



Chapparral Sage

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President's Report

At our last HOA Board meeting which was held on October 13, 2008, the Board and attending community members had terrific dialogue and healthy conflict regarding the following three topics:

Asphalt roofing products. I know many of you received a neon yellow flyer in your mailbox in early October. To be clear, that flyer was not approved by me or any member of the Board. The approved roofing survey could be found during the month of October on the Chapparral website. That said, I am very appreciative of the number of homeowners who called me to express their concerns and/or to provide a favorable response relative to the topic of asphalt roofing products on our community homes. The Board continues to review a number of top-of-the line architectural asphalt roofing product recommendations and is open to examining all products to ensure we are selecting only high-end products for the community roofing guidelines.

Chapparral Entrance Improvements. Stay tuned on this topic. At this stage in the game and as I mentioned during last month's newsletter, at this time, the Chapparral Metro Board and the Chapparral

Homeowners' Association Board are looking at a few temporary options based on recommendations from the Entrance Improvement Committee. The intent is to have the Chapparral Improvement Committee provide both Board's with their recommendations regarding a long-term solution. I expect the Chapparral Entrance Committee will make their recommendation regarding the temporary Entrance Improvement issue and the temporary solution will be resolved at the November 10th Chapparral HOA Board meeting.



Document Review (also known as Chapparral Declaration of Covenants). The Document Review committee has diligently been working on ensuring we are bringing Chapparral's By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation and Declaration of Covenants up-to-date to align with Colorado legislation. More specific information will be shared with the community in January, on this issue.

It may go without saying; however, trust me when I say that I, the Chapparral Board, the Chapparral Metro District and the various committees who are working

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Arapahoe County News

Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder Nancy A. Doty would like to remind voters to please mark their ballots correctly. Important voting information is listed below.

- To vote for the candidate of your choice, simply complete the arrow on the ballot with a heavy bold line.
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Community Website

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Chapparral 480 Homeowners Association Meeting

Minutes of the Board meeting held: Monday, 13 October 2008
Creekside Elementary School

1. Call to order: 7:05 p.m. A few introductory remarks were made by the Board President. Three major topics are on the agenda: (1) a dialogue on roofing guidelines, (2) community entrance committee report and (3) community document review update.

Board members in attendance: **Joni Hibdon, Mary Ann Neumann, Terri**

Lash, Randy McCurdy, Dan Stenersen, Randy Baham

Other attendees: **Phil Bucher, Christopher Worley, Steve Cooper, Jeff Patton, Bryan and Darla Ollila, Jean Worley**

2. The minutes for the September 2008 meeting were approved as written. Future newsletters will contain only a summary of the meeting minutes; the full minutes will be posted on our website (www.chapparral.org).

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Next Chapparral Board Meeting
Monday, Nov. 10 • 7 p.m.
Creekside Elementary School
Everyone welcome – please join us!

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on the above issues, have the community's best interest in mind when making decisions. Additionally, we all want to ensure we maintain and improve our home values.

Additionally, and with winter and the holiday season just around the corner, please mark December 7th on your calendar – this is the date of the upcoming **Chapparral Sleigh Ride**. Thank you to all of the volunteers who make this great event possible. Please be sure to have your holiday lights up and burning brightly on the date of the sleigh ride so that everyone can enjoy the splendor.

I would also like to encourage your participation in the monthly HOA meetings. If you can fit it into your schedule, the HOA has two more meetings this year on November 10th and December 8th. Please join us at 7 p.m. at Creekside Elementary School. In addition to learning about what is going on within Chapparral, it is also great way to get to know other people in the community. And, for those of you who are interested, we can always use more volunteers – whether on specific committees or serving as a future board member.

Together we can keep this a Great Community. Enjoy the fall season and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

— Joni Hibdon

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- a. There are 3 outstanding dues payments for 2008; 5 status letters to date.
- b. Our CDs were reinvested as planned.
- c. Sep financials were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- d. A draft 2009 budget will be presented at the Nov. meeting.

4. Architectural Review Committee

- a. 2 requests were approved; an additional request was approved via email vote by the HOA Board
- b. Multiple homes remain for sale in the community (12)
- c. A handful of repeat out-of-compliances still exist; we will discuss this further in context with the document review update
- d. A lengthy roofing discussion occurred – see minutes posted on website for details
- e. A roofing opinion survey is on line thru 31 Oct.

5. Entrance Improvement Committee Update

- a. On-line meeting was held. Short-term recommendation was made to the HOA Board.
- b. Motion was approved for committee to provide recommendation to Board on short-term options of removal of current signs or painting both signs in earth tones.
- c. Three of four corner easements have been signed; expecting the 4th easement shortly.
- d. Remember, community entrances belong to the CMD – their intent is to plant more flowers next Spring; the CMD is supportive of the HOA Board and it's initiative to improve our community entrances.

6. Document Review Update

- a. Standing committee meeting every Wed evening, 7-9 p.m., at Creekside Elementary; redlined documents available 1 Nov; next meeting is 5 Nov.
- b. Wholesale revision of documents was modified to a phased approach
- (1) Baseline current community documents to be in accordance with State legislation remove references to the Chapparral

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Metro District (CMD) and publish guidelines for flexibility

(2) Work more contentious issues (roofing, RV storage)

7. Chapparral Metro District (CMD) - NTR**8. CenCon – see CenCon article for details****9. Communication**

- Newsletter articles are due 17 Oct
- Check the website home page for near-term news items that are not timely for the newsletter.
- New website options to be presented at Jan 09 meeting.

10. New business

There have been a number of recent attacks by packs of coyotes within Foxfield, Chapparral and Antelope including those on large dogs (75 lbs) and in daylight. We are contacting surrounding communities to help us in an assessing the situation (is this an anomaly or the future state); we are also talking to the Division

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of Wildlife about education and ways to assist the community in creating a balance between safety and living with wildlife. PLEASE be observant of our surroundings and pay particular attention to young children and pets.

11. Next meeting is Monday, 10 November 2008, at Creekside Elementary School, at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Chapparral Metropolitan District

At the October CMD meeting, the Board decided to lower the mil levy that supports the District operations from slightly over 4 down to 2.0 mils. This was possible because there is no need for additional funds for reserves now that the water system has been transferred to ACWWA and the antenna leases on the water tanks are producing significant revenues. Ongoing activities this month include:

- Replacement of the heaters in the pool house for both the pool and wading pool
- Fall cleanup of the common open spaces
- Winterizing the pool house
- Fertilization and sprinkler blowout at the pool and entrances
- Winterization of the tennis courts
- Repairs to the roof truss on the pool house
- Holiday lights at the entrances.

— Doyle Tinkey

Centennial Council of Neighborhoods

1. The Sheriff's Dept. has an Explorer Program for a badge in law enforcement for H.S. age youth. And Fire Depts. are working with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts on a variety of badge programs.

2. **City of Centennial** – the Open Space Committee has been reconfigured as a Board with duties, selection and membership reflecting other Centennial boards. You can sign up for email alerts from the city on a variety of subjects – council and planning commission agendas, road projects, citizen advisory alerts, news releases, etc. There is also a Neighborhood Resource Guide with FAQs, and lots of information for Centennial residents - www.centennialcolorado.com, click "Living", then "Neighborhood Resource Guide".

3. The new budget is on the city web site. **The public hearing for the budget** will be on November 3rd at 7 p.m. **The City will move into the new City Center building about November 20.** Open house: Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Centennial will self-collect its sales tax starting January 1, 2009. All businesses will license with the city - either for a Business or a Business/Sales Tax License. Workshops for businesses will be held to implement the program.

4. Centennial was chosen to present its "Best Practices" in a 5-minute film to be broadcast during the International City/County Managers Association in Virginia September 22-25. The video is on the City's web site.

5. Swedish home furnishing retailer **IKEA will build a store in Centennial.** It will build a 400,000 s.f. store on 13.5 acres along the west side of I-25 between County Line Road and Dry Creek Road. IKEA is the largest home furnishing operation in the world. It is expected to bring the city 500 construction jobs and 400 jobs to operate the facility upon its expected completion in 2010. Sales tax revenue to the city is estimated at \$3 million/year.

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Grab your hat, your boots and your family and head for the community holiday sleigh ride event!

When: Sunday, December 7, 2008 from 5-8 p.m.

Where: Right here in our neighborhood! The tent will be festive and ready for a great time at the corner of Geddes and W. Chapparral. The horse and wagon/sleigh ride will be along Andes Circle.

What's Happening: Come visit with your neighbors and enjoy the wonderful Holiday music, hot drinks and refreshments. There will be special Holiday crafts for the kids to keep them occupied while you enjoy the moment!



Sleigh Ride Reservations. Limited, advanced reservations will be available by contacting Joni Hibdon at 303.881.4055, by December 5, 2008. Otherwise, you will be able to sign-up when you arrive at the tent.

What Do I Need To Do? If you are planning to decorate the exterior of your home please consider doing it early so that it will be lit by Dec. 7th. There is nothing that rings in the season like the welcoming lights of the holidays!

Volunteers Needed! We are for volunteers to assist with serving beverages, set-up, clean-up, bringing cookies, and assisting with the kid's crafts. Please call Joni Hibdon at 303.881.4055 to volunteer your time to this fun community event.

Logistics! There will be no toilet facilities this year so please plan accordingly. Chapparral Circle West will be closed between Geddes and Andes Cir. Intersections and parking will be limited to roadside parking along the side streets. The street will also be closed at Easter for the safety of the children and the horse/sleigh team. If you are close enough to walk please consider that option. Otherwise feel free to park street side but pull off as far as possible.

The tent will be lit with welcoming holiday lights so you won't have trouble finding the event! Come one, come all! We'll keep the fire pit blazing for you!

City of Centennial

1. The City of Centennial, in partnership with Bicycle Colorado, and the Cherry Creek School District has received a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for a Safe Route to School (SRTS) educational program to be conducted at five Cherry Creek elementary schools during the 2008/2009 school year. The program is named Centennial Strides. The five Cherry Creek elementary schools that have been selected for this program are: Willow Creek, Homestead, Greenwood, Heritage and Walnut Hills. The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program is funded with federal transportation money and was established in 2005. This program helps educate and encourage children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade to walk or bike to school. The success of this program reduces traffic, fuel consumption and air pollution. In the approved grant, the City of Centennial and Bicycle Colorado are committed to the following within the Cherry Creek School District:

- Conduct in class bicycle and pedestrian safety instruction
- Provide helmets for free/reduced lunch students
- Provide each Physical Education teacher with the curricu-

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- lum and tools to continue the program after the grant ends
- Survey parents and teachers to identify what prevents students from biking and walking to school
- In class surveys (pre and post) to learn how students get to school and use the results to directly address these concerns
- Conduct "Walking and Wheeling Weeks" at each of the schools to encourage kids to walk or bike to school
- Conduct "Bike Safety Days" for parents and students to refresh their skills
- Work with community officers to focus on specific traffic issues with each school
- Raise awareness in the community of kids biking and walking to school
- Send home informational fliers to parents and children about how to safely walk or bike

2. The City of Centennial Youth Commission is excited to welcome three newly appointed Youth Commissioners. Parker Calbert is a senior at Arapahoe High School and is the Youth Corp Coordinator, Ben Horbitt is a junior at Arapahoe High School and Kayla Hudson is a junior at Cherokee Trail High School. The Centennial Youth Commission was formed by City Council in July 2003 as a way to provide a voice for the City's youth. The Commission is composed of 11 teens that live in Centennial, ranging in age from 13 to 18. The Youth Commission develops suggested ordinances, participates in City wide events, manages the Mayor's Youth Corp, develops and participates in community programs, attends municipal conferences and more. Youth Commissioners attend Centennial City Council meetings on Monday evenings where they are often asked for the Commission's

perspective. The Commission meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Centennial City Offices.

3. The week of 13 Oct the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will begin an intersection improvement project on University Boulevard (State Highway 177) at Arapahoe Road. The project will reconstruct the intersection in concrete, widen portions of University Boulevard and Arapahoe Road to accommodate acceleration and deceleration lanes into and out of Southglenn mall, improve drainage and replace the traffic signal. Throughout the project, motorists can expect various single lane closures on University Boulevard and Arapahoe Road from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition, occasional night and weekend work can take place from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. For weekly lane closure information, please visit <http://www.dot.state.co.us/TravelInfo/currentcond/>. Throughout the project, motorists

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can expect delays and alternate routes are strongly advised. CDOT would like to remind motorists to pay attention to all construction signs and flaggers and to "Slow for the Cone Zone." Jalisco International, Inc. is the contractor for this \$4 million project. The entire project will be complete by the end of August 2009. The project is funded by CDOT and the City of Centennial.

4. 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 Biannual Business and Retailer Sales Tax License and begin remitting the collected City of Centennial Sales Tax directly to the City. To learn more about Centennial Sales Tax, workshops are scheduled at the City of Centennial Offices, in City Council Chambers located at 12503 East Euclid Dr. Call 303.325.8000 to RSVP or with questions. Saturday, November 8, 2008 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

5. The reconstruction of Arapahoe Rd. between Colorado Blvd. and Holly St. is expected to begin Monday, Oct. 27. The reconstruction project will be completed in phases and will provide: upgraded pedestrian amenities, such as continuous sidewalks and ramps a new entrance to Newton Middle School including a new traffic signal at this location, drainage improvements, a new concrete roadway surface. At least one lane of Arapahoe Rd. will be open in each direction throughout the reconstruction project although alternate routes are advised. All business access from Arapahoe Rd. will remain open during this project. For more information about this project call 720-475-7122 or email at arapahoeroad@pbsj.com.

Cherry Creek Schools News – November 2008

www.CherryCreekSchools.org

For questions or concerns about Cherry Creek Schools, contact Tustin Amole at 720-554-4475.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2008-2009

Fall Break	Oct. 27 - 31, 2008
Winter Break	Dec. 22, 2008 - Jan. 2, 2009
Spring Break	Mar. 30 - Apr. 3, 2009

CHESLEY NAMED SUPERINTENDENT

The Cherry Creek School District Board of Education unanimously selected Deputy Superintendent Mary Chesley to succeed Dr. Monte Moses as Superintendent, effective January 1, 2009. Chesley, who has been with the Cherry Creek School District for 19 years, was the sole finalist for the position of Superintendent. She has served the district as a teacher, principal, Executive Director, Assistant Superintendent and 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.

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STORM SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Now that fall is here, winter weather can't be far behind! For the latest information about snow closures, delayed starts, and early or late dismissals, just check the district's web site, www.cherrycreekschools.org, local media or call your Area Hotline:

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- CHALLENGE SCHOOL start time is delayed 1 hour.
- I-TEAM program start times are delayed 30 minutes.
- MID-DAY KINDERGARTEN buses will pick up at their regular times.
- BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL DAY CARE programs operate on a normal schedule.
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