

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 to know your neighbors, and local craft beer! The event will pay for one beer (21+ only, you have up! The WHCA is pleased to 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!



Walnut Hills Qualifies For Traffic Management

E. Costilla Blvd Traffic Calming Project Underway

What is the background on this project? In March of 2019, the WHCA applied to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) for East Costilla Blvd between East Costilla Ave and S. Unita Street. We had heard a concern from a neighbor that the traffic volume and speeds in this area were a problem. The City conducted traffic counts and monitored speeds for 48 hours along this stretch of road and found that there were 777 cars in a 24 hour period with an average speed of 30 mph. This section of road has a posted speed limit of 25 mph. Because of these factors, in addition to the street being next to a school, the project became eligible for NTMP. In late 2019, the WHCA was notified that the project had been accepted into the program and was one of four projects to be selected. Total, the project received \$37,500 in funding.

What are the next steps? The next step in this exciting process is to gather neighborhood input. All of the Walnut Hills neighbors are important and have a voice, but because of the way the program is set up, the adjacent neighbors are ESPECIALLY important moving forward! The City of Centennial will be setting up the 1st Public Meeting the week of February 17, 2020. This meeting will introduce the NTMP program and is a listening session for the neighbors to decide what kind of traffic calming will be appropriate, what uses are occurring in the area, what concerns there are, etc. The City will use this information to develop a recommendation to present to the neighbors at the second Public Meeting most likely to be held in April. Notifications will be sent to the effected neighbors and the WHCA. Meeting location is yet to be determined, but the information will be distributed as soon as possible. Please be on the lookout for information regarding this program on the WHCA website at www.walnuthillscolorado.org.

Why are the effected/adjacent neighbors so important? Because these residents are anticipated to have to utilize/cross whatever traffic calming device is selected each time they leave their homes. While other neighbors will no doubt utilize/cross it, they will have alternate routes that would allow them to bypass the traffic calming device. Please see the DRAFT of the Area of Effected Neighbors Map. If your home is shown as an effected neighbor, please participate in the development of this program! Ultimately, the developed traffic calming device shown at Public Meeting #2 will be voted on by ONLY the effected neighbors. Ballots will be sent to the homeowners via mail. A minimum of 50% of the ballots must be returned to the City and of those 2/3 must be a yes vote for the project to move forward. Please note, not returning a ballot counts as a 'no' vote! If the ballot count and vote count is not received the project stops and Walnut Hills will not be able to apply for this section of road again for 3 years.

Important Dates:

- 1st Public Meeting - the week of February 17, 2020 - Listening Session
- 2nd Public Meeting - anticipated April, 2020 - Recommendation and neighbor consensus
- Ballots to effected homeowners
- Tally of Ballots - 50% must be returned to the City and of those returned 2/3 must be a 'yes' vote.
- Project construction (if approved by effected neighbors) - 2021 (to coincide with Southgate water line improvements)

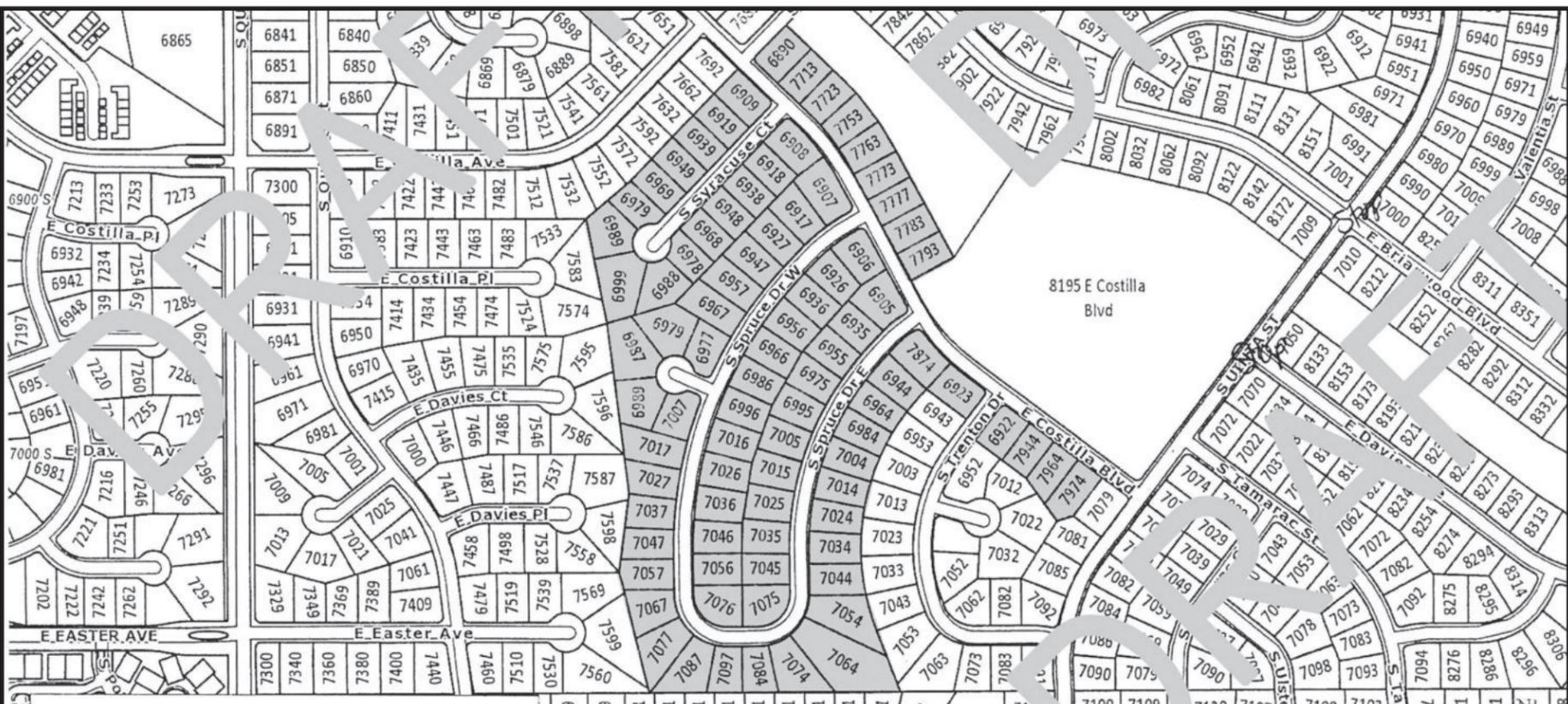
Where will this information be available? Information regarding the project, dates and outcomes will be available on the WHCA website at www.walnuthillscolorado.org. When available, City of Centennial Project Engineer contact information will be made public. Please talk to your neighbors about this project, attend the public meetings and if applicable, submit your vote!

\$2500 Scholarship Applications Due Friday, March 6, 2020

Attention all high school seniors! Applications for the Walnut Hills Scholarship are due Friday, March 6, 2020. Application forms are available in the Post Grad Center of Cherry Creek High School or may be obtained by emailing the following Board members: Bill Philpott at wphilpo@gmail.com or Scott Bess at scott.w.bess@gmail.com. Application requirements include a short essay and letters of recommendation.



Possible Traffic Calming Measures - speed humps, pedestrian crossings, medians and curb extensions are several of the traffic calming devices that may be looked at.



DRAFT Area of Effected Neighbors - Effected neighbors that will receive a ballot are highlighted. Your input is essential - without your vote, nothing will be implemented!



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March 3, 2020 - Presidential Primary

On March 3, 2020, Arapahoe County will hold a Presidential Primary election, which will determine the presidential nominees for each political party. All active voters will receive a ballot the week of Feb. 10, 2020. There are recent changes to Colorado's presidential primary process, so read on to make sure you're ready for the election on March 3.

The most comprehensive voter information for Arapahoe County can be found at arapahoevotes.com.

Update your voter registration

Make sure your voter registration is active and your mailing address is current by visiting www.govotecolorado.gov. The County uses this information to mail your ballot to you. Please note that ballots are not forwarded even if you have submitted a Change of Address form to the U.S. Postal Service.

Watch your mailbox

Ballots will be mailed to active registered voters the week of Feb. 10, 2020. Please allow one full week for your ballot to arrive.

If you do not receive your mail ballot, please visit www.govotecolorado.gov and verify your voter registration address is correct. Update your address, if necessary, and a replacement ballot will be mailed to your new address. Ballots cannot be forwarded by the U.S. Postal Service. If you have any other issues, please contact our office at 303-795-4511.

After Feb. 24, we can no longer send ballots by mail. Instead, you must go to a Voter Service and Polling Center to update your registration and request a ballot.

Who is on the ballot?

The Colorado Secretary of State maintains candidate information. Please visit the Secretary of State website for a list of candidates who have been certified to their respective Democratic and Republican party ballots.

Which ballot will I receive?

Colorado has not held a presidential primary election since the year 2000. In 2016, Proposition 107 recreated and reenacted state laws allowing for presidential primaries. As noted above, all active voters will receive a mail ballot for the Presidential Primary to be held on March 3. The ballot you receive is based upon your party affiliation. In brief:

- o If you are registered with a major party, you will get that party's ballot.
- o If you are unaffiliated and have elected to receive a specific party ballot, you will get that party's ballot. Visit www.govotecolorado.gov to declare a major party ballot preference.
- o If you are unaffiliated and have no preference, you will get both major party ballots. Please note: you may only return a ballot for one party. If two voted ballots are returned, neither will count.
- o There are no minor party candidates for the March 3 Presidential Primary. So, if you are unaffiliated and have indicated a preference of a minor party, you

will get both major party ballots. Please note: you may only return a ballot for one party. If two voted ballots are returned, neither will count.

- o If you are affiliated with a minor party, you will not get a ballot.

To check your affiliation status, or to declare an affiliation or party preference, please visit www.govotecolorado.gov or visit a Voter Service and Polling Center.

I'm 17. Can I vote in the Presidential Primary?

The Colorado Votes Act (HB 19-1278), which took effect in August 2019, allows 17-year-olds to vote in state and presidential primary elections as long as they'll turn 18 by the general election, Nov. 3. Seventeen-year olds who turn 18 after Nov. 3 cannot vote in this year's primary elections.

How to vote

There are two ways you can vote:

- o Complete your mail ballot and return to a 24-hour drop box, Voter Service Polling Center or U.S. Postal Service. You can find available Voter Service Polling Center locations near you on our website. Ballots must be received no later than 7 p.m. on March 3, 2020.

- o You can vote in person at a Voter Service Polling Center. Be sure to check VSPC open hours before you go. VSPCs will be open on Tuesday, March 3, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

How to return your mail ballot

Once you've made your selections and sealed and signed your envelope, it's time to return your ballot to Arapahoe County Elections. You have three options:

- o You can return your sealed ballot to any of our drop-off locations by 7 p.m. on March 3. No postage is required to use a 24-hour ballot box. Ballot boxes are open Feb. 10–March 3, 2020 at 7 p.m. MST. You can return your sealed ballot to any of our Voter Service and Polling Centers by 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3.
- o Send your sealed ballot back by mail. You'll need to include postage, which should cost .55 cents.

Youth Awards Nominations Now Open

The Arapahoe County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards program (ACMCYA) has opened its 2020 contest to nominations. The group of local leaders works with the Arapahoe County Foundation and outside sponsors to award one-time scholarships to high school seniors who have "overcome personal adversity and have created positive changes in their lives." The students are free to use the scholarships at vocational, two-year or four-year colleges within the 2020-21 or 2021-22 academic years as long as they've enrolled before the end of 2020.

To be eligible, students must live and attend school in Arapahoe County, but their education can be in a non-traditional setting such as a group home or an alternative school. Qualified students must be nominated by teachers, counselors or other educators who are not related to the nominee. Relatives of County employees are not eligible to be nominated.

To have a student considered, nominating adults must complete the ACMCYA nomination form and submit it along with an essay, written by the nominee, that highlights, in no more than 400 words, what the student has overcome and learned to reach this point, and what they hope to accomplish in the future.

"It's difficult for many students to afford post-secondary education, yet without this level of schooling it's almost impossible to get a job that pays a living wage," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Jackson. "The Youth Awards recognize the hard work it takes to overcome all kinds of adversity, and these scholarships provide some help for bright, driven and resilient students toward achieving their long-term goals."

The deadline for submitting nomination form is Friday, Feb 28. at 5 p.m., and forms should be emailed to lcannon@arapahoegov.com. For more information, visit the ACMCYA page on Arapahoegov.com.



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Letter to the Editor

Good Reviews

Frank Haskett

I have noticed a few residents of Walnut Hills having their sewer lines replaced. Read on and you may save some money if these people come knocking on your door and offering a "Free" sewer line inspection. They did one for me about two years ago and found that I needed to replace the line- \$12,000 to \$15,000 was their estimate. I did a little research and found two companies that work in tandem and DO NOT replace sewer lines. They will tell you if you have roots blocking your line. One of them will remove the roots for \$145.00 to \$190.00. If needed, the other will run a camera down the line and spray the roots to retard growth. That cost is \$200.00. I needed both, so for less than \$500.00 I was back in business. I liked that lot more than \$15,000. They do want to spray the roots every 15 months, but I found that to be very fair. They will tell you if you need a new line, but they do not do that replacement work.

So, when one of these salesman types coming knocking on your door and crying crocodile tears about the cost you are about to incur, call Hydro-Physics at 303-536-5956 and ask for Julie. If need be, they will do the camera work. Also, they will refer you to 24 Hour Drain and Sewer at 720-495-0354 (if you need it), and they will cut out the roots and spray them. Ask for Chris Haines. Good luck.

New Program Lets Arapahoe County Seniors Know Someone Cares

We may be living longer, but not necessarily better. According to studies, 29% of seniors in the United States live alone. Older adults who live alone are more likely to be poor, lonely and socially isolated. That's why the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office has started the Senior Check-In program. We want adults in Arapahoe County to know that someone cares. It also offers some peace of mind for family members living out of the area.

"This program creates connections and makes our world stronger. I have been calling my senior for three years now, and we have lunch on a regular basis! She is a great friend and confidant that I treasure. It is our hope that through this program more of these relationships with bloom and cultivate exactly what Arapahoe County strives for in 'an emphasis on community spirit,'" said Lea Harms, Communications Supervisor at the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office.

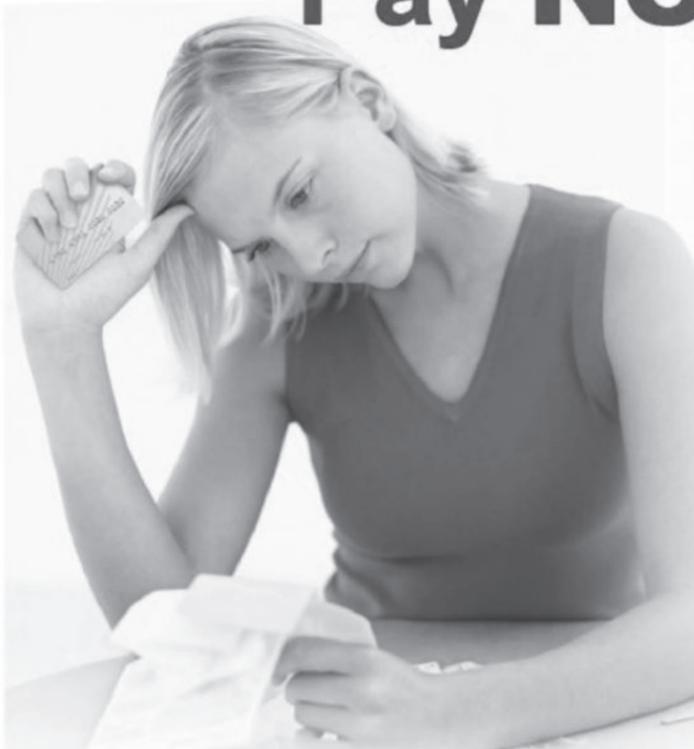
Seniors who join the check-in program will receive a weekly call by a volunteer. The volunteer will ask about their well-being and make sure they're doing OK. If there is no answer, the volunteer will call again until they make contact with the senior. If there is no response, the volunteer will contact the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office. We will call the senior's emergency contacts and will dispatch a deputy to conduct a wellness check.

To qualify to be in the program, the person must be 60 years or older, live alone (not in a nursing home or an assisted living facility,) and not have any relatives nearby. The senior must also live in the city of Centennial or in unincorporated Arapahoe County. We do not have agreements with other cities and towns to provide the service.

To join the program yourself or enter a senior in the program, apply here. We're also looking for volunteers to make weekly check-in calls. Apply to volunteer. Watch a video to see how it works.

Learn more at <https://www.arapahoegov.com/2022/Senior-Check-In>. For questions, please call 303-795-4711 or email us at Seniorcheckin@arapahoegov.com

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Walnut Hills Civic Association Annual Meeting

The Walnut Hills Civic Association Annual Meeting is pleased to have the following guest speakers this year: AUK-4 Plan (planning and redevelopment of the southwest corner of I-25 and Arapahoe) City of Centennial Consultant Mark Leese with Leese & Associates, Cherry Creek School District and the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office. In addition, Metrum Credit Union, the Walnut Hills PTCO, Boy Scout Troop 257 and Jay Buerger will give brief updates. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm.

When: Thursday, March 12, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: Metrum Credit Union 6980 S. Holly Circle, Centennial, CO 80112

- Agenda:
- 7:00-7:05 pm Flag Ceremony
 - 7:05-7:15 pm WHCA Board Business (approval of 2019 minutes, election of officers)
 - 7:15-7:20 pm Welcome from Metrum Credit Union
 - 7:20-7:25 pm Update from Boy Scout Troop 257
 - 7:25-7:30 pm Update from Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund
 - 7:30-7:35 pm Update from Walnut Hills PTCO
 - 7:35-7:40 pm Walnut Hills Real Estate Update with Jay Buerger
 - 7:45-8:05 pm AUK-4 Presentation and Q&A
 - 8:05-8:25 pm Cherry Creek School District Presentation and Q&A
 - 8:25-8:50 pm Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Presentation and Q&A
 - 8:50 pm Concerns from Neighbors and Closing Remarks

We know there is interest in the progress of the Castlewood Library expansion - Arapahoe Library District has asked to speak with the neighborhood when the project is closer to finalized. We will keep you updated. We hope to see you there - this is a great time to come and meet the Board and hear what is going on in and around our neighborhood!

Shade Structures Along Little Dry Creek Trail

Well it is finally happening! Quite a while back, a resident reached out to the WHCA to offer the suggestion of adding some shade at the benches along Little Dry Creek Trail. The WHCA Board and the GID thought this was a great idea and went to work making this request a reality. It has taken some time and coordination, but we have received a quote for materials and installation, secured the funding budget through the GID and are coordinating with South Suburban Parks and Recreation District to get permissions in place. The structures should be installed before the heat of the summer and the WHCA and GID are looking forward to the addition! The structures will be tan with a green roof to match the shelter at the tennis courts. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the WHCA Board at membership@walnuthillscolorado.org

Ting Is Working Along The Southwest Corner Of Walnut Hills!

After many delays, TING is starting construction in the southwest corner of the neighborhood. These residents have been very patiently waiting for service for almost 24 months! For more information and to talk to TING representatives, please join the WHCA at Beer Night on February 25 at Resolute Brewing. This fun event is being sponsored by TING.



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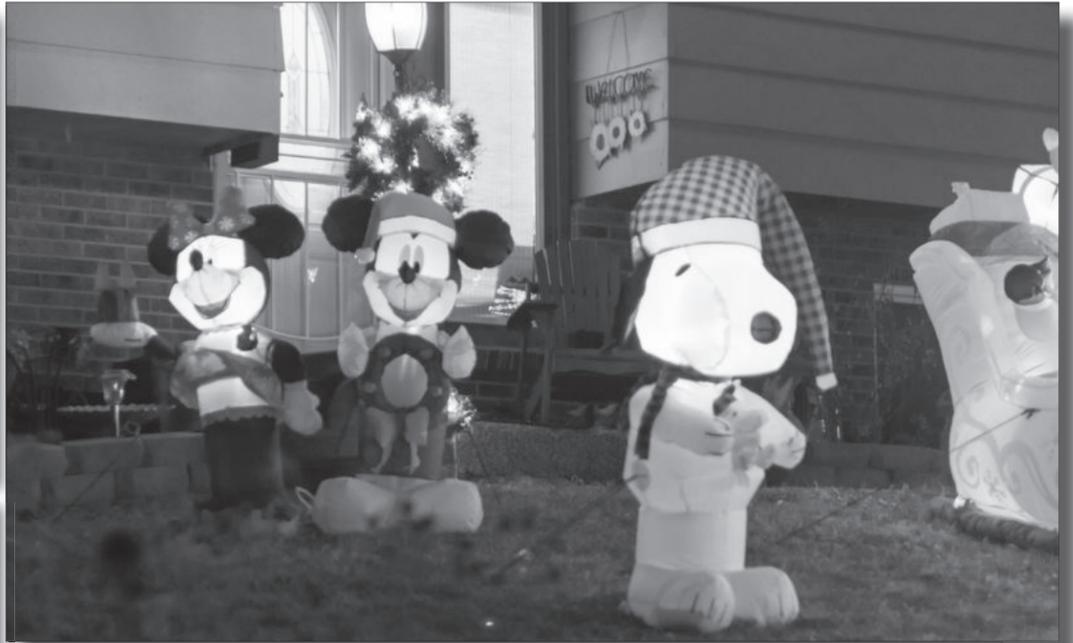
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Holiday Lights

The residents of Walnut Hills once again showed their Christmas spirit. Some got a jump on their seasonal displays by getting set up before Thanksgiving and avoiding the cold and snowy weather that followed afterward. Others were forced to wait until after the beginning of December to put their decorations. Displays ranged from simple wreaths on doors and in windows, to displays of lights, animation, inflatables, and music. I love driving through Walnut Hills during the Christmas season because the spirit of the residents is on display and brings a sense of belonging to kith and kin.

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South Suburban Events February 2020

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

Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance

Fathers and daughters spend an evening of dancing, music, and prizes. Refreshments served.

Who: Ages 4 - 5

When: Fri, Feb 7, 6:30 - 8 pm

Where: Goodson Recreation Center

Price: \$25 Couple Resident, \$30 Couple Nonresident, #345032

Matching Gifts Program

The Matching Gifts Program provides a way to join with South Suburban in the development of the district's special projects. Applications accepted beginning Feb 1.

Who: Individuals, neighborhoods, homeowner associations, sports groups, businesses, and other organizations.

When: Application deadline, Fri, Mar 6

Where: District property

Price: Free to apply

Lone Tree Golf Club & Hotel Weddings and Events

Experience a memorable occasion, both indoors and outdoors, customized to your tastes. Say "I Do" and book other events, i.e., meetings, team building, sports banquets and after-proms, in this lovely hotel setting.

Who: All ages

When: Your choice

Where: Lone Tree Golf Club & Hotel

Price: Prices vary

Super Sunday Fun Run 5K

Bring the entire family to run or walk before the big game and enjoy a post-race party at Breckenridge Brewery Farmhouse. Show your team spirit and wear your favorite team jersey or attire for this 5K. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome.

Who: All ages and abilities

When: Sun, Feb 2, 10 am

Where: Race starts at Reynolds Landing and continues on Mary Carter

Greenway along the Platte River Trail

Price: \$30 Adults, \$20 Ages 14 and under

Super Stars - Multi-Sport Classes

This fun and interactive introduction to sports improve basic motor skills while interacting with others in a safe, fun, and positive environment.

Who: Ages 3 - 6

When: Tue, Feb 4 - 25, or Wed, Feb 5 - 26, 9:30 - 10:20 am

Where: Sports Dome

Price: \$50 Youth Resident, \$60 Youth Nonresident, #515132, #515172

Groovaroo

Come rock with your little one and other groovin' parents in this unique baby bonding dance class.

Who: Ages 6 weeks - 24 months

When and Where:

Wed, Feb 5 - 26, 10 - 11:30 am, Lone Tree Hub, #448042

Wed, Feb 5 - 26, 1 - 2:30 pm, Goodson Recreation Center, #429032

Sat, Feb 8 - 29, 10 - 11:30 am, Lone Tree Hub, #448052

Sat, Feb 8 - 29, 1 - 2:30 pm, Goodson Recreation Center, #429122

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

South Suburban Encore Chorale

Come sing in this non-auditioned choir that emphasizes the social, emotional, physical, and mental health benefits of singing. Free Open House is on Mon, Feb 3 at Buck. The concert is on Sat, May 2 at Parker Methodist Church.

Who: Adults - Seniors

When: Mon, Feb 10 - Apr 27, 1 - 2:45 pm

Where: Buck Recreation Center

Price: \$120 Resident, \$125 Nonresident, #708452

Parent-Tot Canvas and Cookies

Create a work of art while enjoying some juice and cookies with a parent or guardian.

Who: Ages 5 and up

When: Wed, Feb 12, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Where: Lone Tree Recreation Center

Price: \$14 Youth Resident, \$16 Youth Nonresident, #461902

Nature Camp - President's Day

Enjoy a crisp winter's day exploring nature as wild animals do! Children seek animal clues and then warm up indoors with games and crafts.

Who: Ages 6 - 10

When: Mon, Feb 17

Where: South Platte Park

Price: \$29 Youth Resident, \$39 Youth Nonresident, #674060

Art Experience

Learn new techniques or refresh your old skills using oil,

watercolor, pastel, ink, and acrylics in a friendly setting. All materials provided.

Who: Ages 16 and up

When: Mon, Feb 24 - Apr 6, 2 - 4 pm

Where: Goodson Recreation Center

Price: \$81 Resident, \$91 Nonresident, #430132

Watercolor Techniques

This class provides instruction for all levels, beginning to advanced. Explore paint mixing and brushwork techniques led by an exceptional artist in a friendly setting.

Who: Ages 16 and up

When: Tue, Feb 25 - Apr 7, 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Where: Goodson Recreation Center

Price: \$75 Resident, \$84 Nonresident, #430512

Hip Hop Dance

Learn hip hop choreography, technique, and coordination that is age-appropriate, high energy, and fun! Wear loose, comfortable clothing and sneakers or closed-toe shoes that will slide for all classes.

Who: Ages 4 - 6

When: Wed, Feb 26 - Apr 1, 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Where: Goodson Recreation Center

Price: \$38 Youth Resident, \$44 Youth Nonresident, #422702

Jazz Funk Dance

Also called Street Jazz, it incorporates little bits and pieces of other dance genres and wraps them into a funky style that is both fun and expressive! When paired with funky music, this dance style is of the body and the mind. Be graceful and be intense and have fun!

Who: Ages 7 - 11

When: Wed, Feb 26 - Apr 1, 5:15 - 6:15 pm

Where: Goodson Recreation Center

Price: \$45 Youth Resident, \$50 Youth Nonresident, #432292

Cheer/Poms

Come learn fun, high energy routines with sharp synchronized movements. Students will learn cheer movements to incorporate into their dances, including group work, turns, and jump sequences. This class is great for those who want to get on a dance or poms team at their school.

Who: Ages 11 - 17

When: Wed, Feb 26 - Apr 1, 7 - 8 pm

Where: Goodson Recreation Center

Price: \$45 Youth Resident, \$50 Youth Nonresident, #422832

Groove 'N Motion Band Concert

Colorado's premier powerhouse show/variety band features horn-driven classics and current hits, as well as Classic Rock, R&B/funk/soul, Latin, and Jazz!

Who: Ages 12 and up

When: Fri, Feb 28, 7 - 9 pm, #409462

Where: Buck Recreation Center

Price: \$14 all tickets

FREE South Suburban Job Fairs

Join us to meet with staff, ask questions, and learn more about our opportunities for your career. We need to fill hundreds of summer jobs in parks, restaurants, aquatics and sports. You can also apply for positions online, 24/7.

Who: Ages 15 and up

When and Where: Tue, Mar 3, 3 - 6 pm, Buck Recreation Center

Mon, Mar 9, 3 - 6 pm, Lone Tree Recreation Center

Price: Free

South Suburban To Hold Regular District Election

South Suburban Park and Recreation District Board of Directors has called for a regular district election to fill two board director positions.

When: Election, Tue, May 5

Where: Polling places and absentee ballots - Price: NA



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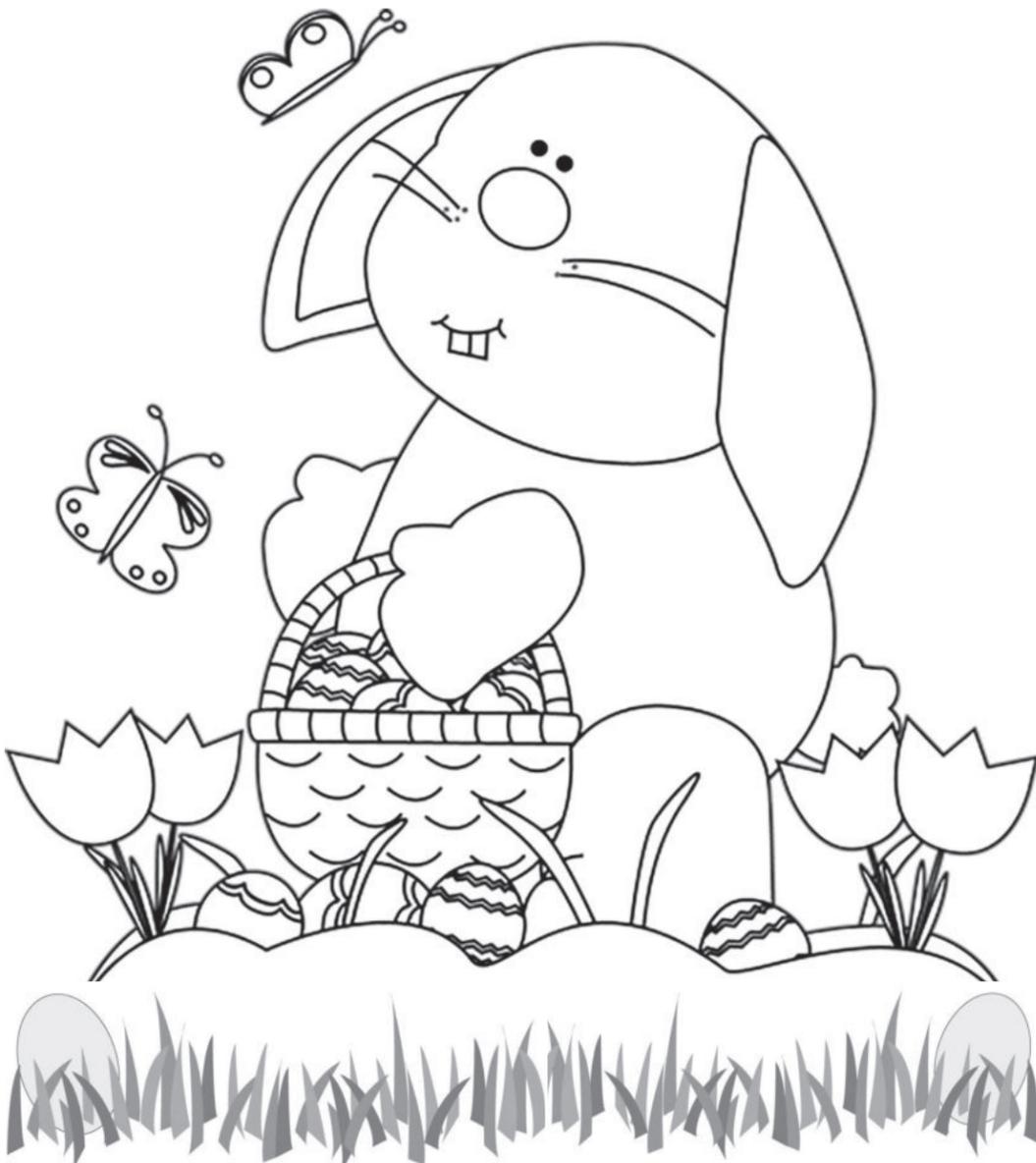




Easter Egg Hunt

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 4th 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!

The generous support of Walnut Hills residents through the \$30 annual WHCA dues are what make Walnut Hills a great place to live! We look forward to seeing you at the hunt!



Dear Walnut Hills Community,



Happy New Year! 2019 was a remarkable year for Walnut Hills Elementary School. I am very excited to see what 2020 brings!

January is our Cherry Creek School District Board of Education Appreciation Month. We are grateful for such a fantastic board of education. They work tirelessly to ensure all 55,000 students in our district are safe, valued, and come first. Walnut Hills would like to thank each board member for their service and dedication to our district!

Our students started back to school on January 7, 2020. The kids were very excited and ready to learn. We feel it is important to remind kids of safety and behavioral expectations. Our mental health staff and I went to every kindergarten through fifth grade classroom this first week back from break. We reviewed our one school rule; R.I.S.E. RISE stands for respect, integrity, safety, and excellence. The children and I discuss each letter and how it applies to school. The conversations are fun but more; they remind kids how to be safe at school so they can learn.

Kindergarten students visited the Stock Show and had a blast learning about the different animals. Yeehaw! We had three students participate in the District Spelling Bee at the end of January. All three students did an outstanding job. Our fabulous PTCO hosted our annual and ever-popular Winter Bingo Night. The event was a huge success! This year we served pasta instead of chili, and it was a hit. Thank you, Colonnas Pizza, for partnering with us for this event. Also, we began our kindergarten round-up for the 2020-2021 school year. I was thrilled to meet all the new families and students. They will be in the class of 2034!!!! WOW! Please invite friends and families of upcoming kindergartners to come and visit Walnut Hills.

In February, Valentine's Day will be filled with love and laughter as well as we do service projects to show our love for Children's Hospital. We think it is important for our kids to learn to give back and serve others, especially other children in need. On February 13th, we will have the fifth grade science fair and our innovation project day which is called "LAUNCH Day." On LAUNCH Day, kindergarten through fifth grade has created new inventions as well as creations based on an innovative design cycle and present their ideas to family and friends. I invite you to stop by and visit the classrooms!

Have wonderful February,
Teolyn Bourbonnie - Principal

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If you are already an active member, THANK YOU! We couldn't do this without you.

Walnut Hills Civic Association

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WHCA Membership runs from April 1 through March 31.

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Check out the latest Walnut Hills Civic Association happenings and **pay the \$30 dues online via PayPal.**
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2020 Activities	Date/Time	Location
Annual Meeting	Thur. March 12, 7 pm	Metrum Credit Union
Easter Egg Hunt	Sat. April 4, 11 am Rain date Sat. April 11	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. and Sat. June 5 and 6	Your homes
4 th of July Parade and Ice Cream Social	Sat. July 4 10 am – noon	9:30 am Stage at Dry Creek School; 10:30 am Ice Cream at 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 Sun. July 12 and 26 Sun. Aug. 9 and 23	9 am Walnut Hills Park Bring a mat / towel
Fall Dumpster Day	Sat. October 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. February 23, 2021	Brewery TBD
WHCA Board of Directors Meeting	Monthly - every 2 nd Thursday at 7 pm	Metrum Credit Union Open to all residents

WHCA 2020 Dues To Increase To \$30 Annually

After some in depth discussion the WHCA Board has decided to increase the 2020 annual dues from \$25 to \$30. This increase came after looking closely at the cost of events and working to meet the desires of the neighborhood. 2019 was a very successful year of sponsorships with Walnut Hills PTCO, TING, Xfinity Comcast, Resolute Brewing, Parks Taekwondo, Metrum Credit Union and Little Anita's contributing funds and goods to our events. We are so appreciative! But with the addition of a few new events (Beer night, Halloween and Yoga) and increased costs, there is still an annual loss over the amount collected in dues. The Board feels very strongly that all of our events add value to the neighborhood and we want to continue to offer the favorite events as well as look at new and exciting ways to support Walnut Hills. For example, the cost of electronic recycling was almost \$6,000 the last time it was held. This event has been so popular, but the WHCA can't afford to offer it annually.

We sincerely appreciate all of our dues paying members and sponsors and we hope that you will continue to support the WHCA. For those who haven't in the past, or new neighbors, we hope that in 2020 you consider supporting the WHCA. The annual membership mailing will be sent out in March. You can pay by cash, check or online at www.walnuthillscolorado.org/dues-scholarship/. If paying online, please be sure to select "2020 dues \$30.00 USD" and enter the Walnut Hills home address. The WHCA Board is looking forward to a wonderful 2020 year!

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Three New Council Members, One Incumbent Sworn In

Three new City Council Members and one incumbent City Council Member were sworn in during a special meeting Jan. 6.

Centennial Municipal Judge Louis Gresh administered the oath of office to Candace Moon (District 1, incumbent), Christine Sweetland (District 2), Richard Holt (District 3), and Don Sheehan (District 4), who began serving four-year terms. The City bid farewell to Council Members Carrie Penaloza (District 2), Ken Lucas (District 3), and Ron Weidmann (District 4), with Mayor Stephanie Piko personally thanking each of them for their contributions to the community. Council Member Penaloza did not run for re-election and Council Members Lucas and Weidmann were term-limited.

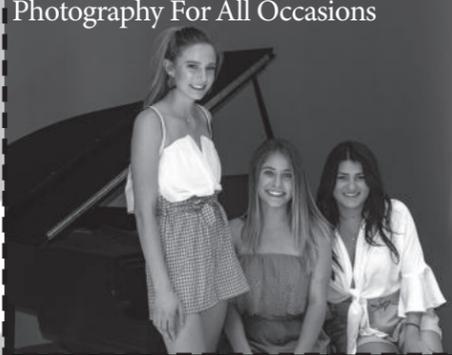
Mike Sutherland (District 3) was elected as Mayor Pro Tem to fill the vacancy in that position created by the departure of Council Member Carrie Penaloza. The Mayor Pro Tem fulfills the duties of the Mayor when the Mayor is unavailable.



From Left: Don Sheehan (District 4), Christine Sweetland (District 2), Richard Holt (District 3), And Candace Moon (District 1, Incumbent).

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