

Walnut Hills Newsletter

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Congratulations!

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter bunny is getting ready with treats and toys to once again join Walnut Hills at the annual Easter Egg Hunt! This year, the hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13th starting promptly at 11 am. The Hunt will be at Walnut Hills Park (not the school). We have room for everyone, including a tot lot for the little ones. We also will have fun crafts available for after the hunt. Please bring your basket and a smile! This year, the WHCA been fortunate to partner with Parks' Taekwondo Academy who is donating some free classes and coupons!

The generous support of Walnut Hills residents through the \$25 annual WHCA dues and great local businesses like Parks' Taekwondo Academy are what make Walnut Hills a great place to live! We look forward to seeing you at the hunt!



Spring Dumpster Days

Dumpster days will be here soon! Clean up the yard, clean out the basement and bring it down to Walnut Hills Elementary School Saturday, May 11 and/or Saturday, May 18th. The trash trucks arrive promptly at 8 am. Please do not line up before 7:30 am out of courtesy for the neighbors. The trash trucks will NOT take rocks, concrete, wet paint or hazardous materials. Most other household and yard items are gladly accepted. We will also have our wonderful metal guys to collect scrap metal. We will collect items until 11 am or until the trucks are full. If you have any questions on what you can and cannot dump, please call Donna 303-741-2065 No questions too small, I would not want you to sit in line and then be turned away for certain debris. You must be a paid 2019 member of the WHCA to participate. The 2019 annual dues started to be collected in March, so if you paid prior to that we will ask you to renew your membership. Membership can be paid via cash or check (made out to WHCA) the day of the event or via pay pal. We look forward to seeing you there!

Save The Date Energy Efficiency Presentation

The WHCA, in partnership with the Centennial Senior Commission, is pleased to invite all Walnut Hills residents to an Energy Efficiency presentation by Tim Aston, the CSU Extension director for Arapahoe County. This meeting was previously scheduled for a January date, but snow caused a change in plans. Mr. Aston will discuss the Xcel energy programs and incentives that help consumers save energy and money. Included is information on rebates, Energy Squad and also the Arapahoe County weatherization program. He is also able to discuss the availability of help with selecting energy saving heating and cooling, and hot water heating equipment. He will also provide a general overview of where we are in Colorado regarding electric powered vehicles.

In addition, the Centennial Senior Commission will briefly share its upcoming programs. There are some great ones coming up and they would love to see more Walnut Hills residents attend.

Also, City Councilman Mike Sutherland is expected to attend and provide updates on what is happening in Centennial in 2019.

A light breakfast will be served. All Walnut Hills residents are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!!!

When: April 30 At 10 a.m.
Where: Koelbel Library Meeting Room B
5955 S. Holly (Sw Corner Of Orchard And Holly)

Walnut Hills Scholarship Program Welcomes Donations and Volunteers



From Left to Right: Peggy Castle (Board member), Eric Gottschall (2018 Scholarship winner), Audrey Koenig (2018 Scholarship winner), Caleb Gerken (2018 Scholarship winner), Scott Bess (Board member) and Laura Klee (Board member). Photo: Jesse Alcorta

This year's Walnut Hills Scholarship competition is in full swing! At press time, our Selection Committee was reading and evaluating this year's applications and considering which of our neighborhood's outstanding high school seniors would be awarded scholarships. The recipients will be privately notified later in April and publicly announced in the June/July issue of the Walnut Hills Newsletter.

The Scholarship Fund Board has committed to awarding four \$2500 scholarships this year, good at any accredited college, university, or vocational school in the United States. A fifth scholarship may be awarded if contributions permit. Scholarships through the Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund

continue to be ever-popular and the program relies entirely on the generosity of our community. Contributions from Walnut Hills residents, along with financial support from the newsletter and the Walnut Hills Civic Association, have sustained the scholarship program for nearly fifty years now, funding almost a quarter million dollars' worth of scholarships during that span.

If you would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund, you may do so when you pay your Civic Association dues by enclosing a separate check, made payable to the Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund. Or, if you prefer, we now accept online contributions with PayPal, using our email of walnuthillsscholarship@gmail.com. Or you may mail a check directly to:

Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund
c/o Scott Bess
7158 S Quince St
Centennial, CO 80112

We also welcome volunteers! If you would like to serve on the Selection Committee or are interested in joining our volunteer board, please email your interest to us at walnuthillsscholarship@gmail.com.

And we encourage everyone to attend the July 4th Ice Cream Social, where the 2019 scholarship recipients will be publicly recognized. Please join us in meeting and recognizing these fine students!

Thanks for Letting us Know

- Thanks for letting us know that snow removal on the Arapahoe Road sidewalk continues to be a safety issue and that residents would like it to be cleared after storms.
- Thanks for letting us know TING continues to make progress and that more residents are getting connected.
- Thanks for letting us know ice dams in the neighborhood are dangerous and hard for homeowners to remove. Residents can report ice dams to the City of Centennial and request removal by the "arctic shark". Call the City at 303-325-8000.
- Thanks for letting us know the City of Centennial is starting to investigate the possibility of starting a City Police Department. Centennial Citizen reported on the study in February. The article can be found at <https://centennialcitizen.net/stories/centennial-eyes-options-to-form-police-department,276494>. Additional information will be passed along as it becomes available.
- Thanks for letting us know that some shade would be appreciated along the Little Dry Creek Trail especially near the benches. WHCA thinks that would be a great improvement and will look into the possibility!

Walnut Hills General Improvement District (GID) Contractor Needed

After many years, our wonderful contractor has retired and will no longer be assisting the GID with our fence. The GID is looking for a new contractor to assist with the maintenance and repair of our perimeter fence. The selected contractor will be engaged, under contract, to provide these services. This is an on-call type contract. Generally, we have one-two fence panel replacements during the winter as a result of traffic accidents and we have approx. 10-15 post replacements. This work is all done from the right of way and will require insurance. The GID is looking to sign a contract for one calendar year. Please send cover letter, qualifications and 3 references to Julie at julezkat@aol.com - subject line GID CONTRACTOR. Qualifications will be reviewed by the Project Manager and GID Representative. Qualifications will be accepted through May 15, 2019. Walnut Hills resident preferred.



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Walnut Hills Elementary School Receives First Ever Excellence Award



I am happy to announce that Walnut Hills Elementary School earned the John Irwin School of Excellence Award! The John Irwin awards are given to schools, by the Colorado Department of Education, that demonstrate exceptional academic achievement over time. These schools received an exceeds expectations rating on the academic achievement indicator of the School Performance Frameworks reflecting exceptional performance in Math, English Language Arts, and Science. The Excellence Awards are named for a true friend and visionary of education, former Colorado State Representative, John J. Irwin.

The mission of Walnut Hills Elementary School over the last three years is to empower ALL students through academic excellence and innovation to be inspired, confident, and happy in a safe and inclusive learning environment in partnership with families. Also, we are committed to increasing student achievement for all students; creating 21st-century learners through innovation; cultivating social

consciousness through respect, integrity, safety, and excellence expectations; inspiring students to be risk-takers, problem solvers, and critical thinkers through perseverance and grit; and collaborating in school-wide in professional learning communities. The commitment to the mission and vision, as well as the alignment of content and practices, have contributed to the result in increased achievement for all of our students.

I am honored and humbled to lead an amazing group of professionals. I thank the Walnut Hills staff and families for all they have done and will continue to do to raise achievement for all children. Congratulations Walnut Hills! Teolyn Bourbonnne - Principal

Walnut Hills Students Advance In Spelling Bee Competition

Three Walnut Hills students excelled in this year’s spelling bees. Yashaswi Balanagu, Carly Philpott, and Peter Philpott all competed in the District Spelling Bee on January 25. Yashaswi and Carly both advanced to the Colorado State Spelling Bee on March 16, and Carly placed 15th in the state.

Yashaswi is a fourth grader at Walnut Hills Elementary School. After placing second in his school bee, he flourished at District and became one of the younger students out of just 280 statewide to qualify for the state bee. Yashaswi is the son of Suni and Purnima Balanagu. At first Yashaswi was not too interested in spelling, but with the encouragement and motivation provided by his parents, he has done very well. He is glad that they encouraged him. He loves to read and math is one of his favorite subjects. He has won the Cherry Creek School District Math Challenge two times. Yashaswi is a very personable, bright, energetic and engaging young man who loves school and his teachers comment that his enthusiasm for learning is exceptional.

Carly attended Walnut Hills Elementary School and is now an eighth grader at Campus Middle School. She is the daughter of Shelby Balik and William Philpott. Carly won the Campus school bee for the third year in a row and then finished fourth at the District Bee, earning her spot in the state competition. She was the only contestant from the Cherry Creek School District to make it through the state bee’s written test to the oral round. There, competing with 28 other finalists from around the state, she ultimately finished 15th. She says that the Spelling Bee is a huge part of her life. She also plays the violin, takes care of numerous cold-blooded pets, and has volunteered at both the Bluff Lake Nature Center and the Carson Nature Center. Carly’s teachers comment that, “She is one of the most independently driven students that they have had and she is very competitive in a good way.” Carly is an outstanding student and a big fan of the Colorado Rockies.

Peter, Carly’s brother, is a fifth grader at Walnut Hills Elementary School. He won his school bee for the second straight year, competed at District, and finished just two places short of qualifying for state. He hopes to make it to the state level next year.

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Peter is an excellent student of whom his teachers say, “He loves to learn, especially new things, and has a real passion for learning.” The things that top Peter’s list of interests are reading and playing baseball. Peter plays both the trumpet and the piano and likes science, especially animals and biology. Writing is also something that Peter adds to his long list of things he likes to do.

Walnut Hills is very proud of its students, schools, teachers and staff who work hard to meet the need of all students.



Walnut Hills Beer Night Out Was A Huge Success!

On Tuesday, February 26th the WHCA and TING hosted a “beer night out”. We invited the neighborhood to join us at Resolute Brewing and have a drink on us. We had an amazing turnout - approximately 75 people came and spent the evening with us. We had some great door prizes including dinner at the food truck, t-shirts, gift cards and beer. TING had a lot of great information and was giving away phone pucks. Thank you SO MUCH to Resolute Brewing!! Not only did they provide excellent service at the bar, they generously hosted the event and donated several door prizes. Thank you also to My Favorite Muffin for donating gift cards and Barbed Wire Reef food truck. These wonderful businesses are a part of our community - aren't we lucky!!

The WHCA loved getting to see and spend time with our residents! We think this was a great event that really sparked the interest of people from all of Walnut Hill's wonderful different spectrums! Remember, that this event, like all of the events throughout the year, are supported by the generous people of Walnut Hills through your \$25 annual dues. The WHCA is always looking for new fun ideas - if you have one, please email us at membership@walnuthillscolorado.org. Photos Jesse Alcorta





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Qualities we all want to instill in our children. They do not just happen, you must be intentional. Through Scouting, both boys and girls have the opportunity to experience, learn and improve these skills. In addition, they will learn camping and wilderness survival skills, first aid, knot tying, small boat sailing, archery and more. There is a merit badge for just about everything a young scout wants to learn to do. All can be found in a safe, fun environment.

Troop 257 is one of the area's oldest Scout Troops. Chartering the organization for the 48th year in a row. This year the four oldest troop members will graduate from Cherry Creek High School, all are Eagle Scouts. In the past 4 years, 4 additional members of Troop 257 have also earned the prestigious rank of Eagle.

Scout Master Drew Berke has a lot to do with the boy's success. Starting out as a Cub Leader, Drew has been leading young men through the paces of hiking and camping, knot tying and teaching them the importance of completing merit badges.

Troop 257 offers a lot in individual attention to the scouts, as well as the opportunity for parents to be involved directly with scouting or support from behind the scenes.

To learn more about Scouting and Troop 257, contact 720-515-2827 or Troop257inWalnuthills@gmail.com.



Swarms of Bees Wanted

Walnut Hills is full of honeybees ready to swarm. If you see a swarm please call me right away and I will come pick it up. If you have any questions, give me a call and we can talk about saving the honeybees! Donna Senn 303-522-8384

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



Items of Interest

JHF

The following is from the philosophy of Charles Schulz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just ponder them. Just read them straight through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier? The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money ... or the most awards. They simply are the ones who care the most.

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The Snow Storm on the 22nd of February dropped approximately 8” of snow in the local area. The snow was mostly dry and easy to clear with a shovel or snowblower. Walnut Hills Elementary was cleared by workers quickly. Some families took the time out to enjoy the fresh snow by sledding the hill behind the elementary school. Kids and adults enjoyed the sunshine and even getting snow in their face didn’t deter them from having a good time. As is typical on the Front Range, the fresh snow did not last long and melted away a few days later but the memories will not.

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Walnut Hills Civic Association Annual Meeting



The Walnut Hills Civic Association had a busy, information packed Annual meeting! Boy Scout Troop 257 started off the evening with a Flag Ceremony. The board and attendees reviewed the by-law changes and the updates

were unanimously passed. The Board of Directors were elected and we are pleased to have one new board member. Our guest speakers were full of information!

Metrum Credit Union: MCU is honored to be a part of our community and invited neighbors to check out services and rates. WHCA thanked MCU for allowing us to use their space for monthly Board meetings.

Boy Scout Troop 257: This troop has been present in WH for 48 years, with many members progressing to Eagle Scouts - greatly developing leadership skills and a significant plus for college admission. Two Eagle Scouts shared their Eagle projects: benches for baseball field at WH School and a church renovation in Aurora. Younger Scouts talked about their camping trips, bonding and making new friends. Other community service activities include Leaf Rake in November and clean-up by Little Dry Creek. Open to opportunities for community service hours. Contact: Troop257inWalnutHills@gmail.com

Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund: 7 Applications for 2019 scholarships have been received and are under review. PayPal account has been set up for donations, with a link on WHCA website. Scholarships are historically completely funded by donations from residents, WH newsletter, WHCA. WHSF is in need of volunteer readers for scholarship applications, and also looking for new board members for next season to step in July of this year. Board meets every 3-4 weeks January through May, and less frequently between July and December.

Walnut Hills Elementary School PTCO: PTCO is a Parent-Teacher-Community Organization, and WH community participation is welcomed and encouraged. Volunteer opportunities are available. The PTCO funds Teacher Assistant salaries and supplies for the Innovation Center (e.g. 3D printer and robotics), and hosts fun school events. WH school is a recipient of the John Irwin Academic Excellence Award and is growing, with 40 more students than projected this year. A number of students come from other neighborhoods through open enrollment which begins after Kindergarten round-up each year. Residents expressed interest in more info about open enrollment.

Southgate Water and Sanitation District: - 2019 waterline upgrades will begin in the next month or so to replace about 14,000 feet of waterlines, valves, and fire hydrants in large section of neighborhood due to aging infrastructure. New PVC material will be longer lasting. No replacements in water lines to homes. There will be minor shutdowns of service when reconnecting to new lines. Contractor will notify residents 24 hours prior. Pipes may have some air bubbles when reconnecting. Work hours 8 AM – 5 PM per City regulations. At end of project contractor will pave the half of the street in which the water line was replaced, per City requirements. More information at <http://southgatedistricts.org/249/2019-waterline-replacement-project-walnut-hills>, or call 303.779.0261.

Arapahoe Library District: Provided brochures for numerous programs, classes, workshops, and activities geared to all different ages from babies to adults. Detailed information available on Arapahoe Libraries website. Castlewood Remodel – Interior remodel, redistribution of space, HVAC replacement, and parking lot improvements. Building can't be expanded

due to lack of space for required additional parking. Community feedback for desired improvements included: more natural light; expand Maker Space programs; add Café area; marked “zones”; car accessible book drop; improve parking lot traffic flow. Project timeline: Now in design phase through end of spring. Construction to begin late fall or early winter.

City of Centennial Senior Commission: City encourages seniors to stay active and participate, offering variety of programs, fun activities, luncheons, speakers, hikes, etc. Find senior programming and contact information on City website and NextDoor. Senior Commission partnering with WHCA for upcoming (rescheduled) Energy Efficiency Breakfast: Senior Commission advises City on senior issues. City of Centennial, Councilman Mike Sutherland, District 3: Mr. Sutherland can be contacted through the City website. Feel free to email or call. Mr. Sutherland covered several topics including:

Snow Plowing: In 2017 additional funds were allocated for snow plowing, but this year has been the first to really implement. When snow plow trucks are on the roads, with little or no snow, they may be de-icing and spreading sand. “Arctic shark” available for removing ice build-up, usually on shaded south side areas. There were over 80 requests for this service in last 4 weeks.

Jones District: New ownership at Jones District, North of IKEA and South of Dry Creek train station. New development plans underway for mixed use residential, office, commercial extending access south from Dry Creek station. Possible “Downtown Centennial” area.

Intelligent Transportation System (ITS): Traffic signal coordination with Lone Tree and Greenwood Village to improve traffic flow. Also, cameras for real time monitoring to adjust timing plus share info with Emergency services (Fire and Police departments). Fiber optic network helps make this possible. Pilot phase on Yosemite St., to be implemented later on Quebec St.

Feasibility Study for Centennial Police Department: Currently underway and will be made public once finalized. Former Arapahoe Sheriff Walters was hired as consultant for study. Study is being done because a number of citizens expressed desire for own PD. City recently released funding for additional patrol cars, dispatcher, and lab person, as requested by former Sheriff Walters and agreed to by current Sheriff Brown. Currently, City allocates \$30 million per year to contract Arapahoe Sheriff services. Citizens would have to vote for additional funding (increase in taxes) to fund a new Police Department. (continued Page 11)



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News From Arapahoe Libraries

Upcoming Programs At Castlewood Library

Living Statues and Structures
Tuesday, April 9, 4:30-5:30 pm
Compete in teams to create a human version of a world-famous statue or structure such as the Eiffel Tower or the Statue of Liberty while learning factoids about each architectural marvel. All supplies will be provided. For tweens ages 9-12.

Finding Your Voice through Writing
Thursday, April 18, 6:30-8 pm
In our lifetime, we will all suffer a personal hardship associated with death, receiving a diagnosis of an illness, experiencing a change in family dynamics or any life altering experience (personal or within your community). Finding your voice through writing provides an outlet to express yourself via written words while providing an opportunity to heal, grow and be empowered. Author, Rachel Kodanaz will share with the community her personal journey which led her to document her feelings, emotions, set-backs and growth. She will provide the audience with tools, techniques, learning experiences and what worked and didn't work to help her achieve her goals of telling her story, helping others through her words, finding her voice and healing. For teens and adults

Books on Tap at Halfpenny Brewing Company
Note: Off-site location at Halfpenny Brewing Company (5150 East Arapahoe Road, Centennial)
Wednesday, April 24, 7-8:30 pm Join us for some brilliant books and bubbling brews. Each month we'll discuss a book chosen by the group and have the opportunity to sample a new custom beer. This month's title is Circe by Madeline Miller. For adults.

Upcoming Program At Koelbel Library

Senior Event at Koelbel Library
Mark your calendar for Wednesday, April 17, for the annual senior resource fair at Koelbel Library. From 9-10 am, you can learn how to best explore and connect with your library card. Our senior services librarians will introduce you to seven surprising offerings available to you with your library card. A Senior Resource Fair will be held from 10 am-12 pm. At the fair, you can chat with a variety of local experts about senior lifestyle opportunities or care-giving at this open-house style fair. This event is for seniors and adult caregivers and is co-sponsored by the Centennial Senior Commission.
For more information or to register for these programs, visit arapahoelibraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY.

South Suburban Events April 2019

For more information on all events, programs, and classes below, please visit ssprd.org.

FREE Touch-A-Truck
Fun for the entire family! Climb high into the driver's seat and take the controls. Experience up-close a variety of emergency vehicles and more
Who: All ages
When: Sat, May 4, 9 am – 12 pm
Where: Sports Dome
Price: Free

FREE Active Adult Health and Resource Expo
Experience more than 60 excellent local resources and health screenings to improve your total well-being.
Who: Ages 18 and up
When: Fri, May 3, 9 - 11 am
Where: Buck Recreation Center
Price: Free

FREE 7th Annual Egg Scramble (sponsored by City of Centennial)
Meet the Easter Bunny, bring a basket or something to carry your eggs. No artificial grass or straw allowed. The event takes place rain or shine – it's indoors!
Who: Ages 12 and under
When: Sat, April 20, 8:30 - 11 am
9-9:30 am – 3 years and under; 9:30-10 am – 4 - 6 years;
10-10:30 am – 7 - 9 years; 10:30-11 am – 10 - 12 years
Where: Sports Dome
Price: FREE!

Pottery Guild Sales
Handcrafted pottery for sale by South Suburban Pottery Guild Members of the Goodson Clay Arts Studio. 15% of overall sales are donated back to the Goodson Clay Arts Studio.
Who: All ages
When: Mon – Wed, Apr 29 – May 1, 8 am – 8 pm
Where: Goodson Recreation Center
Price: Free admission

Triathlon Training Clinic
Our clinic trains for all three components of a triathlon: Running, Swimming, and Cycling on each day for the week.
Who: Ages 16 and up
When: Mon, Wed, Fri, Apr 1 – 26, 6 – 7 am
Where: Goodson Recreation Center
Price: \$108 Resident, \$112 Nonresident

Parent-Tot Canvas and Cookies
Parent or guardian create a work of art on canvas to take home that day while enjoying time sharing juice and cookies. Price is per child, no charge for adults.
Who: Ages 5 and up
When and Where: 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Mon, Apr 1, Buck Recreation Center
Wed, Apr 10, Sheridan Recreation Center
Wed, Apr 17, Goodson Recreation Center
Price: \$14 Youth Resident, \$16 Youth Nonresident

Active Adult Weight Training
Incorporate machine weights, free weights, stretching/ flexibility, balance and core training.
Who: Ages 18 and up
When: Mon and Wed, Apr 1 – 29, 10 – 11:15 am
Where: Lone Tree Recreation Center
Price: \$40 - \$45 Resident, \$55 - \$57 Nonresident

Dance It Out!
High energy dancing soothes anxiety and depression. Have fun grooving with youth Zumba® followed by a team huddle at the end of class.
Who: Ages 11 – 14, co-ed
When: Tue, Apr 2 – 23, 4:30 – 5:15
Where: Goodson Recreation Center
Price: \$22 Resident, \$25 Nonresident

Meditation and Mindfulness
Do you want to feel better? Do you want to experience more positivity in day-to-day life? This class is for you!
Who: Ages 18 and up
When: Sat, Apr 6, 10 am – 12 pm
Where: Goodson Recreation Center
Price: \$25 Resident, \$30 Nonresident

Blood Screening
The University Hospital professional staff screens cholesterol and over thirty other blood components. Drop-in basis, no appointments needed. And a 12-hour fast required.
Who: Ages 18 and up unless accompanied by parent/ guardian
When & Where: 7 – 9:30 am
Tue, Apr 16, Lone Tree Recreation Center
Wed, Apr 17, Goodson Recreation Center
Thu, Apr 18, Buck Recreation Center
Fri, Apr 19, Family Sports Center
Price: \$40

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2019 Activities	Date/Time	Location
Easter Egg Hunt	Sat. April 13, 11:00 am Snow date: Sat. April 20	Walnut Hills Park
Spring Dumpster Days	Sat. May 11 and 18 8 am – 11 am or full	Walnut Hills Elementary Parking Lot
4 th of July Parade, Ice Cream Social & Scholarship Awards	Thur. July 4 10 am – 11:30 am	9:30 am Stage @ Dry Creek School; 10:30 am Ice Cream @ Walnut Hills Park
Walnut Hills Night Out	Tues. August 6, 6 pm-8 pm	Walnut Hills School
Fall Dumpster Day	Sat. Oct 12 8 am – 11 am or full	Walnut Hills School Parking Lot
Halloween Party	Sat. October 26, 2-4 pm Rain/snow date: Sat. November 2, 2-4 pm	Walnut Hills Park
Jan/Feb 2020 Events	Event dates and information to be announced Check our website and/or watch the Newsletter!	
WHCA Board of Directors Meeting	Monthly - every 2 nd Thursday at 7:00 pm	Metrum Credit Union Open to all residents

The C-470 Improvement Project continues despite the weather. The rerouted traffic can be a bit nerve-racking and slow sometimes, but hopefully it will pass. The supports for a ramp continue to progress. The concrete and steel work is fascinating to watch and some of the workers appear to actually enjoy the audience.

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Walnut Hills Real Estate Update: Jay Buerger, Metro Brokers: 48 homes were sold in Walnut Hills in 2018, about half the normal in past years, indicating residents' desire to stay in the neighborhood. 7 homes sold this year to date. Average selling price 2018 was \$429,962. Currently, average is \$469,829 with 26 days on the market. Colorado Assn. of Realtors proposing offering tax free savings accounts for first home down payment. More affordable housing (condos) may result from recent legislation regarding defects in construction. "Recasting" is a new financing option for high equity owners wishing to move, allowing to buy a new home before selling current home.

Drive Like your Kids Live Here Signs Still Available

Drive Like your Kids Live here signs are still available. Due to the generosity of a resident, the signs are being offered for \$5 each. Signs will be available at WHCA events. Supplies are limited, signs will be available on a first come, first serve basis.



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By-Laws Approved at Annual Meeting

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