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Walnut Hills Civic Association Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday March 8th 7:00 pm
Metrum Community Credit Union
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Centennial, CO 80112

All Walnut Hills Residents Are Welcome!

Project Team Celebrates "Hats Off" Grand Opening for I-25/Arapahoe Road Interchange Dec. 14, 2017

GREENWOOD VILLAGE—CDOT and contractor Kraemer North America hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the substantial completion of the Interstate 25 and Arapahoe Road Interchange Reconstruction project. This work has been completed seven months ahead of schedule.

Although the project is substantially complete, landscaping and final punchlist (touch-up) items will continue through next spring. Intermittent lane restrictions may be required to complete this work.

Construction began in May 2016, with a commitment to complete the project by July 2018. Speakers celebrated the early completion by throwing plastic, yellow hard hats into the air.

"This project is helping to reduce congestion and improve traffic operations and safety," said CDOT Executive Director Mike Lewis. "It's also a great example of partnering. We can accomplish a lot when we pool our collective resources for improving our transportation system."

The project's \$66 million construction budget came from CDOT's Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships (RAMP) program and local matching funds from Arapahoe County, the City of Centennial, the City of Greenwood Village and the Southeast Public Improvement Metropolitan District.

A ribbon hung between a Kraemer North America truck and a CDOT vehicle, illustrating the project's successful partnerships. Participants concluded the ceremony by cutting individual pieces of the ribbon as a keepsake.

Improvements made as a part of this project included:

Reconstructed the I-25 bridge over Arapahoe Road and provided three through lanes on Arapahoe Road under the bridge with a single barrier separating east/west traffic

Realigned the frontage road in the northeast quadrant of the interchange

Constructed an additional westbound lane on Arapahoe Road from Yosemite Street to Greenwood Plaza Boulevard

Widened Yosemite Street from Yosemite Circle on the north to Xanthia Street on the south

Constructed two noise walls: one along Yosemite Street south of Arapahoe Road to Xanthia Street, and another along the south side of Arapahoe Road from Uinta Street to Yosemite Street

Provided triple left turns from the I-25 off ramps

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Photos - Jesse Alcorta

Easter Egg Hunt

Even though winter has just arrived, spring is just around the corner. The Walnut Hills Easter Egg Hunt is on the calendar for Saturday, March 24th at Walnut Hills Park. If a rain/snow date is needed, it will be pushed back one week to March 31st. We start on the dot at 11:00 am. The Easter Bunny has been busy finding fun treats and toys for the kiddos! This is a great opportunity to come out and meet your neighbors and meet the Walnut Hills board - we have a lot of new ideas and new people looking to gather your thoughts and get some input! This event, along with all of the events sponsored by the neighborhood, are done with the annual dues paid by you. Just \$25 paid by pay pal, cash or check go a long way!! If you have interest in helping during this event please contact Julie at Neighborhood6@walnuthillscolorado.org



GID Update 2018 Is Off And Running!

2017 turned out to be an exciting year with many changes happening on the Walnut Hills perimeter - most notably the Arapahoe Road / I-25 construction. The construction is wrapping up and the Walnut Hills sign was reinstalled at the corner of Arapahoe and Uinta the 2nd week of January. A few other projects and project updates include:

- The GID worked with the City of Centennial to get a bad section of concrete sidewalk along Quebec temporarily repaired. Permanent repairs will happen in the Spring/Summer 2018.
- The GID continues to coordinate with South Suburban Parks to replace a broken section of concrete on the new Little Dry Creek Trail on the Quebec side. This most likely won't happen until Spring/Summer 2018.
- The GID is working with DaVinci Signs and the City of Centennial to get the sign replaced on Quebec and Costilla - this is the one that was damaged by a car accident. We anticipate that this will be done the end of February.
- Our wonderful handymen are working on both painting the Dry Creek side of the perimeter fence (approximately 1/4th of the way done at the time of this article) and making needed repairs including fixing fence posts. These activities will be done as weather allows and will be an on-going project for the foreseeable future.
- Holiday decorations were put up and taken down on the signs over the holiday season.

These projects are in addition to the weekly clean-up and maintenance items that go on. Trash and debris pick-up is the most notable regular maintenance this time of year.

If you see any issues that should be addressed, please contact Julie at Neighborhood6@walnuthillscolorado.org.



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Deadline Reminder Scholarships Available to Walnut Hills Graduating Seniors

The Walnut Hills Scholarship Board is pleased to announce our annual college scholarship competition, benefiting Walnut Hills high school seniors who plan to attend college in the fall.

Four \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded this year. A fifth may also be awarded, if resident contributions to the scholarship fund allow for it. All high school seniors who live in the Walnut Hills neighborhood, and who will begin their higher education in the 2018-19 academic year, are eligible to apply. The scholarships are good at any accredited college, university, or vocational school in the United States.

For a copy of the application form, please email Bill Philpott at wphilpo@gmail.com or Scott Bess at scott.w.bess@gmail.com. Application forms will also be available in the Post Grad Center at Cherry Creek High School. The application requirements include a short essay and letters of recommendation.

Deadline for submitting an application is

Friday, March 2, 2018

Prom Dress Exchange Are You Thinking About Prom Yet?

We Are!
We're Gearing Up For Our Annual Event

March 3, 2018
8Am - 3Pm
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Arrival

- No food or drink will be allowed inside the building.

Donations

Donated dresses will be accepted at the event in exchange for a new dress. This is not a one for one exchange - we will gladly accept any number of donations you'd care to make, but can only allow the allotted amount of dresses to be taken. Please ensure your dress for donation is in excellent condition, current style and appropriate prom attire. Dry cleaned is preferred. Dresses not in excellent condition will not be accepted. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Dress selection

- With over 1,500 dresses in our inventory, please select no more than 5 to take into a dressing room. If those 5 don't work you may make additional selection(s) and return to the end of the dressing room line.
- As you gather your selections, please remember, formal attire tends to run a bit smaller than normal sizing.



- Dressing rooms will not be reserved.
- Females only allowed in the dress area.
- Please do not leave any valuables in dressing rooms unattended.

Accessories

We do have a limited quantity of donated accessories including jewelry, handbags, shoes and wraps which are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Alterations

- Very limited alterations can be made onsite - this includes a fix of a button, snap, sash, etc...
- We cannot alter the size of your dress. So please choose your correct size. Remember that formal wear tends to run a bit smaller than normal sizing.
- When alterations are required, please wear your dress to the alterations area.
- A seamstress team member will discuss what is needed and advise whether an alteration/fix can be done onsite
- There is a waiting period which may be extensive for some alterations

Check out

- Before you leave, please check-out with our team - we will ask for your school name and student id at this time.
- \$10 is our suggested donation to help cover costs of storage and other incidentals for the event and we do accept credit/debit cards.
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Letter To The Editor

January 28, 2018

I have very serious concerns about Ms. Udells' proposal. Her desire to form a new organization ("Walnut Hills Community Service Organization") as reported in the November 9, 2017 Walnut Hills Civic Association (WHCA) Agenda, to "organize all three entities as a 501(c)(3)", as reported in the Minutes of the WHCA August 10, 2017, and available on the Walnut Hills website, seems to imply that she wishes to take control of The Newsletter, The Walnut Hills Civic Association and the Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund. She doesn't report what she means by, "all three entities" but they have been mentioned in discussion. I'm not sure how a 'new organization' can organize other "entities" unless there is a plan to take them over.

Now the question comes - Do we want another organization to take over the operation of the WHCA, the Newsletter, and the Scholarship Fund? I think not, they serve our community very well and I believe that most residents are very happy with the service these three entities give our community, or else they would not be so successful.

It is most interesting that Ms. Udell stated in a posting on "Next Door", (a posting that has since been removed) that, "WHCA is considering an HOA". She was an officer of the WHCA until she was removed, (Action reported in the WHCA Minutes of October 12, 2017), and as an officer she should have known this was not true. She also implied in her posting on "Next Door", that the WHCA is a "social" organization. It is so much more than that such as; Easter Egg Hunts, Dumpster Days, General Improvement District (GID), July 4th activities, Garage Sales, Landscaping and Christmas lighting Contests, plus taking a stand on numerous residential issues indicates. Maybe she was trying to gain support for her organization and raise questions about the WHCA, an organization that for 60 years has been a voice for the common interest and concerns of Walnut Hills residents, not just "social".

Just what is her "mission and vision" besides taking financial control of these three entities with a board that might be paid with our dollars, taking away money from scholarships for our high school graduates and WHCA community projects. Our Newsletter, Civic Association and Scholarship Fund do such a wonderful job. Let's continue to support all three of these organizations that do so much for our neighborhood.

Thank You,
John Fuller

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The Road Not Taken

By Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted
wear;

Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to
way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference

My New Year's wish for each of you in
2018 is to take the road less traveled.
Be brave and courageous. Take time
to be grateful and make a difference in
the world. Work hard and play hard.
And know...each day is a clean slate.
Happy 2018! - Teolyn Bourbonnise



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Our background includes using the ubiquitous Polaroid films for fast documentation to include simple compliance to the more exotic autoradiography of DNA gels. I worked with a limited number of film cameras, mainly Olympus, Canon, and Nikon. I have managed an E-6 film lab, developing films, and mastering the wet chemistry of film processing. With the advent of digital cameras, AP Images has used Kodak, Pentax, Olympus, and Nikon. Today, we use almost exclusively Nikon products.

We enjoy working with families. Candid children's pictures are a favorite because they are more honest and expressive. Those are moments in time that deserve to be captured compared to family portraits some of us were made to endure all those years ago. When the opportunity presents itself, I personally like to do pictures that have a more glamorous or artistic touch. I draw on the 30s/40s/50 film noir styling, the works of Rembrandt and Rodin provide inspiration, as well as classic Greek and Roman art.

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Walnut Hills Family Movie Night

The WHCA sponsored the movie "Toy Story" for all Walnut Hills families on Saturday, January 27 in the Walnut Hills Elementary School gymnasium. Popcorn was served in boxes decorated with Toy Story decals and red ribbons. Water bottles were also given. In addition, each child received a Toy Story sheriff badge and a Toy Story cone hat. All who attended enjoyed the movie and the refreshments.



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2017 Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

Walnut Hills is a beautiful neighborhood, especially during the holiday season! On December 20, a group of WHCA board members canvassed the entire neighborhood looking for the best and brightest displays of holiday cheer. The judges used the following criteria to rank all of the amazing holiday displays.

- Diversity of decor, including inflatables
- Height of decor, extra merit awarded for roof top or tall tree displays
- Motion - either lights or mechanical
- Composition
- Music
- Originality
- Overall aesthetic appeal, the 'wow' factor

As you can imagine, there were some truly amazing displays and it was no easy task to arrive at the top 3 winners (so we added a couple honorable mentions!).

1. First Place: Steven Macaulay of S. Quebec Court. This house included a Cinderella coach and castle, light and mechanical motion carousel, music, and an overall beautiful display.

2. Second Place: Eric Lamphear of S. Willow Street. This house included a beautiful rooftop display, light and mechanical motion snowflake Ferris Wheel, and overall gorgeous composition.

3. Third Place: Mark Trenka of E. Briarwood Blvd. This house excelled at composition with attractive blinking candy canes in the foreground, nostalgic Charlie Brown decor juxtaposed against ultra modern 'crystal' trees, well placed inflatables, and an interior Christmas tree rounding out the background.

Honorable Mention:

1. Richard and Mary Ann McNay of S. Ulster Circle. This house had lots of great nostalgic decorations and music.

2. James and Sharon McBride of E. Easter Ave. This house also had lots of great lights and decorations, but what really caught our attention was the old truck on the side of the house completely decked out in lights.



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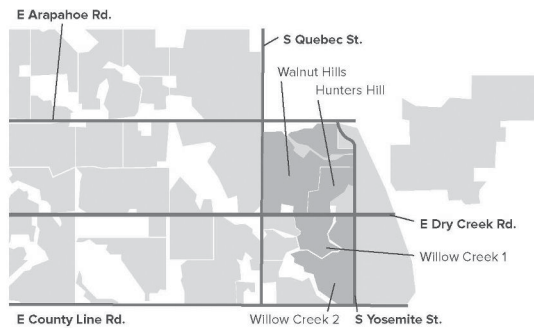


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Construction has started in Walnut Hills

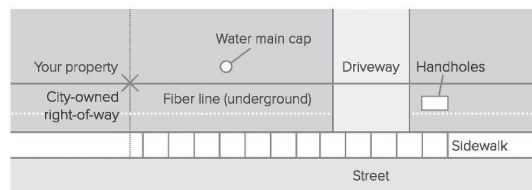
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- Phase 1A - Willow Creek 1 and 2 (currently under construction)
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The \$19 Dress

Isa Gregg

Today Only! Save 30 – 50%, plus free shipping during the Family and Friends Super Saturday Sale. I get ads like this in my email all the time. I show remarkable sales resistance ordinarily, but one dreary day in February, thinking of June, I caved. I went to the website sale and found the most beautiful cocktail dress for only \$19. Of course, they didn't have my exact size because it was a clearance sale, but the size chart on the internet said it would fit. I got some shoes to match and I got excited. All the snow didn't matter anymore, I was getting ready for summer.

The dress arrived and seemed to fit great. I was thrilled until I looked in the mirror and saw all the little lumps and bumps of middle age ruining the smooth lines of my new dress.

I immediately did what any rational middle aged woman would do; I bought my first girdle. I had heard they have made remarkable progress in girdle technology. The girdle wasn't called a girdle of course, it was called shapewear, or other such names. The shapewear was considerably more expensive than the clearance dress, but the point was to cheer myself out of my winter blahs and get ready for summer. Long story short, the shapewear didn't really live up to its high tech promise of smoothing out middle age lumps and bumps for clingy cocktail dresses.

So again, I did what any rational woman would do in the middle of winter, I dedicated myself to getting back in shape, and I bought myself an unlimited yoga studio pass. I skipped all of the restorative type yoga classes and stuck with classes that had names like "Power Yoga" and "Hot Yinyasa." I went to classes every day during the final days of lingering winter and all that exercise really cheered me up.

When Summer had finally arrived, my middle age lumps and bumps hadn't budged. I asked my yoga teacher, as I pointed them out, "So what do I do to get rid of THIS and THAT?"

"What, back pain?" She asked.

"No," I said, "The middle age thing."

"Liposuction," she said with a straight face.

Truth is, I never have occasions to wear cocktail dresses, but the dress cheered me up just the same.



Items of Interest

JHF

Quotes

Many bright, talented and accomplished people that have made quotes that, I feel, are well worth sharing. Here are some that might give cause for thought. Some are taken from a book of Speeches that I recently received from my daughter and some are 'Author Unknown'. Hope you enjoy them and feel free to share them with your family and friends. No list of quotes is complete without including some Yogi-Isms. JHF

"Good friends are like stars... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Author Unknown

"The talent of such is nothing more than doing what you can do well, and doing well whatever you can do." Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

"Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out." John Wooden

"At the centre of nonviolence stands the principal of love." Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Judge not. That ye be not judged." Jesus Christ

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Neil Armstrong

"I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die." Nelson Mandela

"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves." Sir James Barrie

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." Abraham Lincoln

"A friend is, as it were, a second self." Cicero

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." C. S. Lewis

"We turn not older with years, but newer every day." Emily Dickinson

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams!" Henry David Thoreau

"A true friend is someone who knows all about you and likes you just the same." Elbert Hubbard

"Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together." Woodrow Wilson

"Knowledge is knowing what to say. Wisdom is knowing when to say it." Author Unknown

"A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore." Yogi Berra

"Baseball is 90% mental and the other half is physical." Yogi Berra

"Remember, growing older is mandatory. Growing up is optional. We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." Author unknown

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2018 Activities	Date/Time	Location
Annual Meeting	March 8, 7:00 pm	Metrum Comm Credit Union
Easter Egg Hunt	March 24, 11:00 am Rain/snow date: March 31, 11:00 am	Walnut Hills Park
Spring Dumpster Day	May 12 and 19 8-11 am or full	Walnut Hills School parking lot
Community Garage Sales	June 1 -2	Whole neighborhood
4 th of July Parade, Ice Cream Social + Scholarship Awards	July 4, 10 – 11:30 am	Stage @ Dry Creek School - 9:30 Ice Cream @ WH Park at 10:30
Walnut Hills Night Out	August 11, 5-7 pm	Walnut Hills School
Fall Dumpster Day	Oct 13 (Incl. electronics) 8 – 11 am or full	Dry Creek School (to be confirmed)
Halloween Party	October 27, 2-4 pm	Walnut Hills Park
Movie Night 2019	January 26, 2019 3-5 pm	Walnut Hills School
WHCA Board of Directors Meeting	Monthly - every 2 nd Thursday at 7:00 pm	Metrum Credit Union 6980 S Holly Circle – open to all WH residents

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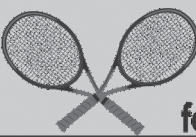
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