

The Highlander

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Official Newsletter of the Arapahoe Highlands Civic Association

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hi Neighbor,

The annual Arapahoe Highlands Civic Association (AHCA) membership drive is underway. Here is what you get for your \$50 membership fee; neighborhood garage sale, dumpster days, 4th of July parade and picnic, fall festival, holiday party and let's not forget, snow plowing when the snow is deep and the city does not show up for a few days. Go find your membership form, fill it out and send it in now!

The AHCA now has an official web site at www.ArapahoeHighlands.com. Go check it out and let us know what you think. Can you find the AHCA membership and ACC project approval forms?

A Proposed Covenant Amendment is included as an insert in this month's newsletter. The proposed amendment is a clarification to the existing covenant's voting procedure due to issues regarding its interpretation. The Board of Directors and the ACC would like you to review the material and come to this month's meeting on April 21st to discuss. Voting begins on May 19th. If you have any question, please call me or any other board member.

Finally, more coyotes have been seen in our neighborhood recently. These animals have adapted to our presence and have lost their natural fear of people. Coyotes can be active any time, day or night, but especially at dawn and dusk. Coyotes are quick learners and consistent negative experiences can teach them to avoid people. Here is what you can do:

NEVER feed a coyote, either intentionally or by leaving pet food on your porch.

DO NOT to leave trash out overnight.

KEEP the area clean under your bird feeders and fruit trees.

KEEP pets inside overnight.

ANY coyote in the neighborhood needs to be harassed and chased away.

If you are approached by a coyote:

- Be as BIG and LOUD as possible; use arm gestures to exaggerate your size and voice.
- In a loud and forceful voice, command the coyote to go away.
- Always keep your pet on a leash; collect small pets into your arms and keep large pets close to you.
- Keep small children near you; do not let them run away.
- Throw objects (not food) at the coyote.

Slowly move towards a busy, populated area, there is no need to run.

See you at Tuesday's meeting, April 21st at 7:30 PM. Location is the Bennick home, 7643 S. Gilpin Court. All neighbors are welcome, this is your neighborhood, let's make it a great one together!

Larry McClymonds
AHCA Chairman

***** **NEXT AHCA BOARD MEETING** *****
TUES. April 21—7:30 PM
Carl & Dorthea Diller

ARAPAHOE HIGHLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES—March 18, 2009

The meeting was held at the Oliver-Atherton residence and association members in attendance were Kathy Walker, Barb Mills, Joanne Davala, Dorothea Diller, Diane McClymonds, Jim Smith, Lila Greaves-Smith, Larry McClymonds, Bill Fulk, Candace Moon, Vorry Moon, Joel Bennick, Gerry Harley, Michele Hanna, Susan Ketchum, Fred Chavez, Natalie Oliver-Atherton.

Larry called the meeting to order at 7:35. The minutes of the February meeting were not read by a motion from Susan Ketchum and seconded by Barb Mills.

Treasurer's Report - The report was accepted as presented by Sue Ketchum. Susan posed the question of why the new years starts in April. No answer was given. The total available cash is \$2,124.71.

CenCoN - No new news. New members asked what the name CenCoN stood for and Bill explained. Jim Smith noted that all By-laws are available from the CenCoN website.

Schools - Joel Bennick gave no new report.

Hospitality - Dorothea Diller sent condolence cards to neighbors who have had members of their families make their transition recently.

Architectural Control Committee - Candace Moon proposed an roofing material amendment change. Kathy Walker made further inquiry with regard to her roof replacement. Jim Greaves spoke with regard to doing more research on what is currently available in the marketplace for attractive and affordable roofing. He will do that research and make a future report.

Old Business – Status of meeting locations and committee chairs discussed. Several committee chairs are still vacant and need volunteers. Those committees requiring leadership are: Directory, Hospitality, Neighborhood Garage Sale and the 4th of July Picnic. Larry spoke on the status of the Covenant Amendment. It is complete and ready for submission to the neighborhood for voting. The ACC had not had a chance to review before the meeting. Everyone present agreed to the Covenant Amendment change. Larry proposed the neighborhood vote begin on the May 19, 2009 board meeting but must have a 30-day notice, AHCA covenant requirement. A flier will be created to distribute to all lot owners by the Board, remote owners will receive via mail. Candace spoke with regard to the importance of voter privacy.

New Business - Larry attended the Centennial Coyote meeting. It is the city's contention that urban coyotes pose a threat to our neighborhood, seeing several coyotes have been seen in our neighborhood. The city wants us to use harassing techniques so they return and stay in their own open spaces. The City of Centennial suggest the following should you see a coyote in the neighborhood: 1) Be as BIG and LOUD as possible; use arm gestures to exaggerate your size and voice, 2) In a loud and forceful voice, command the coyote to go away, 3) Always keep your pet on a leash; collect small pets into your arms and keep large pets close to you, 4) Keep small children near you; do not let them run away, 5) Throw objects (not food) adjacent to the coyote, and 6) Slowly move towards a busy, populated area. There is no need to run. In addition: Do Not to leave any animal food out and available, Do Not to leave trash out overnight, and K Keep animals inside overnight. In addition, Candace suggested that the coyote prevention information be continue over the next two newsletters.

The Fall Festival will be held in the last weekend of September this year and Christmas caroling will have additional leadership in the form of Jeffrey & Natalie Oliver-Atherton.

Larry has created a website for the AHCA and perusal will be available soon at www.ArapahoeHighlands.com. Vorry Moon made a motion to purchase a domain name and was seconded.

Larry also spoke about recent thefts that have occurred in the Highlands Ranch neighborhoods just southwest of us and suggests that homeowners step up all personal security measures.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05. The April meeting will be held at the home of Carl and Dorothea Diller.

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie D. Oliver-Atherton, Co-Secretary

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

We would love to congratulate all graduates of Arapahoe Highlands neighborhood. Please let us know who your graduate is and what their plans are after graduation. We will print their names in the May edition of the "Highlander". Email your story to Sandy Schell—edsslw@ecentral.com.

The neighborhood clean up will take place on April 25, at 4pm. We will meet at the Humboldt and Williams entrances. All neighbors are encouraged to participate to keep our neighborhood beautiful. Thank you for participation. Your ACC: Candace Moon, Chair 303 347 2364, Joel Bennick, 303 347-8635 and Jim Smith, 303 738-9237.

CENCON Notes from 3/23/09 Meeting

Sheriff – There will be a Seat Belt enforcement program 4/1-4/7. Fifteen people applied for the Civilian Police Academy training program. Two young people apprehended and charged for making home-made bombs from info found on the internet, claimed it was a science project. Reminded everyone that they can be charged with a felony, science project or not.

Arapahoe Regional Library District – April is "great outdoors" month, with a number of programs, including a wolf show, various types of gardening, etc. Contact a library, or see the "Dewey" (library district newsletter). May is Older Americans month at the libraries. It was stated that Centennial will soon surpass Denver in the number s of seniors.

Fire Districts – There is a ban on open burning in effect. Recommended keeping a garden hose handy, as some recent grass fires burned very close to homes. Mow along fences and keep access open for fire engines. Unattended candles are a problem as the cause of residential fires. As barbecuing season approaches, check that propane tanks are properly secured to the barbecue. Check for propane leaks by using soap and water.

South Suburban Park and Rec District – 4/18 Arbor Day at Gallup Park, 9 – 1, variety of activities for kids and grownups. 4/18 Rose Pruning workshop at War Memorial Rose Garden, 5804 S. Bemis, 8-12, bring your own pruning shears and some alcohol to disinfect shears. 4/14 Blood Screening at Lone Tree, 4/15 at Goodson, 4/16 at Buck. \$40, 18 and older. Remember to fast 12 hours before screening. 5/9 Highline Canal Run/Walk deKoevend Park. Pre-register on website. 10K at 8am, 5K at 9am.

City of Centennial – City is working with Greenwood Village to get funding to alleviate traffic problems at I-25 and Arapahoe Road. The Planning and Development staff are holding workshop on Deck Building May 19, and another workshop on Finishing Basements on Sept. 19. No info was given on location on time of day, so a call to 303-325-8000 should get this.

CITY OF CENTENNIAL SUMMER EVENTS

Southglenn Youth Battle of the Bands

Saturday, May 30 – 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. – Best Buy located at the Streets at SouthGlenn
The Centennial Youth Commission is the lead planner of this event.

Centennial Spring Fling

Saturday, June 6 – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – deKoevend Park

Lots of kids' activities – The City of Centennial is working in partnership with South Suburban Parks and Rec.

American Cancer Society Relay For Life

Friday, June 12 – Saturday, June 13 – Arapahoe High School

Bike to Work Day

Wednesday, June 24 – 6:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. – Whole Foods at the Streets at SouthGlenn

Centennial Night at the Movies (Featured movies TBD)

East Side of Centennial – Friday, July 10 – 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Trails Recreation Center West Side of Centennial

Friday, July 17 – 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Streets at SouthGlenn

Celebrate Centennial Under the Stars

Saturday, August 8 – Time is TBD – Centennial Medical Plaza

This event promotes health, wellness, education and fitness while celebrating a sense of community within Centennial. This will be the 4th year for this family oriented event and each year the number of attendees increases. In 2009, the City is taking the lead role.

Activities include:

Free health screenings

Family safety information

Fitness and exercise activities

Skating Show Comes to South Suburban's Ice

South Suburban Ice Arena, 6580 S. Vine St., hosts its annual figure skating show, "Showtime on Ice", with both matinee and evening performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 1 - 3. Professional coaches direct the talents of 100 community youth ages 4 to 20 in a two-part show. The first half will feature skating to the perennial favorite *Cinderella* and the second half production will highlight elaborate skating numbers choreographed to the teenybopper favorite, *Hairspray*. Reserved rink side and bench seating is available for all performances and tickets range from \$12 to \$20. Come into the cool air for a really hot show and family entertainment at 6580 S. Vine St. This event is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and is brought to the ice by the Colorado and Denver Figure Skating Clubs.

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South Suburban Celebrates National Senior Health & Fitness

South Suburban Parks and Recreation celebrates two days of National Senior Health and Fitness the last week of May. On Tuesday, May 26, from 10 am to 12 pm, at Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgeway Cir., attendees can enjoy light refreshments and visit a variety of booths with a myriad of fitness resources. The Wednesday, May 27 celebration, at Buck Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton, will include a resource fair with an array of informational booths and screenings. Both events are free and open to the general public. For more information call 303-730-4609. For other FREE summer activities, visit South Suburban's web site at www.sspr.org.

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South Suburban Offers 108 Days of Summer Fun

South Suburban Parks and Recreation is offering a special summer fun pass for everyone. Youth, 2 to 17 years, and seniors 65+ who live within South Suburban boundaries can experience unlimited play all summer, from May 23 through September 7, at four recreation centers and four outdoor pools for only \$100. Inexpensive pricing is also available for adults and families. South Suburban recreation centers and outdoor pools are located across the community at:

- Buck Community Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton, 303-798-8787
- Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial, 303-798-2476
- Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgeway Cir., Lone Tree, 303-708-3500
- Sheridan Recreation Center, 3325 W. Oxford Ave., Sheridan, 303-761-2241
- Harlow Pool, 5151 S. Lowell, Littleton, 303-798-6299
- Franklin Pool, 1600 E. Panama, Centennial, 303-798-5922
- Holly Pool, 6651 S. Krameria Way, Centennial, 303-770-0333
- Cook Creek Pool, 8711 Lone Tree Pkwy., Lone Tree, 303-790-7665

Visit any of the above recreation centers now and purchase some summer fun today. Passes will be available at the outdoor pools starting on opening day, May 23. For other South Suburban Parks and Recreation summer activities visit

City of Centennial is Requesting Applications for Centennial Teens to Join the Youth Commission

(Centennial, CO) The City of Centennial Youth Commission is seeking applicants starting today.

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 eleven 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 Centennial Mayor's Youth Corp, develops and participates in community programs, attends municipal conferences and more. Youth Commissioners rotate attending 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.

Applications may be downloaded from the City's Web site, www.CentennialColorado.com, or picked up at the City offices. Interested teens should complete an application and return it to the attention of Patrick Pratt, at the City of Centennial offices no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2009. It may be mailed to 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd., Centennial, CO 80112; faxed, (720) 488-0933, or emailed to youth@centennialcolorado.com. An application is attached to this email.

Logan Bui, son of Diane Younglund at 7678 S Williams St. has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout! He will be having his Court of Honor soon. Logan will be graduating from Denver Academy in May and will be attending the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, having been accepted into the School of Mechanical Engineering." Congratulations Logan!!

We would like to extend our condolences to Leslie Hoggatt & her family on the recent loss of her brother.

AHCA COMMITTEE CHAIRS, MEETINGS & EVENTS

Committee Chairs:

Block Coordinators – Diane McClymonds

CENCOM – Bill Fulk

Directory – **TBD** (Diane McClymonds will train replacement)

Dumpster Days - Jerry Nonko

Fall Festival – Vorry Moon

Fourth of July – Board of Directors (need an organizer - **TBD**)

Holiday Party – Board of Directors hosted and organized by Bill and Sherry Donovan

Holiday Food Baskets, Luminaries and Santa visit – Mark Ketchum

Hospitality – **TBD**

Membership – Kathy Masters

Budget – Susan Ketchum

Garage Sale Weekend - **TBD**

Entrance and Neighborhood Clean Up - ACC

Schools - Michele Hanna

AHCA Meetings and Events:

Monthly AHCA Board Meetings - Open to all members

March 17, 2009 - Natalie Oliver-Atherton

May 19, 2009 - Joel Bennick

August 18, 2009 - Larry McClymonds

October 20, 2009 - Jim Smith & Lila Greaves

January 19, 2010 - **TBD**

April 21, 2009 - Carl and Dorthea Diller

June 16, 2009 - Kathy Walker (outside BBQ)

September 15, 2009 - Susan Ketchum

November 17, 2009 - Vorry Moon

February 16, 2010 (Board and ACC elections) - **TBD**

Events

March 1st - Membership Drive (Kathy Masters)

May 29 - May 31, 2009 - Neighborhood Garage Sale (**TBD**)

June 6 & 7, 2009 - Dumpster Days (Jerry Nonko)

July 4, 2009 - Fourth of July Parade (Joel Bennick) and Picnic at Abbott Park (**TBD**)

July ?? - Entrance and Neighborhood Clean Up (ACC)

September 26th with the 27th as rain date - Fall Festival (Vorry Moon)

December 5, 2009 - Holiday Party @ 6:30 PM (Sherry and Bill Donovan)

December ?? - Santa visits and pick up of food baskets, delivery of bags for luminaries (Mark Ketchum)

December ?? - Christmas Caroling (Natalie Oliver-Atherton)

December 24, 2009 - neighborhood luminaries

Centennial is seeking applications for Boards, Commissions and Committees

The City of Centennial is currently recruiting for the Board of Adjustment, Board of Review, Planning and Zoning Commission, Election Commission, Audit Committee, Budget Committee and the Investment Committee. Applications are available on the City's Web site at www.centennialcolorado.com

Vacancies on City Finance Committees

The City of Centennial is seeking applicants for three Finance Committees. Finance Committees are advisory committees required by the Centennial Home Rule Charter.

Audit Committee

Budget Committee

Investment Committee

See Centennial website for committee duties. Application deadline: Friday, April 24, 2009

Board and Commission Vacancies

Board of Review is a board considering appeals to the Building Code. Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. on an as-needed basis. Application deadline: 5:00 p.m. April 17, 2009

Board of Adjustment is a board considering zoning variance applications and administrative appeals. Meetings are the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. on an as-needed basis. Application deadline: 5:00 p.m. April 14, 2009

Planning and Zoning Commission is a commission considering land use applications and other land use matters. Meetings are the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. Application deadline: 5:00 p.m. April 17, 2009. All terms are for a period of three years, for which a stipend of \$25.00 per meeting will be paid to each attending board member.

Election Commission Vacancies

The Election Commission is an advisory commission required by the Centennial Home Rule Charter.

The Election Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of the month. Terms are for a period of three years. Application deadline: Friday, May 1, 2009

Further details and application forms may be obtained on the City website, www.centennialcolorado.com, or from the Deputy City Clerk, 303-754-3302. All of these meetings will be at the Centennial Civic Center located at 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd., Centennial

ALD NEWS

Eloise May Library Opens

In celebration of the new Eloise May Library, located at 1471 S. Parker Road, Denver, the library held a grand opening event on Saturday, February 21. More than 3,000 patrons visited the library over the weekend to see the new facility and to check out more than 6,000 books, DVDs, audio books, CDs and other materials. A total of 649 library cards were issued as well. The new branch, featuring 14,000-square-feet of public space, was built on 3.5 acres at the intersection of S. Parker Road and E. Florida Avenue. The library will serve the residents of Glendale, Four Square Mile and Holly Hills, as well as the larger community. The Eloise May Library is open from: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; and 1 – 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, please visit www.arapahoelibraries.org or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

Stress-Free College Search

If you're headed to college soon, or know someone who is, join us for ***The College Search: From Stress to Success – (Sane) Steps to Follow in Finding the Right College for You!*** This program, presented by Dr. Steven Antonoff, PhD, will take place from 7-8:30 pm on Thursday, April 23 at Koelbel Public Library. Dr. Antonoff is the author of *The College Finder: Choosing the School that's Right for You* and *College Match: A Blueprint for Choosing the Best School for You*. This event is free and open to the public, however, registration is required. Call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279) or visit www.arapahoelibraries.org and click on "Programs & Events."

Exploring the Great Outdoors at Arapahoe Library District

Experiencing cabin fever? Many of the Library District's featured programs and events in April will be based on the theme "**The Great Outdoors.**" These programs and events will give children, teens and adults the opportunity to explore the world around them, gain new skills and learn about all that the great outdoors of Colorado have to offer. Children's programs include the **Canyon Critters Wolf Show**, where kids can learn about wolves and meet Harper, the Canyon Critters' mascot. Or, check out **Stories Around the Campfire**, with Arapahoe Library District storytellers. Craft program participants can create and take home a Bird-feeder or make a kite to fly on a windy spring day. Teens will be introduced to specialty kites in the program **Go Fly a Kite**, including those used in combat and the Rokkaku kites from Japan. Or, learn stiltwalking during the **Stiltwalking Clinic** led by a professional stiltwalker. Adults are invited to participate in a variety of programs, including a variety of gardening events, such as **Garden Design 101**, **Butterfly Gardening**, or **Tagawa Gardens Presents Luan Akin, Former Channel 4 Reporter, on Container Gardening**. During the Elderhour Program, author Eric Peterson, known for his humorous travelogues, will share about his travels around Colorado in the program **Ramble Colorado: The Wanderer's Guide to the Offbeat, Overlooked and Outrageous**.

For a full listing of "**The Great Outdoors**" events and programs for all ages, please visit our website at www.arapahoelibraries.org.