

# Walnut Hills Newsletter

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## Hello Walnut Hills Artists and Makers!

It is time to spread some Art Joy! We are organizing a Walnut Hills Art Walk. This event allows neighborhood artists to share their talents, on the same evenings as the neighborhood Food Truck events, in the spring and summer of 2021.



If you would like to participate in this event, please fill out this short form: <https://forms.gle/zU3HthoUxMcLBJWM8>. We are working with the Food Truck event coordinator on logistics. The number of artists who would like to participate will help form our planning efforts for 2021.

Happy Creating!  
Marianne and Matt Molberg  
[marianne.molberg@gmail.com](mailto:marianne.molberg@gmail.com)

## Beer Can Be Socially Distanced Too!

2020 turned out to be a really uneventful year for the WHCA. We had to cancel so many of our activities! We are hoping that we can still provide some refreshments in 2021 with a somewhat modified Beer Night Out. We are working with our local breweries to see if there is a way the WHCA can sponsor "beer tickets". This way, we are hoping that Walnut Hills residents (21+) can enjoy a brew from one of our wonderful local breweries and as an added bonus support these wonderful small businesses! We don't have any details yet but keep an eye on the WHCA website (<https://www.walnuthillscolorado.org/>) for more information. Cheers!

## Car Goes Through GID Fence Just North Of Briarwood Ave And Yosemite

On the morning of Friday, December 11th, icy roads led to a car losing control and crashing through the fence just north of Briarwood Ave. No one was hurt in the incident. Thanks to the notification of the neighbors, the GID was able to quickly get Blink's Fencing out to the scene and have the fence repaired. The GID handyman was then able to stain the fence. The accident was reported to the Arapahoe County Sheriff's office and the GID will pursue reimbursement from the at fault driver's insurance company.

## GID Owns And Maintains The Perimeter Fencing Of Walnut Hills

Walnut Hills is a great place to live. We are fortunate to have funding to maintain, repair and replace our perimeter fencing as needed! This funding is gathered from a tax levy on the annual property taxes. If you know of any issues with the fence, please reach out and let us know! While the fence is checked regularly, there are issues that may go unnoticed. The GID asks that neighbors adjacent to the fence please help us keep our fence in good condition and remove branches and vegetation that is growing into the fence, and please do not hang, mount or attach any items to the fence (inside or out). Starting as soon as the weather allows, sections of the fence will receive new stain and we will continue to repair, replace and maintain the fence as needed.

To contact the GID, please use the WHCA Contact Us page:  
<https://www.walnuthillscolorado.org/contact-us/>

## Reminder: Walnut Hills Scholarship Applications Due March 5

For those of you about to graduate from high school, and looking forward to college or vocational school, don't forget about the Walnut Hills Scholarships! The annual scholarship competition is open once again. This year, the Scholarship Fund will award up to three \$2,500 scholarships, good at any accredited college or university in the United States.

In addition, thanks to the generosity of anonymous donors, we're excited to award a completely new \$1,000 "Innovation Scholarship," specifically for a graduating senior who's planning to enter two-year college or vocational school.

All high school seniors who live in the Walnut Hills neighborhood, and who will begin their higher education in the 2021-22 academic year, are eligible to apply.

For a copy of the application form, please email either Bill Philpott at [wphilpo@gmail.com](mailto:wphilpo@gmail.com), or our Board address at [walnuthillsscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:walnuthillsscholarship@gmail.com). The forms are also available in the Post-Grad Center at Cherry Creek High School. The application requirements include a short essay and letters of recommendation.

**Deadline for submitting your application is Friday, March 5, 2021.**

Please email us at either address above if you have any questions. And good luck to all of you as you move toward graduation in the spring!

The Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and all donations are tax-deductible in accordance with IRS rules. If you would like to contribute to the fund, you may donate directly through PayPal or Zelle, using our email address of [walnuthillsscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:walnuthillsscholarship@gmail.com). Or you may mail a check directly to: Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund, 7158 S. Quince St., Centennial, CO 80112. On behalf of our graduating seniors, we sincerely appreciate your support!



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### Centennial Turns 20

Richard Holt

I have the honor and privilege of representing you as a Council Member for the City of Centennial. I, along with Mike Sutherland are the representatives for District 3 – a district that stretches from Walnut Hills to a little east of Grandview High School.

I want to give an update as to all things city council and where we might be heading in the near future. Of course, the focus of most of city council's actions has been centered on COVID-19. I have been "on the job" for just a little over a year. In that time, I joked that the city has gone from potholes and snowplows to pandemics, social unrest, economic collapse – and murder hornets. Probably like you, all business has been conducted via video conference. But, dare I say it – I have a feeling that we might just be turning the corner on this thing. (Of course, it might not be until summer or fall until sighs of relief may be heard; keep doing what you're doing to limit the spread.)

Unfortunately, the economic impacts will be around for some time to come. But, I am very proud that a lot of the City's energy has been devoted to the best way to help businesses stay open during these unprecedented times. Close to ten million dollars has been awarded as grants to small (less than 100 employees) businesses within the confines of Centennial. These grants covered lost business, as well as reimbursement for COVID-related expenses (PPEs and other supplies).

Currently, the small businesses that are getting hit harder than others are restaurants. The city enacted a temporary ordinance to cap fees charged to restaurants for third party food delivery companies. During the time when restaurants were forced to offer pickup and delivery options only (no indoor seating), restaurateurs reported that they were in financial straits because of this new, imposed "business model". Even as indoor seating is slowly opening up (as of this writing, 25% occupancy is allowed), many of these businesses are still "on the brink".

In more support for restaurants and small businesses, Centennial has been a leader in Colorado's "Five-Star" program. This is a program that allows restaurants (and other "large capacity" venues, such as gyms) to increase capacity as Colorado moves down "The Dial" (a system that places each county in a certain color, depending on the severity of the outbreak. Currently we are in "Orange" (although technically we're in "Red" – long story...) Working with Arapahoe County, we were one of the

first in the state to get this program up and running for businesses in Arapahoe County. It's not a panacea, but we are committed to getting these places up and running – quickly AND safely.

As far as tax dollars go, I believe that we're in pretty good shape given the circumstances. When the pandemic first hit, and were in complete shut-down mode; initial estimates with the little information provided showed the city taking about a 35 percent reduction in revenues. After more was known about the virus, and more information regarding revenues was available, best estimates had the City taking about a 15 percent hit. Now, even though final numbers are being tallied up for the year, the revised estimate should be less than 10 percent. That is a testament to not only the resilience of the economy so far, but also how the City is run. Projects are delayed, not cancelled. Budgets have been worked and re-worked to get the most value for what is being spent.

Speaking of projects, they are starting up again. The largest one close to you is expected to start soon. The Big Dry Creek Bridge, just east of University along Arapahoe, will see a replacement of a 74 year old bridge crosses Big Dry Creek at Arapahoe.

Also, you may have seen construction crews on southbound Quebec and County Line Road. They are creating a southbound right turn lane that should help turning onto County Line, as well as mitigate any confusion getting onto C-470. Project is scheduled to be complete by April 20.

Although not in Centennial, South Suburban will be completing their new ice facility in the coming months. When open, three "sheets of ice" (rinks) will be available for skating, hockey, pretty much anything that people want to do on a sheet of frozen water. Additionally, there will be a gymnasium that can be used for basketball, volleyball - even pickleball! Two indoor synthetic turf fields and a restaurant/bar overlooking the ice will round out what should be a very nice facility. It will be located on County Line Road, just a little bit east of Holly.

Another project that should start soon is the Centennial Link Trail. When complete, this will offer a continuous trail that links Centennial the hard way; 13 plus miles east to west. This project will utilize existing trails, as well as "rehab" some sections to make them safer for bikers, walkers, joggers, dog-walkers, etc. The project is expected to be complete in 2022.

Other items that come to mind...

If you have a little time and inclination, I invite you to be a part of the future of your city. Applications are being accepted to Centennial's eight citizen boards. These eight boards include: the Audit Committee, Budget Committee, Board of Review, Election Commission, Investment Commission, Open Space Advisory Board, Planning and Zoning Commission and Senior Commission. Since clicking on this newspaper won't do anything; go to [centennialco.gov/boardsandcommissions](http://centennialco.gov/boardsandcommissions) on one of those fancy computers for more information. Deadline is February 28. It'll be worth your time.

This one might have flown under the radar. Centennial prides itself on being one of the safest cities in America. (The last mention was Centennial is the safest city in Colorado - #43 nationwide.) But last month, Centennial was recognized as the eighth best city in the country to work from home. So, even though a lot of us are getting a little stir-crazy with this Zoom meeting and that GoTo Meeting, at least we're doing it in style. ;)

While the logistics of mass distribution of the COVID vaccine is still in the works, did you know that Centennial has been operating a mass \*testing\* site for a few months now? If you're not feeling 100 percent; or if you just want to be sure, the testing site is at Centennial Center Park (13050 E. Peakview Avenue (off Arapahoe Road near Potomac and Revere) It's open seven days a week, 8 am to 6 pm.

Wrapping up; Centennial is celebrating its twentieth year as a City. On February 7, 2001 it was established. This was the culmination of over two years of effort by quite a few people to make Centennial a city. There may even be a few folks living in Walnut Hills that were personally involved (Hi, Andrea). In talking to some

of them, it is actually a fascinating history how this city came to be. If you get a chance to talk to one of these folks about it, it'll be worth your time. (If you search for "history" on the City's website, you'll also see a number of articles that tells the tale.)

Again, it is an honor to serve you. Definitely reach out if I can help with issues or questions you may have with this great city.

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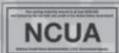
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### Greetings Walnut Hills Neighborhood,

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family are healthy and well as we step into 2021! It's been a great first few weeks of restarting in-person learning at Dry Creek Elementary. Students have shown excitement and eagerness to see classmates and teachers after multiple weeks of remote learning and winter break. As we step into the month of February, our focus will continue to be providing a safe and engaging learning environment for our students and staff. Educating our students this year has been a community effort. Whether you are a Dry Creek family or not, I want to thank you all for the flexibility and support as we continue to maneuver through this school year. The first week of February is Kindergarten Round Up. If you have an incoming Kindergarten student, please check the Cherry Creek Schools website for information on registering students for enrollment for the 2021-22

school year. We are always welcoming new families to our school community and would be happy to have you join us!

Kevin Watanabe  
Principal - Dry Creek Elementary

### Dear Walnut Hills Community,

Happy New Year! WOW! 2021! I am so thankful to be in a new year with new possibilities. I think often of all of you and hope you have remained healthy and happy.



We left on November 16, 2020, to begin remotely learning to keep staff and students safe.

Our teachers, staff, and students did a fantastic job of teaching remotely for five weeks. They persevered each day with grit and integrity. They ensured each child was learning and engaged. They planned remotely with their teams and colleagues using virtual platforms such as Microsoft Teams and Zoom. I met virtually every week with each team to talk about students, learning, and anything we needed to problem solve. Our before and aftercare program ran out of Dry Creek Elementary to allow for families who needed to work to have a place for their kids to have daycare, be safe, and access remote learning. Although remote learning is not ideal, our staff and students knocked it out of the park! We had many funny moments such as a live pet rabbit hop across the screen while a kindergarten student shared her report on rabbits. It was fantastic! I am grateful to our students, families, and staff for their hard work and dedication during remote learning.

On January 11, 2021, we returned to in-person learning. Happy day, happy day! We are thrilled to be back in-person at school with our students. The students came in excited, happy, and ready to learn. We are still keeping all protocols and routines in place to ensure all staff and students remain healthy and safe. We will continue to social distance, wear masks, wash hands frequently, and use lots of sanitizers. Our students do a fabulous job following the protocols, wearing masks, and keeping their distance from each other. Students and families have the opportunity to have free COVID tests provided by the district. I have no doubt the Cherry Creek School District will do everything in their power to keep kids in school to learn and grow.

I look forward to sharing all the happenings here at Walnut Hills in the second half of the year. Although school looks different this year, it is still a magical place where kids get to blossom, shine, and connect.

I wish you all a healthy and happy 2021!

Warmly,  
Teolyn Bourbonnie - Principal

### Kindergarten Roundup Class Of 2034 Register Remotely Beginning February 1, 2021!

We encourage parents to register their kindergarten-aged students for the coming school year each February. This helps us plan our school staff needs and provides parents with the needed information to help prepare for that important first year of school. Students currently attending a CCSD preschool do not need to register for Kindergarten. Non-Resident applications will be available online April 1st.

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# Holiday Lighting Contest

Andrea Suhaka

It was fun to do the Holiday Lighting Contest, again. We started completely fresh. Three judges ventured out into the neighborhood on the warm evening of 21 December. Walnut Hills was awash with bright, cheery holiday lights, even some music, a bright end to a not so bright year.

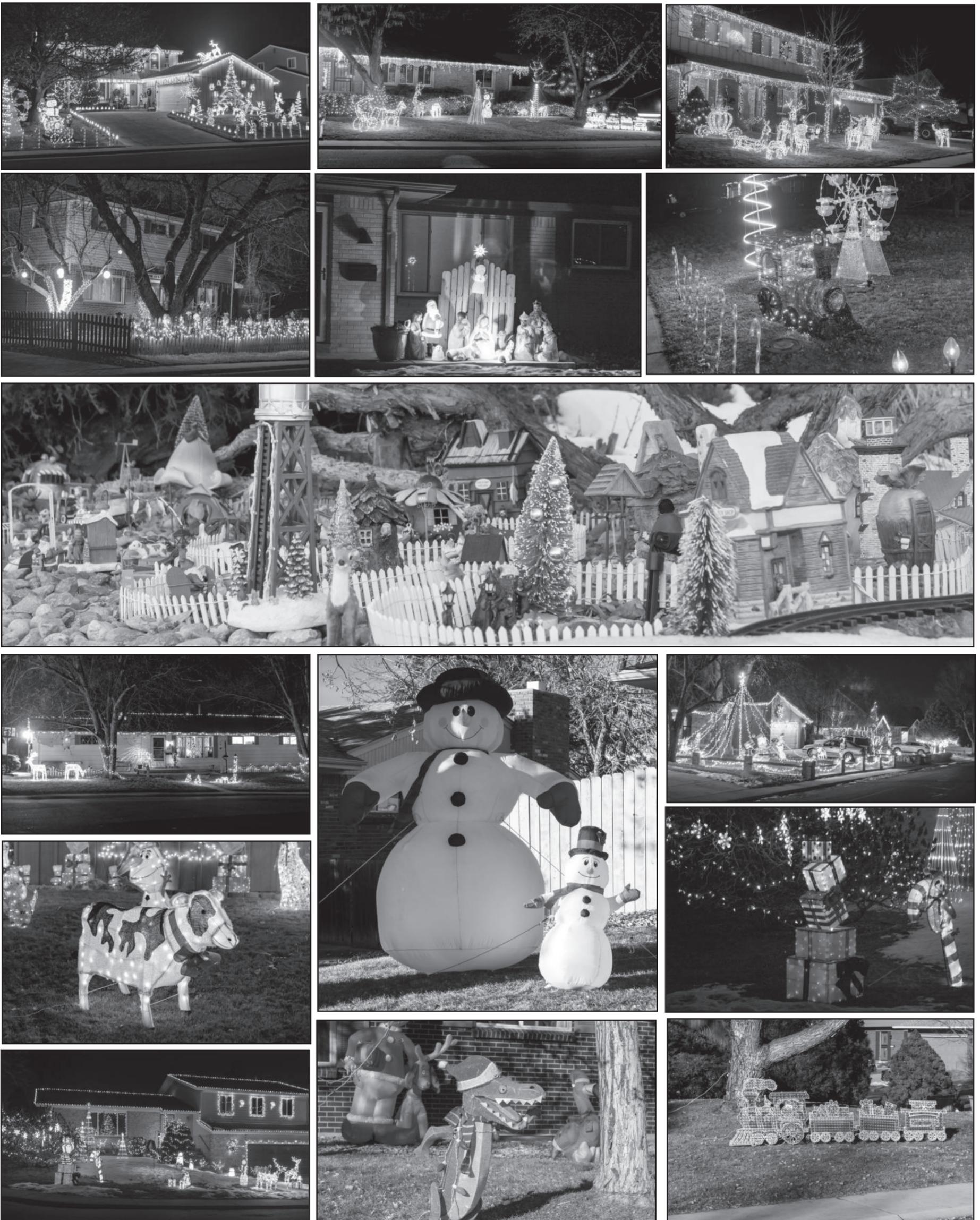
We had a very difficult job to do. We picked 12 homes that were particularly nice. Our only caveat was that the homeowner had to be a member of the Walnut Hills Civic Association. That knocked two of our choices out of contention. Then we had to get that down to our three winners. One judge had an excellent, mathematical way to sort it out but, we ended in a tie for second place.

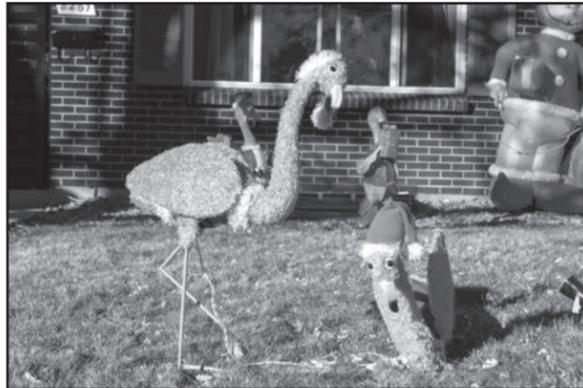
The WHCA Board decided it would be OK to award two second place winners to account for the tie. So, <drum roll please>, here they are.

**First Place (\$100):** the Lamphears at 6834 S. Willow St.  
**Second Places (\$75):** the Henigsmans at 7597 E Fremont Dr. and The Macaulays at 7246 S. Quebec Ct.  
**Third Place (\$50):** the Laramies at 8343 E. Briarwood Pl.

Many, many thanks for all the wonderful residents who lit up our neighborhood over the holidays; it certainly lifted the spirits after the darkness of 2020. And thank you, especially, to the judges who volunteered to tour the whole neighborhood and did the difficult job of picking the winners.

Photography Jesse Alcorta





## Free Museum Tours

### British Museum, London

Explore ancient history from Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe and Oceania in this totally interactive virtual tour. This museum also features the Rosetta Stone!

### Detroit Institute of Arts

Get your fill of modern art, realism, impressionism and more with Detroit Institute of Arts' online exhibits. There's also an exhibit that features Frida Kahlo.

### Georgia O'Keeffe Museum

Five virtual exhibits walk you through the inspiration behind Georgia O'Keeffe's greatest works, from modernism to watercolors. She's affectionately dubbed the "Mother of American Modernism," and these pieces truly take our breath away.

### Getty Museum

With two online exhibits, the J. Paul Getty Museum is loaded with color, history and life lessons we can all take home.

### High Museum of Art, Atlanta

Atlanta is home to some of America's most fascinating history. Walk through the passionate story of the Civil Rights Movement with this online exhibit.

### The Louvre

France's most famous museum is offering four virtual tours: The Advent of the Artist, Egyptian Antiquities, Remains of the Louvre's Moat and Galerie d'Apollon.

### Metropolitan Museum of Art

This tour offers a 3D experience as if you're actually walking through the museum. Explore 26 exhibits in one sitting, featuring iconic paintings from even more iconic artists.

### Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

For all things fashion—and all things art—the 16 virtual exhibits by the Museum of Fine Arts are definitely worth a look. This is another interactive tour that guides you through the museum without ever needing to leave your couch.

### The Museum of Modern Art

You can see MoMA's full Sophie Taeuber-Arp collection courtesy of this walkthrough guide.

### NASA

Get the full experience of being in the Houston Space Center with an app that offers augmented reality. You can also use the virtual gallery to get a 360-degree view of the galaxy.

### National Museum of the United States Air Force

The official virtual tour of the National Museum of the United States Air Force includes a stroll through the cockpit as well as models of America's earliest aircraft.

### National Women's History Museum

These online exhibits feature some of the most influential women in amazing detail, from Harriet Tubman to the brave ladies of the Suffrage Movement. There's a lot of history here worth spending an hour or two on.

### Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

This museum is chock-full of some of the most beautiful paintings to grace walls, and it's available for touring via Google Arts & Culture.

### Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

Have your own night at the museum—pun intended—with this interactive tour that leads you through the winding hallways of the world's most interesting historical artifacts.

### Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum

You can find the full collection from the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum including videos and interviews on their website.

### Van Gogh Museum

Go for a walk through Van Gogh's collection of famous art pieces with this virtual exhibit.

### The Vatican Museum

Take a trip to Vatican City without even leaving your house with this virtual tour featuring Raphael's Rooms, the Sistine Chapel and the New Wing.

### Winchester Mystery House

Built by Sarah Winchester in 1884, this spooky house features stairways to nowhere and bricked-up doors. You can find the full video tour, complete with a guide, on the Winchester Mystery House website.

No word on a virtual tour of the Pizza Hut museum, but we'll keep you posted.

## Free Theme Park Tours

### Legoland Florida Resort

This virtual tour of Legoland in Florida is just like actually being there. Marvel at everything that can be done with the blocks, and definitely invite the kids to the couch for this trip.

### SeaWorld Orlando

SeaWorld's interactive virtual tour starts out high in the sky, giving you a full view of the park before diving into some interactive rides and activities.

Editor's Tip: If you click around the map long enough, you can find Legoland and Disneyland, too.

## Walt Disney World

If you're missing Disney as much as we are, this 360-degree panorama is just like a walk through Epcot, Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom and more. Psst...You can also find plenty of videos of the full rides to share with the kids on Youtube.

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## Free Zoo and Aquarium Tours

### Atlanta Zoo

Have some pandas keep you company with Atlanta Zoo's all-day Panda Cam.

### Cincinnati Zoo

The daily Home Safari, a Facebook live stream that typically airs around 3 p.m., fills you in on the happenings at the Cincinnati Zoo. Plus, the Facebook page features The Fiona Show, a 4-season diary of the life Fiona, a baby hippo.

### Georgia Aquarium

If you've ever wanted to spend the evening with a beluga whale, Georgia Aquarium provides live feeds to improve your downtime.

### Houston Zoo

Plenty of habitats at the Houston Zoo include a live webcam, so you and the kiddos can enjoy watching every four-legged creature frolic, from gorillas to rhinos to ants.

### Monterey Bay Aquarium

Keep an eye on the aviary, coral reef, kelp forest and so much more with Monterey Bay's 24-hour live cams. There's even a shark cam for those who love to live on the edge.

### National Aquarium

The National Aquarium in Baltimore offers an interactive virtual tour of all of their exhibits, one floor at a time. Warm up with tropical fish or cool down with penguins in the snow.

### San Diego Zoo

Live cams give you a sneak peek into all kinds of exhibits, featuring apes, elephants, giraffes, polar bears, tigers and more 24/7.

### Shedd Aquarium

Shedd Aquarium's Facebook page shares all kinds of videos with a whole cast of bubbly characters, like Wellington the penguin and Nickel the sea turtle.

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Laurie Dixon, March 26, 2020

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### Items of Interest

JHF

Hopefully, the following few words will give us a better outlook on things that are important. It was written by Andy Rooney, a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words.

I've learned:

- The best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- When you're in love, it shows.
- Just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.
- Having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
- Being kind is more important than being right.
- You should never say no to a gift from a child.
- I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.
- No matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
- Sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.
- Money doesn't buy class.
- It's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
- Under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
- To ignore the facts does not change the facts.
- When you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
- Love, not time, heals all wounds.
- The easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- No one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
- Life is tough, but I'm tougher.
- Opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
- When you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
- One should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
- A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- When your newborn grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you're hooked for life.
- Everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
- The less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

Hopefully, this new year will be a much better year. One of 'Peace and Prosperity' where we can share with those that are less fortunate.

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Students,

It seems like only yesterday we started the lock down and began virtual instruction. Yet here we are, nearly a year later and what a year it has been. We have had meetings, lots and lots of meetings and more meetings. We've lost count on the number of times we have had "Professional Development" on mental health and asking us about our "feelings". We're exhausted, stressed and down right confused because we have whiplash and no neck brace from all the changes.

Oh Lordy...and the meetings to prepare us for this topsy turve roller coaster we call Virtual "Teaching". Can you believe we still don't know what we are doing? We are still building this life preserver while we are sinking, to keep students from going under. We do genuinely care about the well-being of our students and wish we could take away their suffering. As we too wish they could take ours away, by simply submitting their work. By not submitting their work it creates Everest levels of paperwork and headaches. All we are trying to do is help students succeed and we will take ANY effort at this point. Please for the love of all things that are good, stop submitting blank assignments. We want you to succeed and will give you class time to do it as much as we can.

As we reach this anniversary, please remember that we are working 12 hour days, sometimes longer, living with our work and your emails. We read them all and try our best to get to you ASAP, but when there is 100+, the wait is long, but the responses are thoughtful. We care about each one of our students, wanting them all to succeed. The road ahead the next few ... years? ... is going to be uncharted territory. We all deserve compassion and empathy as we continue this journey into the unknown together. But know, we are here, we are listening, and we are doing the very best we can.

Sincerely,

Two Teachers and COVID

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**Results Of The E. Costilla Blvd. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Ballot**

Affected residents did not approve the traffic calming plan for Costilla Blvd.

37 percent of the final ballots were returned. NTMP policy requires a minimum 50 percent response rate.

As this application and plan have failed to meet the balloting requirement listed above, the City will not move forward with constructing the Costilla Blvd. traffic calming plan. The City is implementing a two-year moratorium and no applications will be accepted from residents along Costilla Blvd. for a period of two years from the date of the failed ballot.

The City would like to thank all residents for your participation in the in-person and virtual meetings. If you have any questions, you may contact me by phone at 720-286-5327 or by email at [LHoward@CentennialCO.gov](mailto:LHoward@CentennialCO.gov).

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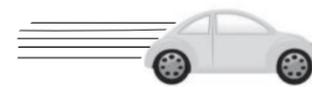
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2020 Activities	Date/Time	Location
Beer Night	Tues. February 23, 2021	Brewery TBD
WHCA Board of Directors Meeting	Monthly - every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7 pm	Zoom Meeting

**Stop the Speeding in Walnut Hills**

Help bring needed attention to dangerous driving in the neighborhood. Consistent reporting by everyone who sees dangerous driving and speeding is the only way to get the help we need. Report every incident! Thank You!

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**Winter Weather and Sidewalks**

There was a lively discussion on Next Door about people shoveling your sidewalks. The City of Centennial does not have an ordinance requiring homeowners to shovel their sidewalks and many people assumed there is.

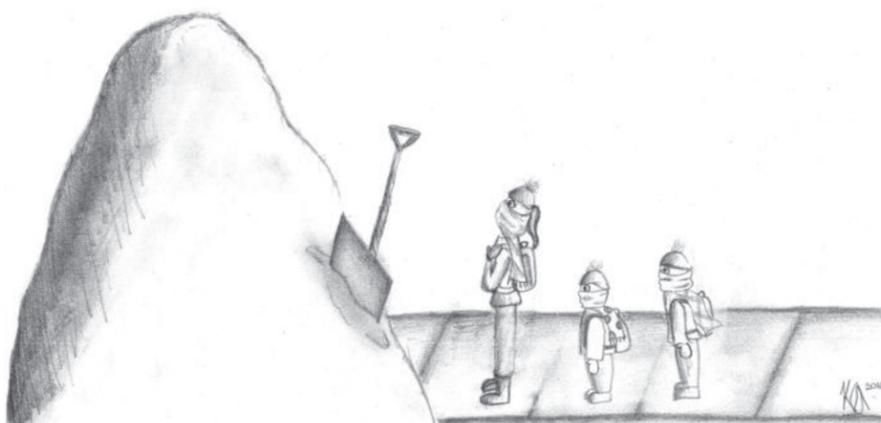
What is the City of Centennial's policy on shoveling?

The City does not have an ordinance requiring snow to be removed from sidewalks. The City does not maintain public sidewalks due to the lack of resources available to perform this task. In the interest of public safety and the absence of a City ordinance, the City strongly encourages citizens to remove snow from the sidewalks adjoining their property within 24 hours after a snowstorm ends. Maintenance of sidewalks along state highways in Centennial, such as University Boulevard, Arapahoe Road from I-25 to Parker Road, and Parker Road is not the responsibility of the Colorado Department of Transportation according to state statute. Sidewalk snow removal along state highways is subject to the policies and ordinances of the jurisdiction where they reside; therefore, the sidewalks along state highways in Centennial are not plowed.'

Residents, businesses, homeowner associations or their snow plowing service are not allowed to plow or shovel snow from their private property, parking areas, driveways or sidewalks into the street.

Here's some food for thought for homeowners during winter shoveling to consider:

- When you walk early morning on snowy sidewalks on the South Side of the streets before people get to shoveling your shoe imprints get left behind and when we shovel those imprints are usually iced over already and hard to get off
- Homeowners on the North Side of the street hardly even have to shovel sometimes because they get very little snow and the sun melts it quickly
- Many homeowners with North Facing houses shovel for elderly neighbors as well, so please take that into consideration before complaining
- Maybe if you are early morning walking before people get a chance to shovel - consider walking on the North sidewalk now and then to help the neighbors on the other side of the street



**The Dog's Diary**

- 8:00 am - Dog food! My favorite thing!
- 9:30 am - A car ride! My favorite thing!
- 9:40 am - A walk in the park! My favorite thing!
- 10:30 am - Got rubbed and petted! My favorite thing!
- 12:00 pm - Dog cookies! My favorite thing!
- 1:00 pm - Played in the yard! My favorite thing!
- 3:00 pm - Wagged my tail! My favorite thing!
- 5:00 pm - Dinner! My favorite thing!
- 7:00 pm - Got to play ball! My favorite thing!
- 8:00 pm - Wow! Watched TV with the people! My favorite thing!
- 11:00 pm - Sleeping on the bed! My favorite thing!

**The Cat's Diary**

Day 983 of My Captivity

My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects. They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while the other inmates and I are fed hash or some sort of dry nuggets. Although I make my contempt for the rations perfectly clear, I nevertheless must eat something in order to keep up my strength.

The only thing that keeps me going is my dream of escape. In an attempt to disgust them, I once again vomit on the carpet. Today I decapitated a mouse and dropped its headless body at their feet. I had hoped this would strike fear into their hearts, since it clearly demonstrates my capabilities. However, they merely made condescending comments about what a "good little hunter" I am.

There was some sort of assembly of their accomplices tonight. I was placed in solitary confinement for the duration of the event. However, I could hear the noises and smell the food. I overheard that my confinement was due to the power of "allergies." I must learn what this means, and how to use it to my advantage.

Today I was almost successful in an attempt to assassinate one of my tormentors by weaving around his feet as he was walking. I must try this again tomorrow, but at the top of the stairs.

I am convinced that the other prisoners here are flunkies and snitches. The dog receives special privileges. He is regularly released, and seems to be more than willing to return. He is obviously weak. The bird must be an informant. I observe him communicate with the guards regularly. I am certain that he reports my every move. My captors have arranged protective custody for him in an elevated cell, so he is safe. For now ...

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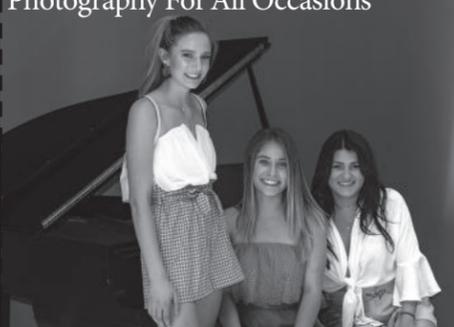
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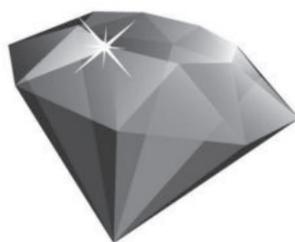


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