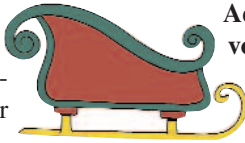




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Chapparral Sleigh Ride – Volunteers Needed!

Believe it or not, it's only a few short weeks before we ring in the holiday season with the **7th annual Chapparral Sleigh Ride** event, scheduled for **Sunday, December 6, 2009** from 5-8 p.m. To ensure that this wonderful community tradition is a success, we are looking for volunteers to help with the following either prior to or on the day of the event:



- Bake/bring cookies or other baked goods.
- Bring and serve hot beverages (coffee, cider)
- We need both adult and teenage volunteers to help decorate the tent

on the day of the sleigh ride, in time for the party.

- Schedule advance sleigh ride reservations on December 4th and 5th – this is typically coordinated over the phone.

Additionally, we need teenage volunteers to help with:

- Serving popcorn
- Serving beverages
- Crafts
- Sleigh ride sign-up (the night of the event)
- Decorations

Please contact **Joni Hibdon at 303-881-4055** if you are interested in participating with any of these volunteer activities.

President's Letter

Holiday greetings to everyone in the community!

I hope you are all enjoying the spirit of the holiday season! During this time of year, amidst the hustle and bustle in getting ready for the holiday festivities, I hope you will be able to step back enough from the busy pace of your lives to truly be present and spend time with your families. This is a time to reflect on what we are grateful for — what a joyous season!

Related to the spirit of the season, please mark Sunday, December 6th on your calendar. This is the date of the upcoming annual Chapparral Sleigh Ride. Thanks 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 everyone can enjoy the splendor.

Thank you for sharing your voice, your time, your contributions and commitment to the community during 2009!

– Joni Hibdon

City of Centennial Honors

For the fifth consecutive year, Centennial is ranked as the safest city in Colorado with a population of more than 75,000. In a news release today, CQ Press announced the release of its annual publication *City Crime Rankings 2009-2010: Crime in Metropolitan America*. Centennial ranks 15th of 393 cities. "I am proud that Centennial has once again made the list as the safest city in Colorado. It is an impressive honor and one that would not be possible without the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office as our law enforcement agency," said Mayor Randy Pye. "There is no better measure of the quality of life for our citizens than this." Other Colorado cities and their rankings include Arvada (58), Boulder (64), Westminster (115), Fort Collins (122), Thornton (144), Greeley (174), Lakewood (181), Aurora (207), Denver (227) and Colorado Springs (228). The crime rate rankings of the cities and metropolitan areas are calculated using six crime categories: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft. These categories have been used for determining city crime rate ratings since 1999. The rankings include all cities of at least 75,000 residents that reported crime data to the FBI in these categories. City Crime Rankings is one of five annual reference books published by CQ Press that analyze and rank states and cities in various categories.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Community Website

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Go to these websites or our community website for pertinent information not contained in the newsletter due to space limitations.

Chapparral Board Meeting

Mon., December 14th • 7 p.m.
Creekside Elementary School
Everyone welcome – please join us!

Chapparral 480 Homeowners Association Meeting

Minutes of the Annual meeting held:

Monday, 9 November 2009, Creekside Elementary School

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. As there was no quorum by 7:15 p.m., an informal meeting was held, exchanging ideas for content of the next formal meeting. At 7:35 p.m, another Director arrived, constituting a quorum. The formal meeting began.

Board Members: **Joan Hibdon, Bill Andrus, MaryAnn Neumann, Christopher Worley.** Other attendees: **Tom Lash**

2. The minutes for the October 2009 meeting were reviewed and a comment was made that we will not offer a Thank-You note to the coyote expert. Otherwise the minutes were approved as submitted.

3. **Treasurers Report:** Mary Ann Neumann

- 4 dues unpaid; 1 owner is coordinating with Mgt Company to pay.
- Expenses that would have been used for the October dumpster payment were assigned to 4th of July expense. Approved.
- Proposed 2010 budget presented; similar to 2009 with costs added for covenant election and town halls. No vote. Vote by Board members to occur at the December 14th HOA meeting.
- Financial statements were approved as submitted.

4. **Communications Update:** Discussion about moving December meeting to 12/7 to allow more articles in Jan 10 newsletter (School may not be available 12/14 – no issue)

5. **Architectural Control Committee:** Approved new landscaping for a homeowner's request. Welcoming Committee welcomed new homeowners at 7174 S. Chapparral Circle East.

6. **CenCON:** Due to Cathy Noon's election as our new Mayor, she has resigned as CenCON rep, new rep being sought. Cathy was not available at the meeting and therefore, the CenCON report will be included in the December Chapparral Sage.

7. **Chapparral Metro District (CMD):** Tom Lash

- Considering a different meeting time to allow more interested homeowners to visit.
- ACWWA rate hearing, 11/12, 0900

8. **Coyote Awareness & Management:** Christopher Worley

- Reminder to homeowners: report all coyote sightings on Centennial website.
- Discussion occurred to ask CMD to consider cutting away brush that may hide coyote activities.

9. **Sleigh Ride is Sun, 6 Dec, 5-8pm.**

- Look for the article in the December newsletter.
- Need volunteers for preparation, during & cleanup.
- Reservations will be available starting 12/4 – contact Joni

10. **New Business**

- Annual Chapparral HOA Board election for 2010 involves 2 Director positions. To have a 3rd party conduct elections will cost \$1,000
- Chapparral Metro District elections will occur in May 2010
- Committee work continues on the Covenant Enforcement Policy

11. **Next meeting** is Monday, 14 December 2009, at Creekside Elementary School, at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Chapparral Homeowners Association

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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 10. Residents can dispose of Christmas trees at the Willow Spring Service Center, 7100 South Holly Street, Centennial. Trees will also be accepted at Cornerstone Park parking area, enter from Windermere Street south of Bellevue Avenue in Littleton. 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.

Centennial Elects New Mayor and Council Members

Centennial voters have elected a new Mayor and Council Members. The Mayor and Council terms are four years.

Cathy Noon, Mayor

Cathy Noon is the Founder and Chair of the Centennial Council of Neighborhoods (CenCON). In 2007-08, Noon served as Chair of the Home Rule Charter Commission, a 21-member group elected to write Centennial's Home Rule Charter. In Centennial's early years, Noon chaired the 2001 committee created to pass three initiatives to fund the new city, served on the task force to write Centennial's first Comprehensive Plan, and is now a member of the advisory team rewriting Centennial's Land Development Code and Zoning. She is the Arapahoe County Council on Aging representative to the Denver Regional Council of Governments Advisory Committee on Aging. She has served on numerous committees and special district boards in Centennial and Arapahoe County in the last eight years. Noon defeated Todd Miller, Mike Weber and Greg Schoenfeld.

Rick Dindinger Council Member, District 1

Incumbent Rick Dindinger ran unopposed.

Ron Phelps, Council Member, District 1

Ron Phelps ran against six other candidates for a two-year term in District 1 to fill the vacated seat of Betty Ann Hamilton. The unofficial results show he defeated Vorry Moon, who was a Council Member from 2004-2008. Phelps serves on several community committees; Arapahoe County Budget, City Open Space, Parks & Trails Advisory Committee, and the City Land Use sub-committee guiding the redevelopment plan for the Southglenn neighborhood.

Sue Bosier, Council Member, District 2

Sue Bosier is the incumbent for this seat on City Council and defeated Scott Watters.

Rebecca McClellan, Council Member, District 3

Rebecca McClellan the incumbent, won the race against Cindy Combs.

Ron Weidmann, Council Member, District 4

Incumbent Ron Weidmann was unopposed. Phelps will be sworn into office at the Council meeting on December 7, 2009. All other officials will be sworn in January 11, 2010.

2010 Census to Begin

WARNING: 2010 Census Cautions from the Better Business Bureau. Be Cautious About Giving Info to Census Workers

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is underway as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race and other relevant data. The big question is: how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

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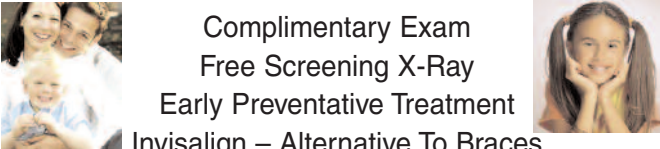


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have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. **Ask to see their identification and their badge** before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

- Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. **Remember, no matter what they ask, you really only need to tell them how many people live at your address.** While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information such as a salary range, **you don't have to answer anything at all about your financial situation.** The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau. **And remember, the Census Bureau has decided not to work with Acorn on gathering this information.** No Acorn worker should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau. Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, **the Census Bureau will not contact you by email**, so be on the lookout for email scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit www.bbb.org.

It is urgent that everyone in Centennial is counted. This census will put our city on "the map." Federal dollars depend on how many residents Centennial has. But be safe if a census taker comes to your door.

— Susan Johnson

CenCON

New CenCON representative needed for Chapparral.

With my election as Mayor, I will be stepping down from CenCON beginning January, 2010. Chapparral will need a new rep to attend CenCON meetings and report back to the Chapparral community. Anyone that is interested in serving as the Chapparral HOA representative on CenCON, please contact the HOA Board. The meetings are the 4th Monday of each month at the Arapahoe Library Administration Bldg at Adams Aircraft Cr. and Broncos Parkway beginning at 6:45 p.m. I'd be happy to answer questions – serving on CenCON doesn't necessarily mean you end up on city council!

Parker Fire District, www.parkerfire.org

Budget process is under way with lower revenue from property taxes anticipated in 2011. Fire crews are getting their H1N1 vaccines. Station tours have been suspended during this flu outbreak. 4,123 calls have been taken from Centennial residents in the first 3 quarters of 2009.

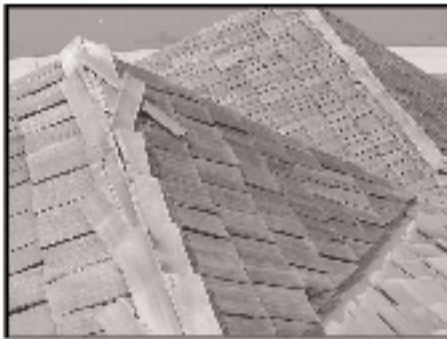
Arapahoe County Sheriff, www.arapahoesherriff.org

7000 block of S. Spruce – detected 191 marijuana plants behind a false bookcase. A home safe held the money. Homicide investigation on Willow Creek resident, Andrew Graham, continues and community meetings for the neighborhood are being held.

Cherry Creek Schools, www.ccsd.k12.co.us

District Profile: 50,000 students, 59 schools covering 108 sq. miles. 500 additional students this year. 24% of students are eligible for free or reduced lunches. 37% of students are students of color. 10,000 students in the district speak a different language at home. Over 100 languages are spoken in the district and every school has an ESL teacher.

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PICTURE FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING BLEAK

The financial future of public education funding in Colorado remains murky, Cherry Creek School Board Treasurer, **Jim O'Brien**, said in his remarks at the Oct. 12 regular board meeting.

"The State of Colorado has embargoed \$6.7 million in funding under the Public School Finance Act until January 2010," O'Brien said. "It appears unlikely that those funds will be released to the school district." The embargoed funds are in addition to the \$1.7 million the state took back from per-pupil operating funds already paid to the district in the last fiscal year. Tax revenue paid to the district also has fallen due to the current economic climate. During the last fiscal year, collection of specific ownership taxes declined for the third straight year, decreasing from \$16.8 million to \$15.9 million, representing a 5.36% reduction for the district. The school board has approved and the administration is implementing an \$8.6 million cost containment plan in the current budget to mitigate reduction in state revenue due to the economic downturn at the state level. General Fund administrative and non-classroom expenditures were reduced \$3.2 million and maintenance and some technology expenditures (\$2.5 million) were refinanced to the Capital Reserve Fund. Overall, annual Capital Expenditures were reduced by \$2.9 million for the current fiscal year. The picture for the 2010-2011 school year appears to be even more uncertain, O'Brien said. Read more at <http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us/News/Funding/>

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CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS COMMUNITY FORUMS

Sponsored by the District Accountability Committee

The Cherry Creek School District is asking the community for its input in creating a District Performance Plan. Although Cherry Creek Schools received the highest accreditation rating by the Colorado Department of Education, we are still striving for excellence and improvement. In addition, recent state legislation requires all districts in the state to develop new improvement plans. One of the goals in this process is to develop understanding and ownership of Cherry Creek's future direction and district goals among staff, parents, and community members. Please help us by attending one of the following community forums:

- 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, Overland High School
- 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, Smoky Hill High School

In the forums, participants will meet in structured small groups to discuss the future direction of the district and help identify district goals and performance indicators. All parents and community members are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP via eporner6@cherrycreekschools.org or **720-554-4935.**

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

For the 13th consecutive year, the Cherry Creek School District has received the Meritorious Budget Award from the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO). The award, presented in October, recognizes the district's Budget Department, under the direction of Dan Huenneke, for excellence in the preparation and issuance of a school system annual budget.

Earlier this year, the Cherry Creek School District received ASBO's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting. The award, which Cherry Creek has received every year since 1993, is ASBO's highest recognition for school district financial operations, conferred only to school systems that have met or exceeded the high standards of the Excellence in Financial Reporting Program.

The district also received, for the 17th consecutive year, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

from the Government Finance Officers Association. Both financial reporting awards honor the district's Accounting Department under the direction of Brad Arnold.

"These awards are evidence of the importance the Cherry Creek School District has always placed on sound financial management and strong stewardship of taxpayer resources," said Superintendent Mary Chesley. "They also reflect the high standards of the district and our Chief Financial Officer Guy Bellville, as well as the integrity and credibility of the district's financial departments and personnel."

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2009-2010

- Winter Break: Dec. 21, 2009 - Jan. 1, 2010
- Spring Break: Mar. 29 - Apr. 2, 2010

The district's 2009-2010 traditional, transitional and 4-track calendars are available on the district's website at www.cherrycreekschools.org.

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Lots of holiday activities/concerts in December – band, choral, dances, art shows, plays (see website).

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Colorado State Budget: May cut \$140M in the School Finance Act. Those reductions affect all school districts. The embargoed funds are in addition to the \$1.7M in operating funds returned to the State last year.

Board Of Education had 2 seats up for re-election. As there was no opposition, the election was cancelled.

Moving forward on renovations in school buildings. Updates are available: www.bond.cherrycreekschools.org

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City of Centennial Land Development Code

The Land Development Code (LDC) rewrite has been underway for over a year. Community input has been solicited and the process has been available online complete with documents available to the community. The adoption of the new code has been slowed down until 1st quarter of 2010 as more input is still being processed and the code refined. Also, proposed private property code enforcement sections of the code have been pulled and will be looked at as individual ordinances by City Council in the future.

Some Land Development Code Proposals: 1) Decision-Making Process – who approves what request, eliminates the Board of Adjustment and passes authority to Planning & Zoning, (Board of Review remains in existence); various levels of approval range from staff approval, administrative approval to Planning and Zoning approval & in some cases Council approval. 2) Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) Sunset Provisions 3) One year to draw the zoning map which will trigger the implementation of the new Code.

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The City Council Election has been certified and new District 1 Councilmember, Ron Phelps, has been sworn in to fulfill the remaining 2 years of a vacant term. On January 11th, the new mayor and re-elected council members will be sworn in for their 4-year terms. The ceremony begins at 7:00 and all are welcome. A DRCOG grant for bus benches has been received. The concrete benches will be replaced with a more aesthetically pleasing bench design.

– Cathy Noon

Chapparral Metro District (CMD)

1. Christmas lights should be put up at both entrances this week.
2. The board met and approved next year's budget that includes another 1 mil cut in property taxes.

– Tom Lash

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