Walnut Hills Newsletter

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2nd Annual Beer Night

The WHCA is pleased to once again present Beer Night! This will be an open house format on February 25, 2020 from 6 pm to 8pm at Resolute Brewing located at 7286 S. Yosemite Street. Please come and join us for an evening of

fun, getting neighbors, beer! The for one beer (21+ only, you have to



r an evening of to know your and local craft event will pay per attendee please) - all do is show up!

The WHCA is pleased to once again team up with TING as a sponsor to make this event possible. Last year, we had a ton of fun and we hope you can join us again!

Dear Walnut Hills Neighbors

It soon will be time for the 2020 Walnut Hills Civic Association membership drive

The annual fee will now be \$30 (up from \$25) and will be well worth the investment.

Costs of our popular events have risen and that includes the cost of each trash truck for all 3 dumpster days. As board members and planners, we work hard at providing quality events, but do it with cost in mind.

Please remember the great events for the year coming up!

- Beer Night at Resolute
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Spring Dumpster Days
- Community Garage Sale
- Fourth of July Parade/ Ice Cream Social
- Yoga in the Park
- National Night out
- Fall Dumpster Day
- Halloween Party

Questions? Don't hesitate to call 303-522-8384

GID Update

There are several items of note going on for the GID these days!

• The GID Project Manager and GID Representative are working with the City of Centennial to develop a work plan for the 2020 budget year. This plan includes items such as anticipated expenditures, foreseeable projects, etc. When the work plan is completed and approved by the City, it will be published on the City's GID website and on the Walnut Hills Civic Association website.

• The graffiti along Yosemite and Arapahoe Road has been removed though some touch-up painting will be needed along Arapahoe Road.

• The damaged landscape in the last October snow storm has been repaired.

• Over the winter months, some pruning will be occurring along Yosemite and Quebec to increase visibility and help keep the sidewalks clear.

• The GID, City of Centennial and City of Greenwood Village are working together to develop a snow removal plan along the Arapahoe Road sidewalk that we hope to have in place in Ql of 2020.

Thanks For Letting Us Know

Thanks for letting us know that you have



an interest in hazardous waste pick-up. Call a tollfree hotline (800-449-7587) to schedule. Thanks to Arapahoe County and SEMSWA this program has a cost of \$20. For more information see page 10.

• Thanks to all the neighbors who are taking advantage of the new Contact Us page on the Walnut Hills Civic Association Website! We are glad to see the interest and participation, and love to connect with you! Please keep sending the great info and questions! You are the eyes and ears of our neighborhood!

2019 Fall Dumpster Day

Wow, what a great turn out this year for Fall Dumpster Day! The weather was bright and beautiful. It was a pleasure to meet old regulars and new neighbors just "cleaning up." Members were lined up before 7:30am and as soon as the "The Garbage Man" trash trucks showed up, we starting dumping. A big Thanks to the guys working Saturday, who "handled" our trash. There were 71 families waiting their turn.

It is always a pleasure to see Brookie "the metals man" with his son Dawd. They collected lots of metals and claimed our old treasures to be recycled. They have joined us for several years now and have supported out Dumpster Days no matter what the weather.

For your \$30 membership fee, not only do you have great events like Beer Night, Easter Egg Hunt, Community Garage Sale, Fourth of July Parade/ Ice Cream Social, Yoga in the Park, National Night Out, and Halloween Party; you have the Spring and Fall Dumpster Days. What a great deal! Thanks to all the board members, for all their help and we will see you next Spring Dump May 9th 2020!. Photography Jesse Alcorta



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Walnut Hills Celebrates The Holidays

The weather was crisp and unusually cool for Halloween. The community put up some great decorations. Early October snows did not put a damper on the ghoulish, macabre, and the creatively decorated homes. As some may know the cold weather snap lead to poor pumpkins in the patches, but vendors came through with many suitable orange orbs for neighborhood porches. Those that spent extra time adorning their homes with skeletons, witches, and ghouls are much appreciated. The festive atmosphere brings back sweet memories of my time as a youngster. Jesse Alcorta



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Christmas Lights

The early snows before, and following, Thanksgiving made difficult putting up Christmas decorations. Some intrepid souls braved cold temperatures and snow to get their homes ready for the grandest holiday of the year. Their spirit is infectious and brings a smile to those that pass through the Walnut Hills community. Whether it be an inflatable, small lighting displays, or a display that makes you the envy of every kid young and old, everyone knows that the neighbors of Walnut Hills have the spirit of the season amongst them. Jesse Alcorta







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For obvious reasons the sun dominates the calendar and a year is nothing more (or less) than one revolution of the earth around the sun. The seasons all begin and end on significant changes in the earth's orientation to the sun. The solstices mark the point when the sun is either at its northern or southern extreme in relation to the earth. The equinox marks the two days of the year when the sun passes the equator making the length of each day equal to the length of the night.

The seasons, of course, start and stop on the days that coincide with these aspects of the earth's revolution and its inclination in relationship to the sun. If you are familiar with Shakespeare you know that "A Midsummer's Eve" takes place on the longest day of the year, the summer solstice, in June. One thing that has always confused me about this play is that it isn't mid-summer at all, but it is in fact the first day of summer. Every school kid knows that summer doesn't start until school is out of session and I spent years thinking that this play must take place in the middle of July or sometime around then. One explanation of this problem argues that the two equinoxes, one in March and the other in September, mark the beginning of summer and winter respectively, and that the two solstices are the mid points between them. At least that makes for a simple explanation, though it does tend to relegate spring and fall into very secondary positions.

So here we are in fall, which might really be part of winter, approaching what might be referred to as midwinter's eve, the shortest day of the year and the beginning of winter. I have to say that for me at least this day in December has always seemed like the middle of winter, not the beginning of that season. Just consider that I am writing this before Thanksgiving and the ground outside is covered in snow. It is not surprising that there is cluster of Holidays at this time of year. The reasons for all that have many explanations, but the holiday that confuses me the most is New Years. I can't think of single explanation of why you would designate a day eleven days after the winter solstice as the start of a new year.

However, if you look at these things standing 20 feet away and can see them clearly with both eyes, then you are said to have 2020 vision. If you can't see these things clearly, you may need glasses.





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Walnut Hills Halloween Party

The 2019 WHCA Halloween Party was a huge success. The weather was warm, the snow long since melted away, and the grass was green. Many little goblins took advantage of the craft tables to make treat bags while others enjoyed the artistry under the face painting tent. Participants savored cupcakes at the cake walk and sour licorice during the licorice rope eating contest. The imaginative costumes, of both kids and adults, added to the festive atmosphere under the warm October sun. The afternoon culminated with a 'trick or treat' walk to several treat stations located cross the Walnut Hills Park. Jesse Alcorta





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A Hudson Christmas

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Who: All ages

When: Nov 29 - 30; Dec 1, Dec 6 - 8, Dec 13 - 24, Dec 26 - 31, 5 - 9 pm

Visit with Santa through Dec 23, 5 – 8:30 pm Where: The Hudson Gardens & Event Center Price: \$9 Hudson Gardens Members, \$8 – \$10.50 youth and adult Non-Members

FREE Pottery Guild Sale

Handcrafted pottery for sale by South Suburban Pottery Guild Members of the Goodson Clay Arts Studio. 15% of overall sales are donated to the Goodson Clay Arts Studio. Who: All ages When/Where: Mon - Thu, Dec 2 – 4, 8 am – 8 pm, Buck

Recreation Center Mon - Thu, Dec 9 – 12, 8 am – 8 pm, Goodson Recreation Center Price: Free admission in an educational and stimulating setting. Who: Ages 1½ - 3 When: Sat, Dec 7 - 14, 10:15 – 11 am, #4250111 Where: Goodson Recreation Center

Price: \$40 Youth Resident, \$44 Youth Nonresident

Holiday Arts & Craft Fair

This annual fair feature crafts, pottery, jewelry, clothing, quilts, paintings, photography, floral arrangements, woodwork and more from Colorado artisans. Who: All ages When: Sat, Dec 7, 9:30 am – 3 pm Where: Goodson Recreation Center Price: Free entry

FREE South Suburban Encore Chorale Holiday Concert

The concert offers a sparkling collection of holiday music that will please every musical palette. Who: Ages 55 and over When: Sat, Dec 7, 11 am Where: Parker United Methodist Church Price: Free

FREE Holiday Ice Shows and Skate with Santa

Skaters from the community, from tots to seniors, will participate in the annual Holiday Ice Show performances. Everyone can skate with Santa with their paid public skate admission and skate rental.

Who: Family event

When: Fri – Sun, Dec 13 – 15, various times Where: South Suburban and Family Sports ice arenas Price: Free, with a donation of a non-perishable food item

Polar Party

Join us anytime for the obstacle course, craft activities, pictures with Santa, and meet the Polar Bear! Soccer Buddies will provide soccer activities. Beverages and snacks provided by Monk and Mongoose.

Who: All ages

When: Sat, Dec 14, 9 am − 12 pm, #1015012 (dance performance 9 - 11 am) Where: Lone Tree Recreation Center

Items of Interest

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Christmas is a season not only for rejoicing, but of reflection. Winston Churchill

Santa Claus has the right idea - visit people only once a year. Victor Borge

If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble. Bob Hope

Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store. Dr Seuss

Well done is better than well said. Winston Churchill

It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it. Tomas S. Monson

A good conscience is a continual Christmas. Benjamin Franklin

I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. Charles Dickens

For it is in giving that we receive. Francis of Assisi

Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace. Pope Francis

Christmas is a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall and the genial flame of charity in the heart. Washington Irving

Let us be moral. Let us contemplate existence. Charles Dickens

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage. Lao Tzu

One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly. Andy Rooney

I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year. Charles Dickens

It's true, Christmas can feel like a lot of work, particularly for mothers. But when you look back on all the Christmases in your life, you'll find you've created family traditions and lasting memories. Those memories, good and bad, are really what help to keep a family together over the long haul. Caroline Kennedy



Price: \$5 Resident, \$7 Nonresident

Handprint Cookie Plate Workshop

Design a one of a kind handprint cookie plate for the holidays. All pieces will be fired and glazed to have as a keepsake memory of your child. Pick up finished pieces at a later time. Who: Ages 5 - 12 When: Thu, Dec 19, 4:30 – 5:30, #4252612 Where: Goodson Recreation Center Price: \$16 Youth Resident, \$19 Youth Nonresident

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Dear Walnut Hills Community,

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year! We've been busy making memories with experiences we have had both in the classroom as well as within our school community. I'm eager and excited for what's in store for the second half of the year. One upcoming event that I want to highlight and spread the word about is our Open House on Thursday, January 9 from 6:00-7:30 pm. This is a special opportunity for prospective families to meet staff, take a tour of the newly renovated building,

and learn more about what Dry Creek has to offer. In addition to this event, please take a moment to look over the list of all the upcoming events we have scheduled:

Monday, December 9	CCSD Board of Education meeting, Dry Creek 7:00 pm	
Wednesday, December 11 Thursday, December 12	Parry's Pizzeria Dining Night Out, 4-8 pm School Accountability meeting, 5:30 pm	
Thatsemy, December 12	PTCO meeting, 6:00 pm Choir Performance, 6:30 pm	
Friday, December 20 Dec 23-Jan 6 Thursday, January 9 Monday, January 20 Saturday, January 25	Talent Show, 8:30 am Winter Break-No School Dry Creek Open House, 6:00-7:30 pm Martin Luther King Day-No School Father Daughter Dance, 6:00-8:00 pm	

We welcome all community members to participate in our evening events and celebrate our talented Explorers!

Roberta Ballard - Principal

Arapahoe Urban Center 4

Arapahoe Urban Center 4 (AUC4) District - Between Yosemite and I-25 and South of Arapahoe to Alton Way The City of Centennial has contracted with Leese & Associates, a planning and urban design firm, to develop a community-based vision for redevelopment of the district. This investigative work has just begun. As information becomes available, it will be passed on via City and Walnut Hills channels. Please follow this project and provide input early and often, as it will affect Walnut Hills! The City has promised the WHCA a robust public outreach process and the WHCA board has been invited to be a stakeholder on the project moving forward. If there are any neighbors that have a particular interest or are willing to donate their time and/or expertise as part of a focus group, please let us know at membership@walnuthillscolorado.org.

The Arapahoe Urban Center 4 was a highlight area in the City of Centennial's NEXT comprehensive plan (available here:https://www.centennialco.gov/Government/Departments/Community-Development/Long-Range-Comprehensive-Planning) See page 2-23. This area was also part of the Arapahoe Urban Center Sub-Area Plan adopted by the City in 2007.

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Dear Walnut Hills Community,

December has arrived!!! I hope you all are entering December with your hearts full of all the joy the month brings.

50 YEARS! In October we celebrated fifty years of educating children at Walnut Hills. It was fantastic to see so many past students, teachers, staff, principals, and community members. The Walnut Hills legacy is truly magical and I appreciate you all being part of this legacy. Thank everyone who came to join us in the celebration and balloon release.



I am happy to say this is the fourth year of having

lunch with every child in the school. These personal lunches allow me to get to know every child in a more genuine and authentic way. We talk about everything from favorite ice cream to how I can make the school better and safer. They make me laugh as well as teach me compassion and love.

Our LAUNCH and Multicultural Night was a HUGE success! Thank you all for participating. Learning about each child's culture was incredible. I was thrilled to see such a glorious celebration of our community. Also, we had a fabulous Glow & Grow RISE assembly to celebrate positive school behaviors. We will have two more assemblies this year to celebrate more children.

We had a very successful week of parent-teacher conferences at the beginning of November. Teachers had the opportunity to meet with every family and share the progress as well as growth.

On November 11th, we had our annual Veteran's Day Celebration. It is important to honor all veterans as well as teach our children the importance of recognizing those who have served our country. Thank you again to all of our active military and veterans for your service.

Grandparents Ďay and Turkey Trot is a long-time tradition here at Walnut Hills. Unfortunately, the day was cancelled because of the snowstorm.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our school and children. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

Teolyn Bourbonnie - Principal



Ting Update

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3) This construction will be different then past construction. Ting will need to place the handhole in the sidewalk instead of the city right-of-way (Little to no digging will be done in the yard, it will be focused on the sidewalk)

4) This process will take several weeks. Signs and safety cones will be placed all along the area of construction.

5) Once the construction is completed the sidewalk will be back to its previous walkable condition.



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Check it out! Walnut Hills Civic Association Has A New Website!

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2020 Activities	Date/Time	Location
Annual Meeting	Thur. March 14, 7 pm	Metrum Credit Union
Easter Egg Hunt	Sat. April 4, 11 am	Walnut Hills Park
Spring Dumpster Days	Sat. May 9 and 16 8 – 11 am or full	Walnut Hills School Parking Lot
Community Garage Sale	Fri./Sat. June 5 and 6	Your homes
4 th of July Parade and	Sat. July 4	9:30 am Stage @ Dry Creek
Ice Cream Social	10 am – noon	School; 10:30 am Ice Cream @ Walnut Hills Park
Walnut Hills Night Out	Tues. August 4, 6 – 8 pm	Walnut Hills School – includes free supper!
Yoga in the Park	Sun. June 14 and 28	9 am
	Sun. July 12 and 26	Walnut Hills Park
	Sun. Aug. 9 and 13	Bring a mat / towel
Fall Dumpster Day	Sat. Oct 10 8 – 11 am or full	Walnut Hills School Parking Lot
Halloween Party	Sat. October 24, 2 – 4 pm	Walnut Hills Park
Beer Night	Tues. Feb. 23, 2021	Brewery TBD
WHCA Board of Directors	Monthly - every 2nd	Metrum Credit Union
Meeting	Thursday at 7 pm	Open to all residents



The Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA) has a contract with Curbside, Inc. for their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection program. Curbside, Inc. offers a standard door-to-door HHW collection program for the proper disposal and recycling of leftover household hazardous materials for residents of unincorporated Arapahoe County and the City of Centennial. With a professional collection like Curbside, the County and City can work towards maximizing the recycling of HHW. For example, all small batteries collected, including rechargeable, one-time-use, hearing aid and watch batteries, are actually recycled into new materials, with some of the metals used to make new batteries. Small battery collection by Curbside is a true recycling program, where none of the batteries end up in a landfill.

The Curbside Program works as follows: Residents call a toll-free hotline (800-449-7587) operated by Curbside to schedule a collection. The operator will qualify the caller (this program is open to unincorporated Arapahoe County and City of Centennial residents only), determine the types and quantities of acceptable material the resident has for collection, and schedule a collection date and time. Curbside is capable of collecting nearly all types of HHW, including used motor oil, used oil filters, antifreeze, paint, household and auto batteries, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, acids, photo chemicals and household chemicals, and can discuss proper disposal of non-acceptable items during the hotline call. Prior to collection day, Curbside, Inc. sends participants a HHW kit with instructions and a collection bag. On collection day, residents are instructed to place the kit with HHW in a safe location outside their home for pick up. The resident does not need to be home for the collection activity. The co-payment for this

program is \$20.00. SEMSWA picks up the remainder of the costs, about \$90 per household collection.

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So when you do your annual cleaning, be sure and segregate your HHW and give Curbside, Inc. a call to come pick it up. Other jurisdictions have voluntary programs in which people will deliver the HHW to a collection point, typically called a "Round Up Day". It has been the experience of both the Arapahoe County's Sheriff's Office and SEMSWA that participation is greater when a pick-up program is offered rather than a collection site, the transport of the wastes is safer, and the collection is more efficient and cost-effective. We urge you to utilize this service when you have identified HHW items to be disposed.



Additional general resources on household hazardous wastes and recycling opportunities include www.earth911.org and www.obviously.com/recycle/. Earth 911 lists by state and county HHW facilities, collection details and collection event information. Obviously.com provides a recycling guide that provides a starting point for consumers in the USA and Canada searching the net for recycling information. The information is for regular folks with regular household quantities of materials to recycle. The goal is to help make recycling so easy and automatic that it blends into the flow of everyday life.

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Happy New Year! Welcome 2020

As we say goodbye to 2019 and welcome the New Year, please consider getting more involved in our neighborhood. Walnut Hills is a unique place, filled with brand new families, multigenerational families living across the street from each other, and families who grew up here, returning after moving far away. It's truly is a refuge in a big city with beautiful parks, nurturing schools and awesome neighbors.

The Civic Association Board of Directors is a great place to start for serious and gratifying volunteer work. If you would like to contribute only a few hours a year, consider getting a paper route of your own to deliver the Newsletter to your neighbors. Finally, for the end of the year, consider making a tax deductible donation to the Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund, serving High School Seniors since 1972. Whatever you choose, we wish you a Happy New Year!

2020 Walnut Hills Scholarship Competition Opens in January

Calling all high school seniors! The annual Walnut Hills college scholarship competition returns again for 2020. If you are a senior living in the neighborhood, graduating this spring, and planning to begin college or vocational school in the 2020-21 academic year, we encourage you to apply.

As in recent years, we will be awarding scholarships in the amount of \$2,500. The scholarships are good at any accredited college, university, or vocational school in the United States.

Applications for the scholarships will be available beginning on January 6, 2020. For a copy of the application form, please email Bill Philpott at wphilpo@gmail. com or Scott Bess at scott.w.bess@gmail.com. Application forms will also be available in the Post Grad Center at Cherry Creek High School. The application requirements include a short essay and letters of recommendation.

The deadline for submitting your application will be Friday, March 6, 2020.

All of us on the Walnut Hills Scholarship Board are honored to continue this neighborhood tradition. It's thanks to generous donations from Walnut Hills neighbors, along with help from the Walnut Hills Civic Association and Walnut Hills Newsletter, that we're able to recognize some of our neighborhood's accomplished and deserving young people each year, and offer a little help with the ever-growing expenses of higher education. All told, since 1972, the scholarship program has granted a total of \$219,000 to 147 recipients.

We are always deeply grateful for contributions to the Scholarship Fund. If you would like to donate, you may do so through PayPal or Venmo, using our email address of walnuthillsscholarship@gmail.com. If you prefer to donate by mail, you may send a check directly to the Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund, 7158 S. Quince St., Centennial, CO 80112. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at the address above.

If you'd like to participate in the scholarship program as a reader, evaluating the students' applications in March, or as a board member, or if you just have questions about the program, we would also be delighted to hear from you.

All of us on the board—Scott Bess, Peggy Castle, Laura Klee, Bill Philpott, and our newest board member, Janet Ragnow, fifth-grade teacher at Walnut Hills Elementary, sincerely appreciate your involvement and your support. We wish the best to our 2020 applicants, and to all of this year's graduating seniors!





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