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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hi Neighbor,

Voting on the Proposed Covenant Amendment began at last month's association meeting. The proposed amendment can be found on our web site, www.ArapahoeHighlands.com, on the 'Documents' page. If you have any questions, please call me or come to this month's meeting. You can vote at Tuesday's meeting.

I have started sending out neighborhood and City of Centennial announcements via email. If you would like to receive these announcements, email me at larry@mcclymonds.us and I'll add you to our email list. The list will be kept private.

We had two big neighborhood events occur the last weekend of May and the first weekend in June:

- * The first was the neighborhood garage sale on May 29th and May 30th. We had over 20 neighbors participate. It appeared that we had good traffic through the neighborhood. A big thank you to Jillann and Jim Vorheis for organizing the Garage Sale.
- * The second big event and one of the neighborhood's favorite was 'Dumpster Days' on June 6th and 7th. Thanks to Jerry Nonko for organizing this wonderful event and thanks to all the volunteers that man the dumpsters and helped neighbors unload.

The next big event is our 4th of July parade and picnic. The kids decorate their bikes and scooters and the adults fancy-up their cars. The parade is in the morning and winds through our streets accompanied by blaring patriot music. The picnic starts at 4 PM and is held at Abbott Park (Mineral Ave. and High Street). The AHCA supplies burgers, dogs and beverages. You just need to bring a dish to share and lawn chairs. We are still looking for a picnic coordinator, contact me if you are interested.

Next neighborhood meeting is Tuesday, June 16th. This will be the 3rd Annual Bob Stevens Memorial BBQ on the front lawn of the Walkers at the corner of Humboldt and Dry Creek Place. The BBQ will start at 6:30 PM and the meeting will follow at 7:30 PM. The AHCA will furnish brats, hot dogs, beverages and fixings, as well as table service. Bring a side dish to share, lawn chairs and/or blanket. Come on out and meet your neighbors.

Larry McClymonds
AHCA Chairman

******* NEXT AHCA BOARD MEETING *******
TUES. June 16—7:30 PM—after 6:30 PM BBQ
Kathy & Chuck Walker, 1624 E. Dry Creek Pl.
SEE BACK PAGE FOR DETAILS

ARAPAHOE HIGHLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES—May 19, 2009

The meeting was held at the Bennick home and association members in attendance were Joel Bennick, Diane and Larry McClymonds, Willy and Bill Fulk, Lowell Arnold, Chad Bringle, Fred Chavez, Phil Draper, Barb Mills, Gerry Harley, Micheline Fulkerson, Vorry Moon, Terry Mather, Jody and Joel Hinrichs, Susan Ketchum, Howard Brand, Lila Greaves and Jim Smith.

Larry McClymonds called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

The April meeting minutes were not read by motion to skip the reading and accepted as written.

Treasurers Report was discussed and accepted. We have 79 members so far this year and expect several more due to Dumpster days. We currently have \$9,001.14 in the bank.

Committee Reports – ACC had two ACC request which were approved, a new roof at the Walkers and a new driveway at the Bennicks.

CenCon – Bill Fulk asked why his CenCon minutes were not in the newsletter. Larry will add to web site.

Directory - Diane McClymonds said the directory is ready to print and Larry suggested that we wait until Dumpster days to include any new members.

Garage Sale - Jillann and Jim Vorheis have everything set for May 29th and 30th.

Dumpster Days - Jerry Nonko has everything taken care of for June 6th and 7th. Free to members, \$50 cost, AHCA membership, for non-member neighbors to use.

Neighborhood Cleanup - The next neighborhood cleanup is scheduled for July 11th. The first clean up of the entrances was done April 25th by only Dorothea Diller and Candace Moon. We need to get out as a neighborhood next time, this is your neighborhood too!

We still need a July 4th picnic chairperson. Joel Bennick is organizing the morning parade and we need someone to organize the afternoon picnic at Abbott Park, High Street and Mineral Ave. If interested in helping please contact Larry McClymonds

New Business – It was mentioned that a couple motorized scooters are being ridden on neighborhood streets. Please note that it is illegal to ride these non-licensed motorized vehicles on the streets. If caught by the sheriff there is a \$150 city fine.

Old Business - Howard Brand followed 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. The city has assigned a public works case number, 16994.

Voting began on the AHCA Covenant Voting Amendment. Along with the voting, there is also a newsletter survey to get a general sense if we should maintain the current printed newsletter, reduce the number of newsletters or discontinue the printed newsletter and use email instead.

The partial remains of a white cat were found in the Peterson's backyard and appeared to be the result of a coyote attack. Another cat was taken by a coyote near Jamison Ave. and Gilpin Ct. A link will be added to the AHCA website home page (www.ArapahoeHighlands.com) to report coyote sightings and incidents on the Centennial website.

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Larry McClymonds
AHCA Chairman

Summer Reading with the Arapahoe Library District

The 2009 Summer Reading Program runs June 6th through August 1st. Pick up a reading log at your favorite [library](#), and earn fun prizes and chances to win other goodies in weekly drawings.

Teens from sixth grade through high school can participate in our Summer Reading program - Express Yourself @ your Library. Explore all the books, music, movies, and programs the library has for you this summer and win food and entertainment prizes. Express yourself at your library! This year you can substitute an online review for one 30 minute block of reading each week. So log in and comment in [Express Yourself - Book Reviews](#) and/or [Express Yourself- Music and Movie Reviews](#).

Adult Summer Reading is finally here (June 6 - August 1) and we invite you to READiscover @ Your Library! It's easy to participate--read a book, listen to a book, or read to a child. Fill out an entry form at one of our [libraries](#) or [online](#) and you'll be eligible to win prizes! Include a comment/review of your book and we'll post it on the ALD website. Happy summer!

ATTEND SOUTH SUBURBAN'S UNIQUE SUMMER THEATER IN THE PARK

South Suburban Parks and Recreation's Youth Children's Theater Production Class presents The Lady Bug & Butterfly and Ollie & Stanley, short family plays that impart messages while friendships are forged. Lily is a different looking lady bug who has trouble sharing the meadow with Bob, the arrogant butterfly, while Ollie and Stanley learn about loyalty in a forest fantasy. Both heartwarming plays will be performed FREE by youth ages 11 – 18 at 10 am in five South Suburban parks during the week of June 16-20.

- Tue., June 16, Hudson Gardens Original Amphitheater, Littleton Admission to the Gardens is required.
- Wed., June 17, Walnut Hills Amphitheater, 8195 E. Costilla Blvd., Centennial
- Thu., June 18, Sterne Park, South Shelter, 5800 S. Spotswood St., Littleton
- Fri., June 19, Gallup Gardens, 6147 S. Gallup St., Littleton
- Sat., June 20, Sweetwater Park, near the playground, 8300-1/2 Sweetwater Rd., Lone Tree

This FREE program is supported by the Science and Cultural Facilities District. For more information regarding Theater in the Park call 303-730-4612. For other performing arts opportunities visit www.sspr.org.

CENCON Meeting Notes from May, 2009

Sheriff – Youth Law Enforcement Academy will be June 15-20, 14-18 years. 9-3 daily and 10-4 on Saturday. Contact Brian McKnight 720-874-3750 for participation and any other info.

University and Arapahoe and University and Dry Creek intersections named as in the top accident locations.

Arapahoe Library District – Director reported that recently the Amer. Library Assoc. lobbied for changes to the Patriot Act, in that proof of potential terrorist activity would be required before a library has to provide law enforcement with information on a library patron.

Arapahoe-Douglas Works is getting some Stimulus money to enable the hiring of youth for library pages and shelvers. It was believed that interested parties should contact Arapahoe-Douglas Works.

South Suburban Park and Rec. – The Hershey Track and Field Meet will be held June 5 at Euclid Middle School track. Register 8:45, for youth 9-14. Bring birth Certificate.

There will be a Baseball Skills competition for youth 6-13, June 13, 9AM-12PM, at Cherry Knolls Park (w. of Elizabeth and E. of University, off Easter). Birth certificate required.

City of Centennial – There will be a Battle of the Bands May 30, 1-8pm, Streets of Southglenn in front of Best Buy. 8 teen bands. This was organized and planned by a group of teenagers.

The Streets of Southglenn people plan to hold their opening Aug. 28, 29, and 30.

Other - Centennial's "Coyote Lady" warns that we are in a critical period for coyotes as they give birth to pups, and thus need more and more food. They will be more active in daylight. Residents should be vigilant to keep themselves and their pets safe.

Be aware that Colorado now assesses a late vehicle registration penalty of \$25 per late month, up to a max of \$100. There are some exemptions for military and businesses if the vehicle has not been on a public highway since the grace period expired; check with Arapahoe County Clerk's office.

The City of Centennial now offers a 3-year animal license, which offers a small savings along with the convenience. The District Attorney advises that credit card "skimming" devices are now being used in the metro area. Such a device can record the credit or debit card info, plus PIN numbers. Most instances have been in restaurants where personnel use a handheld skimming device, but they are also used on ATMs and gas pumps. Look for a device attached over the card insertion opening.

**** The AHCA Directory will be delivered to members in the coming days. Watch for yours. ****

TRAFFIC DELAYS ON ARAPAHOE ROAD

Starting June 8, there will be traffic delays on Arapahoe Rd. between Heritage Pl. and Homestead Pkwy. The Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA) is installing large concrete box culverts to improve the flow of water at Little Dry Creek and for a new pedestrian walkway under Arapahoe Rd. The initial work that is scheduled to begin June 8 includes utility relocations and construction of a temporary detour. Between June 29 and August 24, three operational travel lanes on the south side of Arapahoe Rd. will undergo lane shifts Monday through Friday. Two lanes of travel will be provided for eastbound traffic during morning rush hours. Then traffic will be shifted by noon to provide two westbound travel lanes for the afternoon rush hours. Lane shift instructions will be clearly marked. Between August 29 through September 25, four travel lanes will be available on the north side of Arapahoe Rd. to accommodate two lanes of traffic in each direction. No left turns will be allowed to or from Heritage Pl., or Briarwood Cir. while this project is underway. For more information about this project contact Scott Palmer at SEMSWA at 303-858-8844.

Streets of Southglenn—New store opening—Whole Foods Market

6853 York Street, Suite 119 • Centennial, CO 80122

Thursday, June 11th & Friday, June 12th—10 am – 6:30 pm

Tours will start every 15 minutes and will last approximately an hour. Please register early – space is limited and will fill up fast! To sign up for a tour, please visit our website www.wholefoods.com/stores/southglenn

June 16, 2009: Annual Neighborhood BBQ, Picnic & Chocolate Fountain!!!

Come one, come all and join us for our third annual get-together in memory of Bob Stephens, a long-time Arapahoe Highlands resident who loved any neighborhood gathering that promoted a sense of community. Here's the scoop:
6:30 p.m.—gather for the BBQ & Picnic at the home of Kathy & Chuck Walker, 1624 E. Dry Creek Pl.

Once again, Hank Salmans will be Grillmaster. Brats & hotdogs will be provided.

Please bring a side dish to share, your own drinks, and lawn chairs.

7:30 p.m. Chocolate Fountain and AHCA meeting to follow.

Hope to see you there!