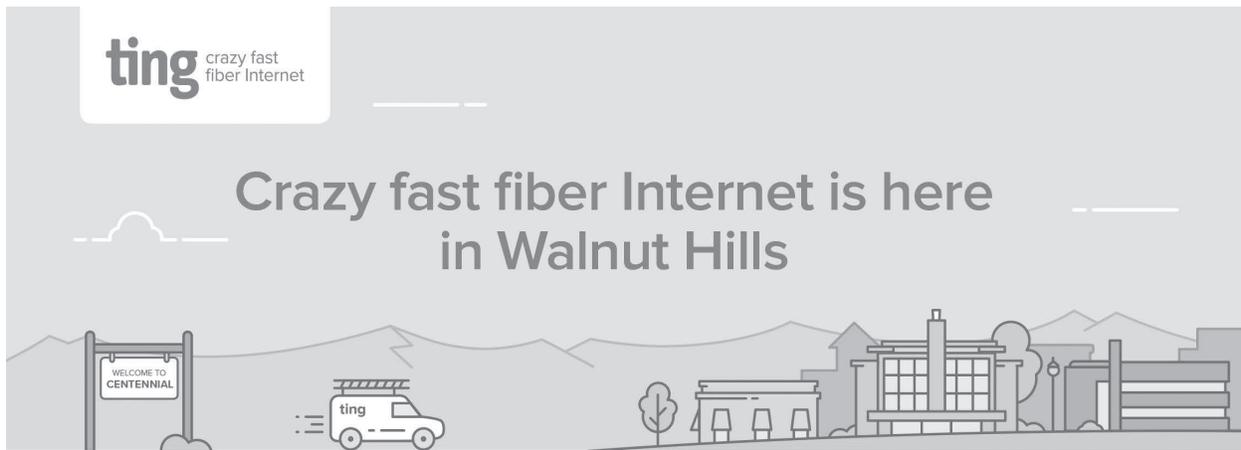
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*All events are subject to change.
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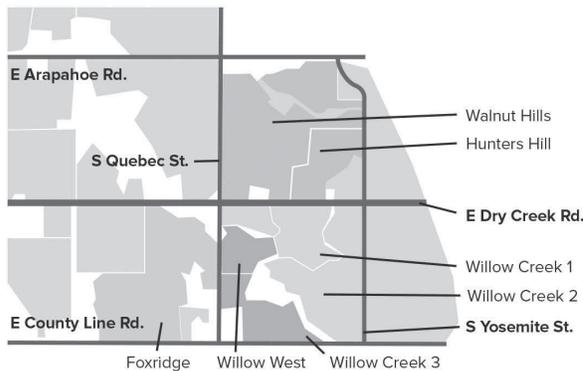
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A Thought About Neighbors...

Julie Gamec

Almost every year, I find myself writing about my wonderful neighbors and the people in Walnut Hills that make this community a true neighborhood. Granted, this note of thanks almost always comes after the second or third big snow storm when I am driving home, dreading the thought of shoveling, only to find that my driveway has already been cleared.

This one is different. This is a thank you to the neighbors who saw that I have hardly spent any time in my garden – one of my favorite pass times – and took the time to say “it is nice to see you” and “we wondered where you had been” when our paths

crossed. Now it may seem that in comparison to clearing the driveway this is nothing, but the more I have thought about it, the more I have come to realize that this is the true meaning of being a neighbor, a friend...a community. I count myself lucky to be surrounded by wonderful people like this. THANK YOU.



Thank You Walnut Hills

Devin Dumonceau oversaw a team of 7 scouts in assembling and installing two heavy-duty picnic tables as an Eagle Project at the Walnut Hills Elementary School shade structure. These included Ryan Dumonceau, Stephen Hogeman, Scott Biggs, Jonathan Asphaug, Kevin Reyes, Lucas Tipper, and Alex LaBarre. Three of the Scouts previously attended Walnut Hills. Thank you to the Walnut Hills Civics Association for allowing for me to fundraise and to everyone who donated to make this project possible.

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Dear Walnut Hills Community,

School is back in session! YEAH! I hope you have had a wonderful start to the fall.

I am thrilled to begin the 2018-2019 school! I am honored and humbled to begin my third year as principal of Walnut Hills. We

have so many exciting events coming up this year as well as a year filled with learning! Our mission states, "In partnership with our community, we empower ALL students through academic excellence and innovation to be inspired, confident, and happy in a safe and inclusive learning environment." We believe in EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY!

Walnut Hills Elementary is a highly academic school that has a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). Thanks to your dedication to the Cherry Creek School District, we were allotted \$500,000 to build our new innovation space in our existing library. I invite you to stop in and see the newly renovated space. We are excited to be able to use our innovation space to foster creativity, collaboration, communication and connections to instill 21st Century learning skills.

We are a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) school and we follow our one school rule of RISE: Respect, Integrity, Safety, and Excellence. We make decisions based on what is best for ALL of our children!

New to our school this year we will be implementing a "soft start" in the morning. This means students will be able to go directly to their classrooms at 7:45 a.m. This eliminates morning line up and gives kids a chance to settle in the classroom before class begins.

Another exciting change is recess will now take place before lunch. Children will have an opportunity to run and play before eating their lunches. This can reduce conflict, nurse visits encourages kids to eat more, and allow for kids to be ready to learn when returning to classrooms.

Our theme this year is "A Closer Look." This means the kids will be taking a closer look at themselves as learners, and the teachers will take a closer look at how they can better serve the needs of students in their classrooms.

We look forward to all of our fall events including Multicultural Night on October 5th from 6-7:30pm which includes our first LAUNCH evening based on cultural identity STEAM projects. Anyone is welcome to come by and participate. We have our all school sports spirit party (Oct 12) and our sports-themed RISE assembly (Oct 12) to celebrate positive student behaviors.

Our start to the school has been fabulous! I look forward to writing each month for the newsletter. And remember... together as a community, we will support and fulfill our district mission to inspire every student To Think, To Learn, To Achieve and To Care.

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2018 Activities	Date/Time	Location
Fall Dumpster Day	Oct 13 (Incl. electronics) 8 – 11 am or full	Walnut Hills School
Halloween Party	October 27, 2-4 pm	Walnut Hills Park
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

We Want Your Feedback! National Night Out
 This year, the WHCA decided to try hosting National Night out on Saturday instead of Tuesday. WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK! Did you find this day change worked better or not? Was the time of 5-7 better or not? What would you like to see next year? Please let us know your preference! Sent your feedback to membership@walnuthillscolorado.org.

The Walnut Hills Newsletter
 The Walnut Hills Newsletter has been around for 55 years. It started out as few sheets of paper informing the neighborhood about what the Women's Club was doing and since then, a full newspaper keeping us up to date on issues and events that affect Walnut Hills. The advertisers in the paper support our neighborhood and scholarship fund.
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Hoofin' It Through the Hollows 5K
Bring the entire family, including the dog, out for this 5K Halloween celebration. Dress in your Halloween best for a chance to win various costume contests. Stay after for s'more campfire.
Who: Runners of all ages and abilities
When: Sat, Oct 20, 2018, 5:45 pm
Where: deKoevend Park
Price: \$20, \$10 Youth
AARP Smart Driver Course
A driver improvement course designed for motorists age 50 and older
Who: Ages 50 and up
When: Fri, Oct 26, 2018, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Where: Buck Recreation Center
Price: \$15 AARP members, \$20 AARP non-members, Cash or check payable to AARP on first day of class
Reducing Stress with Yoga Nidra & Guided Meditation
Join Mindy Couture as she guides you through

gentle movement and into Yoga Nidra (completely guided meditation). Allow yourself time to rest, time to recharge, time to gain clarity and experience more balance in your life.
Who: Ages 18 and up
When: Fri, Oct 26 - Dec 7, 2018, 10 - 11:30 am
Where: Lone Tree Hub
Price: \$125 Resident, \$135 Nonresident
Spooktacular
A safe "trick or treat" experience! Kids will enjoy a little monster's mansion, haunted house, cupcake walk, arts & crafts, face painting, trick or treat street, carnival games and special guest performances! Sponsored by the City of Centennial.
Who: Children up to 12 years old and must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or over
When: Fri, Oct 26, 2018, 5:30 - 8 pm
Where: Goodson Recreation Center
Price: \$6, register soon

For more information on all events, programs and classes below, please call 303-798-5131 or visit ssprd.org.

Fall Recipe

Walnut Hills Apple Pie

"Makes Its Own Crust"

- 4 cups sliced, peeled apples
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- Pinch salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup nuts (optional)

Fill an 8-inch pie pan with apples. Sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon. Mix butter, salt, sugar, flour, egg and nuts (optional) together; sprinkle on top of apples.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1-hour Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

8 servings.

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