

The Highlander

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Official Newsletter of the Arapahoe Highlands Civic Association

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hi Neighbor,

Have you visited the official Arapahoe Highlands Civic Association web site at www.ArapahoeHighlands.com? The site is loaded with lots of neighborhood and local information. Check it out and let us know what you think.

Voting on the Proposed Covenant Amendment to clarify and update the existing covenant's voting procedure will begin at this month's association meeting. The Board of Directors and the ACC feel this is an important change to minimize interpretation issues of the current covenant voting procedure. The proposed amendment was supplied to all lot owners last month and can be found on our web site in the documents section. If you have any question, please call me or come to this month's meeting.

We have two big neighborhood events happening very soon. The first is the neighborhood garage sale on May 29th and May 30th. Jillann and Jim Vorheis are coordinating the Garage Sale. If you are interested in participating, please contact them at 720-283-6791. The AHCA will place ads in the newspaper and have signs posted to direct traffic in to the neighborhood. All participants will receive balloons on their mailboxes, clearly marking garage sale participants to potential buyers. The second big event is 'Dumpster Days' on June 6th and 7th. Jerry Nonko is the coordinator and can be contacted at 303-730-2362. We are looking for volunteers to man the dumpsters for an hour to help with the unloading of vehicles and trailers and to verify AHCA membership. Please note that the chipper will be available Saturday morning from 9 AM to 12 noon. Please plan to bring your shrubs and trees on Saturday so we can maximize space in the dumpster. Regular trash for the dumpster will be taken starting at noon on Saturday. We will also fill one dumpster per day. The dumpsters are free to AHCA members and there is a \$50 fee for those neighbors who are not AHCA members.

Summer is almost here and it is that wonderful time of the year where we can open our windows and let the fresh air in. Please be good neighbors and keep your dogs quiet at night so we can all sleep peacefully. If you have a neighbor with a barking dog, please content them directly and let them know, they might not realize that the barking is bothering anyone. Thank you.

See you at Tuesday's neighborhood meeting on May 19th at 7:30 PM. The meeting is at the Bennick home, 7643 S. Gilpin Court. All neighbors are welcome, this is your neighborhood, let's make it a great one together! Come Vote!

Larry McClymonds
AHCA Chairman

******* NEXT AHCA BOARD MEETING *******
TUES. May 19—7:30 PM
Joel & Sally Bennick—7643 S Gilpin Ct

ARAPAHOE HIGHLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES — April 21, 2009

The meeting was held at the Diller home and association members in attendance were Diane and Larry McClymonds, Bill Fulk, Joanne and Andy Davala, Candace and Vorry Moon, Dorothea and Carl Diller, Anne and Terry Mather, Kathy Walker, Jody Hinrichs, Susan Ketchum, Howard Brand, Lila Greaves, Jim Smith, Tanya Brandorff, and Kathy Masters .

Larry McClymonds called the meeting called to order at 7:36PM.

The March meeting minutes were not read by a motion to skip the reading but with noted required changes. Changes were noted and minutes will be corrected on the web site. The meeting minutes were accepted as amended.

Correspondence to Board: Letter was read from Mrs. June Wilson who addressed concerns for her son's illness and to make us aware of the repairs to the home. She asks everyone to pray for Kenneth. The association will reach out to him and volunteer assistance.

Treasurers Report: It was discussed and accepted. The new budget was reviewed and accepted. Howard Brand will follow up with the city regarding the street light at the Dry Creek entrance. The street light should be the responsibility of the city and the city should pay the monthly Excel cost.

Committee Reports – ACC met 3 weeks ago about roof guidelines and agreed we are up to date with how they are written. Discussed neighborhood cleanup Sat 4/24 at 4pm – no money is required with this effort at this time.

CenCon – Bill Fulk had nothing new to present. April newsletter covered it all.

We still need 2 committee chairs to fill for the AHCA directory and July 4th picnic. If interested in helping please contact Larry McClymonds

Unfinished Business – proposed covenant amendments – Vorry Moon updated everyone on the current status. Letters to lot owner were delivered with the month newsletter, absentee ballots to remote lot owners were to be sent April 22nd. Vorry will organize board members to go door to door for votes after the initial voting kick-off at the May 19th meeting at the Bennick's home.

New Business — new AHCA web site (www.ArapahoeHighlands.com) is available and the board is open for suggestions on how to improve. Talked about emailing the newsletter (meeting minutes and neighborhood announcements) once a month and the possibility of limiting or eliminating hard copies that are delivered to each house. Also discussed a short survey regarding neighbor views regarding the newsletter along with voting on the covenant voting amendment.

Next meeting is May 19th at 7:30PM at the Bennick's residence at 7643 S. Gilpin Ct.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Brandorff

ARAPAHOE HIGHLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

This site is intended to facilitate easily sharing information between Arapahoe Highlands owners, committee members, AHCA board members, and ACC members. Your questions, comments, and suggestions for this Web site are welcomed! Please contact a board member with your ideas. Visit www.arapahoehighlands.com

Arapahoe Highlands Graduates

ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

** Abby Masters will be attending St. Olaf College in Minnesota next year.

** Allison Nonko will attend Emerson College in Boston. She received the Dean's Scholarship, and she will be studying in their Writing, Literature and Publishing program.

** Logan Jacobson

** Gina Bailey

** Kelly Mues

** Austin Frueh

** Shelby Mills

** Hosanna Pruitt

** Jesse Greaves-Smith plans to graduate from the University of Colorado, Boulder, with a B. A. in Political Science, May 8. During his three years in college, he was active with Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity and was its Merit Badge University Chair 4 semesters, Venturing Crew 492 President 2 years, earned Silver, the highest Venturing rank, Quartermaster, the highest Sea Scout rank, and the Ranger award, Kittredge Honors Program Senior Student Leader 2 years, Norlin Scholar 3 years, Madden Scholarship recipient two years, CU mascot Chip the Buffalo the year team Chip placed 6th nationally, and CU Museum of Nature and Science docent 5 semesters. He enjoyed studying in Athens, Greece spring semester 2008. This summer he plans to continue at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch, as the Adventure Program Leader for 15-18 year olds.

ARAPAHOE LIBRARY DISTRICT—Southglenn Library Moving

The Southglenn Library will be moving to the new Streets at SouthGlenn mixed-use development center and will open to the public in its new location on Thursday, July 16 at 10 a.m. The current Southglenn Library location at Dry Creek and Arapahoe Road will close its doors at 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 31. Once the location has closed, patrons can continue to pick up material holds at the Dry Creek location until June 20 during the hours of 9-11 a.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturdays. Patrons may continue to return items in the outdoor book drop through Tuesday, June 30.

Koelbel Library, located at 5955 S. Holly Street, and Castlewood Library, located at 6739 S. Uinta Street, both in Centennial, are also convenient alternate locations ready to assist Southglenn Library patrons during the transition. The new Southglenn Library will be located at 6972 S. Vine Street in Centennial.

Summer Reading 2009

The theme for the 2009 Children's Summer Reading Program at the Arapahoe Library District is "Be Creative." So, bring your crayons, markers, paint brushes and inner artist, and join us for a summer of creativity and fun. Summer reading has something for everyone, from babies and toddlers to children, teens and adults.

The theme for the Teen Summer Reading Program is "Express Yourself" and the Adult Summer Reading Program theme is "READiscover." Sharpen your pencils for the "Dream On" writing contest. All ages are invited to submit a story of up to 1,000 words about their dreams.

Kickoff activities will begin in June and will feature everything from crafts and puppet shows to bounce houses and skateboarding hogs. Look for more details online at www.arapahoelibraries.org.

ANNUAL AHCA NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Friday May 29 & Saturday May 20

To participate call Jillann & Jim Vorheis

720-283-6791

DUMPSTER DAYS

Saturday June 6th & Sunday June 7th

Call Jerry Nonko at 303-730-2362 to volunteer for an hour of dumpster duty.

9 am -5 pm

Chipper 9-12 on Saturday (trees & shrubs only)

General dumping begins 12 noon Saturday—Free to AHCA (\$50 fee non-members)

CITY OF CENTENNIAL

The City of Centennial is excited to announce the 2009 edition of the Neighborhood Resource Guide (2009 NRG) is now available. This guide was developed so Centennial citizens would have easy access to the answers of frequently asked questions about their city.

In an effort to be eco friendly, the City is encouraging people to view the latest guide on the City's Web site. Click on the link below to view the 2009 Neighborhood Resource Guide:

<http://www.centennialcolorado.com/index.asp?nid=495>

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. As of 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.

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 303-325-8000, or email kstickland@centennialcolorado.com.

Sales Tax Workshops are scheduled for:

Saturday May 9, 2009 9 - 11 a.m.

Wednesday May 27, 2009 9 - 11 a.m.

Tuesday June 9, 2009 6 - 8 p.m.

Saturday June 27, 2009 9 - 11 a.m.

SUMMER EVENT

The first summer event is the Centennial Youth Battle of the Bands event scheduled for Saturday, May 30 from 1-8 p.m. in front of Best Buy at the Streets at SouthGlenn.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—MAY 22
!! PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY IN OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD !!**