



Chapparral Sage

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President's Report

Happy New Year!

I hope all of you had a chance to relax and enjoy the spirit of the Holidays with your family this year. What a joyous season!

Looking back on 2008, I would like to thank those who dedicated their time to the community to ensure we made great strides on our objectives for the year:

- **The Entrance Improvement Committee** – Thanks to Jim Harrington, Randy Baham, Jeff Patton, Linda Shaw, Jenifer DiMauro, Darla Ollila, Jim Neumann, and Rick Poppe for their commitment and dedication to ensure our entrance signs have been recently painted. What a wonderful difference and huge improvement. I would also like to make a special mention and say “thank you” to Lou Hurtado for his hard work in initiating the updating of the signs earlier this summer. We appreciate all of the hard work you put into updating the East entrance sign. Thank you.
- **Chapparral Document review and updates** (includes covenants) –



Thanks to Wayne Lauer, Cathy Noon, Chris Worley, Jean Worley, Randy McCurdy, Mary Ann Neumann, Terri Lash, Dan Stenersen, Randy Baham and Phil Bucher for their year-long commitment to review several documents to ensure the Chapparral Documents are in compliance with state and local legislature. We plan on updating the community within the next month on our progress and next steps.

- **Traffic Calming** – Thanks to Randy McCurdy for his relentless hard work on trying to influence first the County of Arapahoe and now, the City of Centennial to take a serious look at providing Chapparral with some alternatives for calming the traffic issues throughout the community.
- **Draft of the Guidelines for Acceptable Roofing Materials** – This particular project and recommendation wouldn't have been made possible without the hard work of Phil Bucher, Travis Dickman, Kyle Kucharski, Steve Cooper, Chris Worley, and Kathy Emmons. Thank you so much for working on such a controversial topic. We look forward to publishing the final Guidelines in the near future.

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Centennial Council of Neighborhoods

Arapahoe Sheriff Dept. – Once again Centennial is rated as one of the safest cities in the US and the safest in Colorado (4th year in a row). The department has a booklet available on Identity Theft to help educate on how to avoid identity theft and what to do if your identity is stolen. The necessary forms, contact phone numbers, etc. to remedy are included. The Arapahoe jail has received its 5th type of accreditation which lowers insurance and increases the department's legal standing in lawsuits.

City of Centennial: Remember that the city offices have moved – 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd. The city will collect its own sales tax starting January 1, 2009. If you operate a business in Centennial, the city is conducting workshops to explain the City's sales tax self-collection. For more information contact Deb Kohl at 303-754-3440 or emaildkohl@centennialcolorado.com.

Coyotes: The city has had many citizen concerns about increased coyote activity in the city. The council had a study session with the Dept. of Wildlife, South Suburban Parks, an eco-biologist, a City of Denver wildlife officer, & a private trapper. Good

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2008 Chapparral Sleigh Ride

The 6th Annual Chapparral Sleigh Ride was a huge success! It was terrific to see the community come out to celebrate the holiday season. We had approximately 200 community members in attendance with over 160 taking the opportunity to ride in the horse drawn wagon (sleigh). Santa was there in his usual jolly fashion and we had more kids visit Santa this year than in years past. The weather was mild and perfect for the event. Thank you for attending!!!

We would like to take the opportunity to say “thank you” to Cathy Noon, Jean Worley, Judy Chambers, Sue Brunk, Marty Harrington, Darla Ollila, Deborah Rouanzoin, Jane

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Community Website

To access the community web-site for the 1st time, log on to www.chapparral.org, click on the red “register” link in the member login box. Enter 4711 for the code, hit enter and then follow the steps to create your account.

Next Chapparral Board Meeting

Monday, Jan. 12 • 7 p.m.
Creekside Elementary School

Everyone welcome – please join us!

President's Report, *continued from front page*

The areas that we were not able to make great strides on include:

- Website design and maintenance – this will be an initiative for 2009
- Chapparral Trails – we are still interested in exploring; however, this is a very complex initiative for the community right now and will not be actively worked on in 2009.

I would also like to thank all community members who dedicated their time with Chapparral events such as the 4th of July Parade and most recently, the 6th Annual Sleigh Ride. Without everyone's commitment and support within the community, we wouldn't be able to have such as wonderful community events.

Finally, I would like to recognize some very special and very dedicated Chapparral volunteers – those that make up our Chapparral HOA Board, the Chapparral Metro District and our Architectural Review Committee. These are all volunteer positions which take monthly and more often than not, more time and dedication to support our community:

Chapparral HOA Board:

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| Randy McCurdy, Vice President | Bill Andrus, Director |
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| Jim Neumann, President | Tom Lash, Secretary |
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Architectural Review Committee:

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| Phil Bucher, ARC Coordinator | Travis Dickman |
| Kyle Kucharski | Steve Cooper |
| Kathy Emmons | Chris Worley |


As I've reflected on the past year, I continue to be amazed and proud of what this community has and can accomplish when we all work together. I know the entire community is driven, committed and focused on ensuring that Chapparral continues to have a sense of community, maintains its beauty, and remains strong and united. I look forward to working with you in 2009!

I hope all of you have a healthy, prosperous and spirited 2009!
 —Joni Hibdon

Centennial Council of Neighborhoods,

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information on coyote behavior was presented (www.centennialcolorado.com - "Living with Wildlife"). It is illegal to relocate coyotes but it is legal for a landowner to kill a coyote that is causing damage on their property if firearm laws in a community allow it. DOW says they don't make the determination on whether to destroy a coyote – state law de-regulated "nuisance" animals such as raccoons, rabbits, & coyotes so that individual landowners could handle the problems. The DOW wants cities to allow localized lethal coyote control – mostly of specific "problem" coyotes that offend repeatedly. DOW wants the city to hire private or federal trappers and allow them to trap/shoot aggressive coyotes – DOW staff is not adequate to handle all the calls. Travis Harris is the DOW officer for east of Parker Rd. DOW suggested the city create a "plan" for the city to deal with coyotes so residents aren't handed back and forth between agencies. Ideas presented - do nothing, organized "hazing", targeting specific coyotes, & possible lethal action could all be part of a management plan. Tri-County Health controls the



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trapping program and the city must qualify and apply for a permit before a private company can be hired to trap. The areas where traps are set are clearly marked so residents can stay out of the areas. Traps are checked 3 times per day. If a pet happened to be caught, they are unharmed. Council also heard an hour of public comment on the coyote issue and at the time of this printing, the city council would discuss coyote control in the City on 12/15/08.

Firearms ordinance. The city council looked at an ordinance to ban the discharge of all firearms and bows within the city with fewer exemptions than are currently in place. Generally, this would have made it legal to fire only bb, pellet, air soft guns, & bows on personal property instead of the current law that also allows the firing of "lethal" firearms on your own property **if the projectile does not leave your property**. Council felt more study and discussion with residents was necessary before passing this ordinance so it was rejected. Expect the subject to return in 2009.

—Cathy Noon

Sleigh Ride, *continued from front page*

Kucharski and Christy Kunz for donating their time and who ensured we had yummy cookies to eat. If others dropped off treats and I didn't provide your name, please let me know. By the way, we have a lot of cookie tins that were left at the sleigh ride. If you would like to retrieve your cookie tins, please contact us.

We would also like to provide a very special thank you to the community members who donated their time before, during and after, to support this community event:

- Kyle Kucharski, Randy McCurdy, Cathy and Jim Noon, Mary Ann Neumann, Conner Wigton, Ally Bak, Meagan Bak, Michael Bak, Liz Teklits, and Alana Schwartz *for helping out before the Holiday event with getting the sleigh ride flyers out to the community, moving tables and chairs, decorating Santa's area, getting the refreshments set-up, moving hay bales, helping with lighting and electronics, and everything else that goes into this event.*
- Doyle Tinkey and others *for ensuring the fire kept us warm throughout the night.*
- Ally Bak, Meagan Bak, Liz Teklits, Alana Schwartz and Cathy & Jim Noon *for popping and serving the popcorn.*
- Mary Ann & Jim Neumann, Bill Andrus, Luann & Doyle Tinkey, Cathy & Jim Noon, and Laura, Jordan, Lucas and Randy McCurdy *for helping to clean-up after the sleigh ride...there were tables and chairs to breakdown and move, trash to dispose of, and lots of things to gather and move back into place.*
- Sue Brunk and Laura McCurdy *for assisting with the kids crafts.*
- Terri and Tom Lash *for ensuring that everyone had a nice cup of hot chocolate or coffee to take off the 'chill'.*
- And, of course, SANTA who made a very special appearance just for the Chapparral Community. We hope he will be back to visit next year!!!

We also want to provide special mention of John Bretsch, Davey Tree District Manager, *for donating the firewood for the event. The firewood kept us very warm!*

Finally, thank you to the Chapparral community for expressing an interest to continue this wonderful tradition and to the HOA Board for their continued support. What a fantastic community to live in...to have such terrific neighbors who are interested in celebrating the holiday season together.

Have a wonderful holiday and joyous New Year!

—Dennis & Joni Hibdon

Chapparral Metro District

The Board adopted the 2009 annual budget at the December meeting. Winter time without the water system is a welcomed quiet time for the Metro District. The Board wishes the entire Chapparral Community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Many thanks to the Entrance Improvements Committee for their choice of color palette, vendor selection and recent painting of both our community entrance signs. They look great!

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2008-2009

- Spring Break: Mar. 30 - Apr. 3, 2009

Board of Education Approves 2009-2010 Calendars

The Cherry Creek School District Board of Education has approved the 2009-2010 calendars. The district's traditional, transitional and 4-track calendars are available on the district's website at www.cherrycreekschools.org.

Break dates for 2009-2010 are as follows:

- Fall Break: Oct. 26-30
- Spring Break: Mar. 29 - Apr. 2
- Winter Break: Dec. 21 - Jan. 1

Chesley Takes the Helm

The Cherry Creek School District began the new year with a new superintendent; former Deputy Superintendent **Mary Chesley** assumed leadership of the district on Jan. 1. Chesley is a veteran of Cherry Creek Schools, having served the district as a teacher, principal, executive director and assistant superintendent, as well as deputy superintendent. Her responsibilities have included supervision of the district's 39 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, and six high schools, as well as alternative programs in the district.

Chesley succeeds **Dr. Monte Moses**, who served as superintendent for nine years. In 2005, he was honored National Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators.

Audit Shows Sound Financial Management in CCSD

The Cherry Creek School District received an "Unqualified Opinion" – or positive report – for its financial management from

an independent auditor, said Chief Financial Officer **Guy Bellville**, as he presented the district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to the Board of Education on Nov. 10.

In addition, voter approval of ballot issues 3A and 3B will enable the district to maintain the educational excellence it is known for and ensure that its graduates are college-ready, work-ready and future-ready.

District leaders are in the early stages of planning bond projects.

"We are still putting together a specific timeline, but remodeling some of our older schools will be a high priority," said **Mike Langlett**, Executive Director for Facility Planning and Construction.

The district cannot begin hiring contractors until bond funds are released.

The passed ballot issues 3A and 3B has given the district critical funds needed for academic programs, maintain existing schools, many of which were built before 1982, and build new schools to accommodate enrollment growth.

Lunch Accounts Now Online!

Long gone are the days of "lunch tickets" that you would buy from your second-grade teacher and hand off to the lunch lady in exchange for your tray.

Today, students have lunch accounts; recently, the Cherry Creek School District's Department of Food and Nutrition Services implemented a new system for parents to deposit money into those accounts via an online program called PayPAMS.com.

Up until this school year, parents traditionally deposited money in to the child's lunch account by writing a check for a lump sum. The check is deposited into the child's Nutrition

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Services account. At lunch time the student punches a number into a pin pad and the money is automatically withdrawn from that account. Parents are notified when the account is depleted.

The new online system, up and running district-wide since November, allows parents to deposit money electronically via a credit card. "It is very popular. We are hearing great things already and parents love the convenience," said **Jane Brand**, Director of Food and Nutrition Services. "Online payment is now a standard way of doing business and our parents expect it."

For more information visit www.payPAMS.com.

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HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS

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 Winter Dance Concert

Prepare yourself to witness poetry in motion this season! The Winter Dance Concert is the premiere of student choreographed work, as well as featured guest artists. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for students, & \$3 for children under 12.

Grandview High School
 Jan. 28 7 p.m., Orchestra Concert
 Jan. 29 7 p.m., Band Concert

Want more news from Cherry Creek Schools? Sign up for the monthly Cherry Creek Schools Community eNewsletter. In addition to the latest news from the Cherry Creek School District, you'll receive breaking news regarding urgent events and emergency information. Go to www.cherrycreekschools.org and click on "eNewsletter" at the bottom of the page.

Recycle in the Christmas Spirit

Your Christmas tree can serve another useful purpose as mulch for trees and shrubs in your backyard and neighborhood. South Suburban Parks and Recreation will recycle Christmas trees from December 26 through January 13. Residents can dispose of Christmas trees at the Willow Spring Service Center, 7100 South Holly Street. Trees will also be accepted at Cornerstone Park parking area, enter from Windermere Street south of Belleview Avenue. All lights, ornaments, garland, tinsel and stands must first be removed. Flocked trees, leaves, branches or other refuse will not be accepted at the recycling sites. During the recycling effort, trees will be mulched and free mulch will be available shortly after the recycling process begins. Residents can obtain mulch Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at each of the two sites. Call the South Suburban Administrative office at 303-798-5131 for more information.

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Arapahoe County gave voters three options for casting their ballot during this year's general election. Voters could vote by mail, vote early or vote on Election Day. Election turnout was 93.46 percent of the County's 287,435 total active voters, which is roughly the same turnout as the 2004 General Election. Of the 268,644 ballots cast for the 2008 General Election, 71.8 percent or 192,827 ballots were cast by mail. Election Day turnout was 44,429, or 16.5 percent, followed by Early Voting where 25,934 ballots, or 9.7 percent, of the votes were cast. In addition, 5,454 provisional ballots, or (2 percent) were included in the total vote count. To view the final election results, visit the Arapahoe County Election web site at www.arapahoevotes.com.

2. Two lanes are open in each direction on County Line Rd. between Colorado Blvd. and University Blvd. Construction continues on the median and sidewalks of this stretch of County Line Rd. This is still a construction zone with the speed limit being 35 MPH. Call the project hotline at 303-562-2018 ext. 357 or email clr@pouringiton.com for more information.

3. Arapahoe County residents overwhelmingly enjoy Arapahoe County's quality of life with 84 percent giving it high marks as a great place to live, according to a survey conducted by the National

Research Center. Last summer, 3,000 randomly selected households in Arapahoe County were asked for their perceptions of their community and county government when they received a copy of *continued on page 8*

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City of Centennial

1. The City of Centennial government offices have moved to the Centennial Civic Center is located at 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd., Centennial, 80112. The new building is about a 1/2 mile east of the previous building. To contact the City offices by phone, call 303-325-8000.
2. At the four libraries located in the City of Centennial there is a binder with information about the City of Centennial's five and ten year capital improvement projects. The City invites residents to visit the libraries and review these proposed projects. Each project is ranked by categories such as safety, percentage of city population benefited, economic development (revenue), etc. The five and ten year capital improvement projects provide guidance for future planning but does not obligate the City of Centennial to proceed with funding options or construction of the proposed projects. The binders are located at the following Centennial libraries: Castlewood Library - 6739 South Uinta Street; Koelbel Library - 5955 South Holly Street; Southglenn Library - 7500 South University Boulevard; Smoky Hill Library - 5430 South Biscay Circle. In addition, a binder is available to review at the Centennial Civic Center located at 13133 East Arapahoe Road. If you have comments or questions about these projects please contact Monica Trottier at 303-754-3459.
3. In its first request for credit ratings from Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service, the City of Centennial has received high quality ratings from both agencies. Standard & Poor's assigned a rating of AA+ and Moody's rating is Aa2. Centennial Mayor Randy Pye, City Manager Jacque Wedding-Scott, and Interim Finance Director Dawn Friday make presentations to both rating agencies in October. The rating agencies based the ratings on the city's strong general fund balances, low debt burden, and an affluent residential population. The City requested the ratings in the event there might be

- a future bond election and sale of bonds to finance public projects. The higher the rating, the lower the interest cost.
4. Centennial Sales Tax Workshops Scheduled. In June 2008, by a majority vote, the City of Centennial became a Home Rule city. Being Home Rule allows the City to collect its own Sales Tax, instead of having the Colorado Department of Revenue collect it on behalf of the City. Effective January 1, 2009, retailers of tangible personal property and taxable services are required to have a Biennial Business and Retailer Sales Tax License and begin remitting the collected City of Centennial Sales Tax directly to the City. The City of Centennial has scheduled workshops for businesses to help with the transition to self-collection. Each of the workshops will be in the City of Centennial City Council Chambers at the Civic Center, located at 13133 East Arapahoe Rd. in Centennial. For more information, or to RSVP, please call 303-754-3440, or email dkohl@centennialcolorado.com.

Sales Tax Workshops are scheduled for the following dates:

- Tuesday December 23, 2008 9 - 11 a.m.
- Saturday January 10, 2009 9 - 11 a.m.
- Thursday January 22, 2009 2 - 4 p.m.
- Tuesday February 10, 2009 6 - 8 p.m.
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- Saturday March 7, 2009 9 - 11 a.m.
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The Center for Disease Control (CDC) calculates that every year in the United States there is an estimated 76 million cases of food borne illness. Within this group, approximately 325,000 people are hospitalized and 5,000 die. These symptoms may occur within 6 to 72 hours and persist up to 3 days.

Some common causes of food borne illnesses are E. coli 0157:H7, Salmonella, Shigellosis and Clostridium botulinum. All of these conditions can be prevented with proper food handling and good **Hand Hygiene:**

Wash your hands before and after handling food, Use a “meat-only” cutting board, Use “bleach wipes” for the kitchen counter, Use a meat thermometer to ensure food is cooked to correct temperature, Wash all raw vegetables, Properly clean and sanitize equipment used in processing food

Don't let your food make you sick!!!!

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Arapahoe County's Citizen Survey in the mail. Arapahoe County conducted the mail survey to determine citizen satisfaction with County services, as well as to determine citizen perceptions of their community. Of the households contacted, 715 completed the survey providing a response rate of 25 percent. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percent. The results indicate that most Arapahoe County residents say they experience an excellent quality of life and believe the County is a great place to live. The overall quality of life in Arapahoe County was rated as “excellent” or “good” by 75 percent of respondents. Nearly 80 percent say they plan on staying in Arapahoe County for the next five years and 84 percent would recommend living in Arapahoe County to someone who asks.



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