

WALNUT HILLS NEWSLETTER

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2021 GID Budget and Projects

2020 has not been a very eventful year, but the GID is still maintaining the perimeter and working towards keeping Walnut Hills looking good. 2020 saw the repair of several sections of the perimeter fence including between Davies and the Greenbelt entrance adjacent to Yosemite and between Tamarac Ct. and Hunters Hill adjacent to Dry Creek. The long, hot, dry summer was less kind to our landscape. The GID is planning to complete the removal of several trees this fall - two dead trees along Yosemite and two along Quebec that are blocking the view of traffic. In addition, the maintenance contractor will be heavily pruning the large shrubs along Yosemite and removing the deadwood.

The GID has also developed a budget for 2021. On average, it takes approximately \$110,000 annually to maintain the perimeter. We collect approximately \$116,000 annually between property and specific ownership taxes and investment income. We are looking forward to completing some additional projects in 2021 in addition to our standing annual maintenance. The 2021 budget includes the following anticipated expenses:

- \$10,200 for Administration and Management
- \$51,000 for Grounds Maintenance
- \$2,500 for Graffiti Removal
- \$1,500 for Mulching
- \$2,500 for concrete curb at Dry Creek and Quebec

where the gravel slides onto the sidewalk (new project)

\$20,000 for shade structures along Dry Creek Trail (project on hold due to Covid)

\$6,500 for snow removal along Arapahoe Road

\$1,500 for irrigation maintenance and repair

\$10,000 for fence maintenance

\$10,000 for entry monument area enhancements (new project)

Our current fund balance is approximately \$660,000.

We know that this is a large figure, but we are anticipating that large sections of the fence may need to start getting replaced and we are anticipating that to be a large cost.

If there are any projects that you would like to see or if you have questions or concerns about the perimeter, please reach out to membership@walnuthillscolorado.org

New/Returning Event

Considering many of the WHCA events having to be canceled this year, the WHCA board is discussing the idea of bringing back the Holiday Lighting contest in December! This fun, socially distanced event may be just the way to close out 2020. Discussions are ongoing, final information and prizes will be published in the December issue of the newsletter and made available on the website at <https://www.walnuthillscolorado.org>

Halloween Party

As the Covid world continues to evolve, the WHCA continues to monitor the situation and how it affects our events. At this time, we feel that it is too early to cancel the Halloween Party, scheduled for October 24th, and we are crossing our fingers that the event can be held. We will continue to monitor recommendations made by the State and South Suburban Parks on gatherings, social distancing, etc. Please keep an eye on the Walnut Hills Civic Association website for an update on the status of the Halloween Party after October 8th.

Fall Dumpster Days

October 10, 2020 8AM to 11am

The Fall Dumpster Days is the last dump of the year and if you are not a member of the Walnut Hills Civic Association, don't worry, you can join while you are waiting in line. \$30 for your membership gets you a truck full. If you need more than one; that will cost you \$10 extra. The lineup starts in front of Walnut Hills Elementary and "dumping" will start as soon as the trucks get to the parking lot.

This will be "The Garbage Man" trucks and workers to pull off your trash, so you don't have to touch it!

And as always Brookie "the metals man" with his son Dawd will claim our old treasures to be recycled.

Please remember no cans of paint, no poisons, no batteries, no brick or concrete, and no logs

Bring your mattress, sofa, lawn furniture, bicycles, tree branches, bushes, and all "stuff" you been saving up.

Dumpster Days Chair - Donna Senn - 303-741-2065

WHCA Board Meetings On-Line

The WHCA board is still meeting each month on the second Thursday at 7:00 pm to discuss GID, events, issues, neighborhood concerns and the neighborhood is more than welcome to join us! As always, our meetings are open to the public and we more than welcome your input. If you would like to attend a meeting, please email us at membership@walnuthillscolorado.org for the Zoom meeting information. We are also always looking for people who are interested in joining our board. If you think that you would like to get to know us better, feel free to reach out, participate in a meeting or two and join us!

The Power of Our Community - One Aspiring Eagle Scout's Story of Accomplishment

By Jake Lazar



Early in the morning on Monday, August 24th, my alarm startled me. I turn to shut it off, but a thought persists in my mind: it is time to begin my Eagle Project. An Eagle Project is a necessary requirement to obtain the Eagle Scout rank. It involves a Scout giving back and engaging, inspiring, and collaborating with a force in their community. This is exactly what I had in mind.

For my project I worked with Jewish Family Service (JFS), a non-profit organization serving people from all backgrounds and walks of life. I decided to conduct a food drive for the JFS Weinberg Food Pantry. My goal was to collect 400 pounds for the organization. I got to work.

I began to draw out street maps for each volunteering team that would help me with my project. The highlighter and pen flooded off the paper onto my kitchen counter. My coloring skills were truly put to the test.

The afternoon of the 24th, I drove to the Walnut Hills Elementary School parking lot, with my trunk full of supplies ranging from boxes and bags to maps and pamphlets discussing the intent of the project.

After arranging the setup station for organizing the supplies at Walnut Hills Elementary, I awaited my friends and fellow Scouts of Troop 257. We would be passing out 300 bright neon green bags across the community with the hopes that community members would come together and donate to feed the hungry in our greater Denver community. With my letter opener, I sliced open the boxes that contained the bags. They spilled out of the sides onto the parking lot. It

was time for teams to correlate the bags with the pamphlets and then begin the bag drop off.

Eight separate teams on eight separate routes took off. Ranging from Walnut Hills and Centennial to Denver, Lone Tree and Greenwood Village, each team made its way to drop off these empty bags on the front doors of strangers, friends and family. Our morale was high, and we were excited to see what we could accomplish. Along the way, we had time to snap some quick selfies and photos. We all reported back to Walnut Hills Elementary and Day One was concluded.

The greater community quickly realized that they could get involved and help feed hungry families during this difficult time. Thanks to the email blasts sent by the Walnut Hills Civic Association, posts on Nextdoor and some of my own outreach to friends and family, more than 80 people emailed me to say that they wanted to donate. I had a hunch the project was taking off.

My hunch slowly became reality when more than 40 bags were dropped off at my home on the morning of Sunday, August 30th -- even before we went back out into the community to collect the rest of the neon green bags. The prospects of meeting my goal looked good. Later that same day, Troop 257, as well as my friends and family reconvened for Day Two -- the Pickup.

We met back at Walnut Hills Elementary and went over the plan. Teams went back on the same routes, stacking the donations in uniquely organized patterns around our trunks delivering load after load of contributions and donations to my garage. The bags went from 40 to 80 to 200+ in a short period of time and our double car garage was soon overflowing with food, diapers, wipes and other donations. I could not make my way across my garage without tripping over the handle of one of these bags. I just could not believe my eyes.

The following day, we all met back at my home to transport the donations to the JFS Weinberg Food Pantry in Denver. It took not one, not two or even three -- but six SUV truck loads to transport all the donations of non-perishable items from my garage to JFS.

When we arrived at JFS, we filled cart after cart with the donations. The food pantry team kept rolling out more carts to transport the goods. All in all, we filled eight massive carts completely -- they were overflowing from all the donations. The team told me they would be in touch the following day to let me know how much we had collected as they had to use a special scale to weigh the donations.

Anxiously awaiting, the next morning I received an email notification that popped up on my computer screen. I was nervous, unsure of how much we raised. I wanted to reach my goal because I know how many families are in need right now -- which was the main reason that I conducted this specific project.

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Scout Troop 457 Annual Pumpkin Sale Fundraiser

Greenwood Community Church
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Greeting Walnut Hills Community,

My name is Kevin Watanabe, it is a true pleasure to introduce myself as the new principal of Dry Creek Elementary. I hope you and your family are healthy and well during this time. To introduce myself a little more in detail, I am a Colorado native, born and raised in Littleton, Colorado. I attended Littleton Public Schools and then pursued my Elementary Education degree from the University of Northern Colorado. My educational career began at Twain Elementary School

where I taught 4th grade for eight years. As I moved into the administrative realm, I have served as a Dean of Students at the elementary and middle school levels. Most recently, I have been the Assistant Principal at Highline Community Elementary in Cherry Creek Schools. Educationally, I hold a Master's degree in Educational Technology and an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership. Personally, I am married with two children. We are in the heart of the toddler years with a one-year-old and a three-year-old. Outside of school, I love to play golf, softball, and support the hometown teams namely the Rockies, Broncos, and Avalanche!

At Dry Creek, students are presented with rigorous academic experiences within a collaborative open-concept environment. Our academic programming is paired with social-emotional learning, where students learn skills such as empathy, emotional regulation, collaboration, and problem-solving. Students are pushed to think critically, explore multiple perspectives, and validate information to maneuver the world in which we live. It is the combination of academic subjects, social-emotional learning, and inquiry that ensure a quality learning experience for all students at Dry Creek. We value blazing a new TRAIL through, Teamwork, Respect, Acting Safely, Integrity, and Leadership. These values establish a positive culture of learning for all students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Dry Creek's supportive community of educators, parents, and families makes it a positive and inclusive place for students to learn, grow, and thrive as learners and as people. Our staff strives to create and maintain strong community partnerships that prioritize students' best interests.

As I am sure you are aware, this school year has begun unlike any other. Students returned to in-person learning the week of August 17th with a host of new procedures and precautions. There also were about 100 families from Dry Creek who have opted for the exclusively online education program. While the in-person school has looked different in terms of the procedures, students are happy and eager to come to school each morning and we are grateful for the time we have to support learning. I am eager to venture into the upcoming school year with you. I am always open to communication, questions, and feedback, so please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,
Kevin Watanabe

Make An Appointment To Visit Your Library Today

Arapahoe Libraries are now open for visits by appointment. We look forward to welcoming you back to the library! Reservations are preferred and walk-ins are welcome. Reservations can be made on the same day or up to seven days in advance. You can reserve one 90-minute library appointment per day. To make an appointment, please call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279) or visit our website.

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- Meeting and study rooms will not be available.
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- Park and Pickup services are still available for your convenience. Please visit our website to make an appointment or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).
- Visit our Services Updates page for a list of all services currently available to patrons.

We look forward to seeing you soon! Have a library-related question? Call us at 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279) or chat with us online.



Dear Walnut Hills Community,

Welcome back to school! YAY!!! I am thrilled to have our children back in the building. I missed our students dearly. It brings me such joy to hear the chatter, laughter and squealing as I walk through the halls. Walnut Hills has the most amazing children in Cherry Creek Schools!

Our children have done a fantastic job wearing masks and social distancing. They work to keep space even in the hardest times of the day like PE, lunch, and recess. Even our kindergarten students have been successful with the new ways of school. And we will continue to practice safety procedures to keep everyone safe, healthy, and in SCHOOL!

When children or staff are sick or showing flu-like symptoms, we have asked them to stay home. We are working diligently to stay healthy and prevent illness to stay in school. CCSD staff can be tested for COVID for free regularly which is complimentary from the district. Also, as a district, we continue to use a metric system to track data daily to ensure we are staying safe and that school can continue in-person. I am grateful for the intentional actions and strategic planning of our district to keep all members of our community and school safe and healthy. For more information, please feel free to visit <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/PlanningForward>.

We hosted a wonderful virtual Back to School Night on September 1st. I know it is much better to be in-person, but I am grateful for all the families who joined the virtual classroom presentations as well as my virtual welcome back to school presentation.

The teachers spent much of the first two weeks getting to know your children as well as working to build relationships. To individualize for each child and meet every child's needs we must know them. Learning about each child's assets, family, culture, interests, dreams, goals, likes/dislikes, and even fears help us to better serve them. Our desire is for our kids' to be heard and seen. Building authentic relationships builds trust which will allow a child to feel safe to take risks and grow. We have been hosting virtual parent organization meetings. These are different organizations to get families more involved with our school. We have the Parent-Teacher Community Organization (PTCO) meetings, Partnerships for Academically Successful Students (PASS) meetings, and School Accountability Committee (SAC) meetings. All meetings allow for parents and families to learn more about our school and have a voice to ensure we partner to create the best school for our children. Please visit our school website for more information.

It is great to see many of you outside in the mornings and afternoons as you walk-by. Thank you for waving and saying hello. We wish we could have school volunteers like in the past but please know we are working hard each day to ensure our students feel safe at school to learn to their

potential. Walnut Hills is committed to having a heart of action for every child this school year.

Warmly,
Teolyn Bourbonnie - Proud Principal of Walnut Hills

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The Magpie's Complaint

Bruce Ferguson

The heat came to stay, and the dry earth sucked the life out of the plants. All day long the young fledgling demanded attention. Out now, new on the wing, high up in the branches of the apple tree, the young bird expressed the desperate anxiety of life on one's own. At a distance, the long tail feather of the adult male could just be seen up in the ash tree across the way. Occasionally, he would answer with that cackling call that betrayed the understanding or perhaps denied the emotional responsibility that his very presence confirmed.

Every day I watered and every day the lawn died a little more. It's the summer of the masque, a play in one act that just kept repeating itself over and over. Something Samuel Beckett or Frans Kafka might have written, only worse. We took walks around the neighborhood and crossed streets in order to avoid other people for which they actually thanked us. June lasted four months. During the first few weeks of July we perfected the fine art of disinfecting. The money we saved by not using the car we spent on air conditioning and water. I planted some annual seeds that died in the time it took me to get the hose out.

The fires in the forests flared up just as we were sure that nothing worse could happen. In the middle of the night we had to close all the windows to keep the smoke from filling the house. Suddenly, the grey horizon was mountainless. The morning sky took on a strange pink cast that seemed to portend another day of strictly indoor sports, as if there were places to go. Japanese Beetles destroyed the grapevine. The local paper had an article insisting that the lack of locust swarms was a blessing. Laura Ingalls Wilder it seems had a much worse time of it all. We were counting our blessings just as the riots broke out.

August dressed much the same with a sun dress and a cigarette in her mouth. For the first time all summer I saw a straggling kid or two riding their bikes. The dog walkers stopped on the corner to discuss breeds and byproducts and where was the missing bloodhound this morning. One woman stopped and asked me what I was doing. I told her I was hunting for metaphors. The early days of September were a mixture of 100 degree days and snow. People all over the country acted surprised, but we just thought it was ordinary. Not even the tomatoes cared.

The school opened with a certain anxiety and a collective sigh of relief. A squirrel wrestled a sunflower to the ground. A hummingbird dropped by for the larkspurs. I trapped what must have been a thousand Japanese beetles, which seemed to make no difference at all. The Magpies stopped by just long enough to harass the neighbor's cat. Mostly, I was thinking about nematodes.

Veteran Walnut Hills Teacher Reflects On Lifelong Learning And Three Decades In Education



When fifth-grade teacher Jan Ragnow first entered Walnut Hills Elementary, it was not to teach, but to learn.

The veteran teacher grew up in Cherry Creek Schools, attending Walnut Hills and later graduating from Cherry Creek High School. With more than three decades of teaching, Ragnow has seen a lot of shifts in education. Going into the school year with a pandemic, however, was nothing she could have expected.

"There have been challenges," Ragnow said. "The masks can make it hard to see facial expressions and it's not always easy for fifth-graders to see what three feet of distance looks like. But in 32 years of teaching, I have never seen such a genuine drive to learn by so many students."

Ragnow wondered if the time at home had impacted her students, noticing that her fifth graders have been more focused and worked in a more self-directed way that is unusual this early in the school year.

"They're excited to be here and excited to learn," Ragnow said. "I think they see school as something special in a way that they didn't before. I'm so grateful we were able to start school together. Kids need to be in school to have that social interaction and I'm honored to be part of that."

Ragnow has been working with her students on empathy and social-emotional skills, adding that students have eagerly engaged in the learning process. Social-emotional skills are important for students, Ragnow shared, because it will help prepare them to handle the issues they are facing now.

"I have ten-year-olds who can define empathy. That's unheard of and wonderful," Ragnow said. "We had a courageous conversation during the first week of school to talk about what was happening with each other. It was amazing how open and honest they were as they shared their worries about the world and themselves. The students really listened to each other."

Ragnow said her hope for the future was to help kids be more resilient and empathetic, particularly to those who are different from them. She shared that she spent much of her summer reading and educating herself on issues related to race, acknowledging that she still had more to learn.

"My students remind me every day that we are all lifelong learners," Ragnow said. "Education is precious. They show me that there is always more to learn, always another perspective to consider. That gives me hope."

Items of Interest

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So You Think English is Easy

Homographa are words of like spelling but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym. The bandage was wound around the wound. The farm was used to produce produce. The dump was so full that it had to refuse the refuse.

We must polish the Polish furniture.

He cold lead if he would get the lead out.

The solder decided to desert his dessert in the desert.

Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.

A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.

When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.

I did not object to the object.

The insurance was invalid for the invalid.

They were too close to the door to close it.

There was a row among the oarsman about how to row.

The buck does funny things when the does are present.

A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.

To help with planting the farmer taught his sow to sow.

The wind was too strong to wind the sail.

Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.

I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.

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The Power of Our Community (continued from page 1)

The email read, "Congratulations Jake! You collected 2,639 pounds worth of food!" I could not believe my eyes. I had to re-read it three times. I was stunned. Even still, I am in shock and truly inspired by the generosity of our community. I have come to realize through my effort the incredible power and strength of our community and how we can come together for a worthy cause -- to help others in dire need. With all the emotions flooding my mind all I could do was smile big -- because that's what giving back does; it spreads positivity. I am so grateful that I was able to play a small part for others in need. I want to thank the Walnut Hills community again for all its generosity and support to help feed the hungry in Denver for my Eagle Scout project.

If you would still like to donate, it is not too late! JFS accepts donations daily at the Weinberg Food Pantry located at 3201 S Tamarac Dr, Denver, CO 80231. They are open every weekday from 8:15am to 4:45pm. Donations are accepted during normal business hours. The pantry is still in desperate need of supplies, specifically the top 10 requests which include: canned fruit packed in juice (not in syrup), canned protein like tuna, chicken, beans etc., cereal, canned soup, bags of rice, tomatoes, pasta and sauces, canned vegetables, diapers and wipes. A full list and information can be found at <https://www.jewishfamilyservice.org/features/donate-food>



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Good luck with your Eagle project!

Both of our sons are Eagle scouts from Troop 257 along with their dad being the Scoutmaster for years! It's near & dear to our hearts!

The Scott DeRose family
Tyler - 1999
Nicholas - 2000

Great Job Jake!! Thanks for doing this for people in need. Now is the time to show we care about others in hardship. You've also shown awesome drive and initiative. Excellent communication!

Let us know how it turns out!
Sylvie Luyten & Family



Thank you Jake for making a difference!
Well done!

Lee Larsen

Jake - Congratulations on a great Eagle Scout project. It won't be long before you will receive your Eagle. As an Eagle Scout myself I can tell you it is going to serve you well in everything you do in life. The hard work you have put in over the years and the knowledge you have gained will prove invaluable. The character you need to become an Eagle always will serve you well too. Congratulations! Lee Larsen



EAGLE PROJECT

Thank you Jake! Good Luck!

I am currently working on attaining Eagle Scout Rank. I am a senior and a member of Troop 257 in Centennial, Colorado based in the troop comprises Scouts of all ages, looking to make a difference in

Eagle Scout is creating and operating my Eagle Scout Project.

so prevalent, my troop and I want to positively impact our are working with Jewish Family Services (JFS) to help feed the metro area. JFS is a non-profit, non-denominational organization members from all backgrounds, races and religions through its The Weinberg Food Pantry on Tamarac Drive. For more visit www.jewishfamilyservice.org.

green bags that we will use to collect donations in and around the surrounding neighborhoods in Greenwood Village. I am grateful if



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Honoring Our Walnut Hills Scholarship Donors and Winners

The Walnut Hills Scholarship Board would like to express our sincere gratitude to neighbors who contributed to the scholarship fund this year.

No doubt COVID has disrupted things for the scholarship program, as it's disrupted so much in everyone's life. Each year for as long as any of us can remember, scholarship recipients have been publicly honored at the Civic Association's Ice Cream Social on the Fourth of July. We were heartbroken that the pandemic kept us from publicly celebrating our three terrific recipients—Annika Petras, Claire Gerken, and Aidan Bosman—this year.

And with economic pressures and other stresses facing so many families in Walnut Hills, it's a lot to ask for people to contribute to the scholarship fund.

All the more reason that we deeply appreciate—and want to publicly thank—those neighbors who did contribute to the fund in the past year. Their names are listed below.

The Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, supported entirely by community contributions. We simply could not fulfill our mission—honoring and helping graduating high-school seniors who live in Walnut Hills—without your ongoing and generous support, as well as the generous support of the newsletter you are reading. From all five of us on the board—Scott Bess, Peggy Castle, Laura Klee, Jan Ragnow, and Bill Philpott—we sincerely thank you!

We also want to give Aidan, Claire, and Annika the public shout-out they should have had in July. We wish them good health and good fortune as they head off to college and show the world the great things our young Walnut Hills neighbors can do! They never got the cheers and applause they deserved in Walnut Hills Park, but we hope they can hear the virtual applause we give them now.

And for everyone reading and everyone contributing, we hope to see all of you in the park next Fourth of July, as we come together again to celebrate the winners of the 2021 scholarships!

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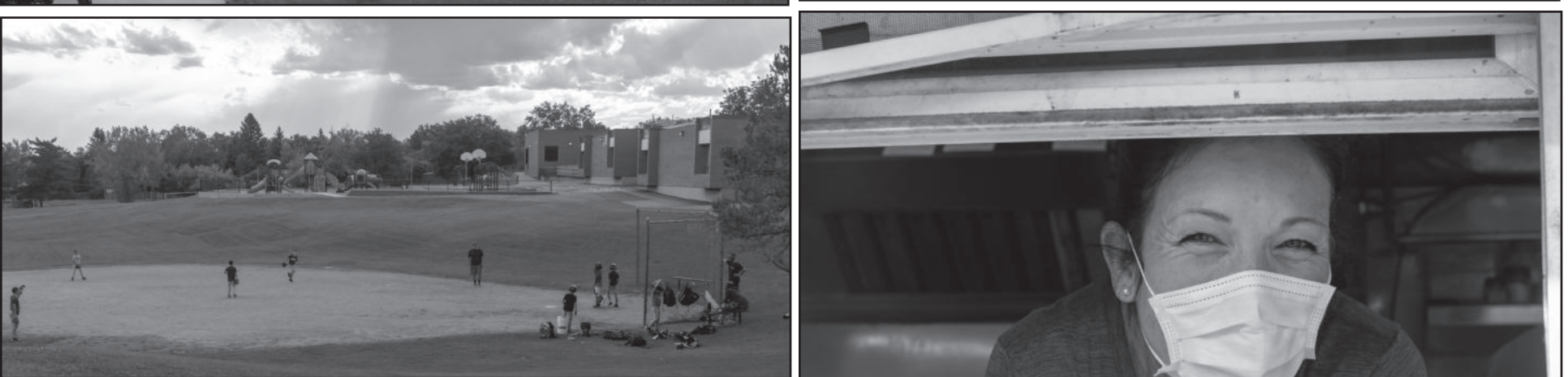
Food Truck Wednesday Event

The coronavirus has had some unfortunate side effects. A few favorite local eateries have temporarily shut down, limited seating, or simply closed. People have been staying at home and getting out in a limited fashion. Everyone's palate is screaming for something different.

The Cravings Truck, run by John, Sara, and Alon, provided the needed relief people were looking for. The food was an eclectic mix from Korea, Lebanon, and Jerusalem amongst others. Smells such as abobada fries, chicken shawarma, tacos, and bulbogi filled the air surrounding the truck.

As people played baseball, used the school playground, tennis courts, or just sat and visited, orders for food were being filled. It was highly recommended to place orders online ahead of time to be assured of getting an order. The business was brisk and walk ups were welcome. The staff was clearly busy and the wait was only 10-15 minutes.

While talking to residents some were looking for something different to do. Others were tired of the "usual local places." Everyone commented that this was a great idea. So great in fact that this will become a monthly event in the future. The Cravings Truck can be found online at <https://thecravingstruck.com/new-main-site/#welcome>.
Jesse Alcorta



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2020 Activities	Date/Time	Location
Fall Dumpster Day	Sat. October 10 8 – 11 am or full	Walnut Hills School Parking Lot
Halloween Party	Sat. October 24, 2 – 4 pm	Walnut Hills Park
Beer Night	Tues. February 23, 2021	Brewery TBD
WHCA Board of Directors Meeting	Monthly - every 2 nd Thursday	Zoom Meeting at 7 pm

Vote Yes For 4a For Teachers And Nurses! Vote Yes For 4b For Mental Health And Safety!

Please support Cherry Creek Schools by passing a budget election to raise \$35 million for operational expenses and a \$150 million bond election for priorities including:

- Keeping our excellent teachers, and maintaining small class sizes;
- Preserving nurses and mental health professionals in every school;
- Building a mental health day treatment facility for our students;
- Providing critical technology upgrades and security improvements;
- Constructing innovative learning spaces in all high schools; and
- Building a potential new elementary school.

The combined impact of the recommendations to homeowners’ totals \$1.65 per month for every \$100,000 of home value.

Measures 4A & 4B will provide \$35 million in operating funds and \$150 million in long-term bond funds to:

- Recruit and retain the best teachers, and keep class sizes small;
- Keep mental health workers in every school;
- Keep a registered nurse in every school;
- Build a mental health/day treatment center for students;
- Install new safety systems for schools including intercoms and push-button deadbolt locks;
- Provide camera and fire system upgrades throughout the district;
- Provide funding for every high school to create innovative environments;
- Expand programming options for in-demand careers that will drive Colorado’s economy;
- Expand nursing and mental health certification programs; and
- Build a possible new elementary school.

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We recognize that asking for the community to invest in us requires trust and transparency. The district has already initiated budget cuts for the 2020-2021 school year. We have engaged the community for input and feedback through the Budget Task Force and a districtwide survey to identify further options.

For more information and to contribute visit <https://www.citizensforcherrycreekschools.com/>

South Suburban Parks and Recreation

Calling All Crafters

South Suburban is looking for one-of-a-kind art vendors for its 34th Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, December 5 from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Booth rent at the Goodson Recreation Center ranges from \$45 - \$55. To reserve a booth, or for more information, contact Chris Scott at cscott@ssprd.org. Join the conversation!

South Suburban has created an Active Adults group on Facebook. It is a digital place for adults in South Suburban to engage, get information, learn new things, and connect in a meaningful way. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/southsuburbanactiveadults> to join the conversation.

Hoofin' It Through The Hollows 5K

Runners of all ages and abilities, families, and dogs are all welcome to join us for this 5K Halloween celebration!

Race begins at Shelter C in deKoevend Park (cross the bridge by the south side of Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd. Centennial). Course is along the High Line Canal trail. Proceeds benefit South Suburban's Community Recreation Scholarship Program.

When: Saturday, Oct. 24

Where: Goodson Recreation Center
Who: Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities

How: Sign up here

Continue Your Fitness Journey at Home Not ready to return to the recreation centers yet? South Suburban is launching a new group of virtual fitness classes. Register for one week for \$10 or save 20% by signing up for a 4-5 week session and get access to a schedule with a variety of classes offered through Zoom each week. Offerings include yoga, Zumba and much more! Register today.

Fall Break Camps

South Suburban's Fall Break and Thanksgiving camps keep kids busy all day with activities such as, games, crafts and swimming. Camps are for children who have completed kindergarten through age 10.

Fall break camps available at Lone Tree Recreation Center, while Thanksgiving break camps are offered at Lone Tree and Goodson Recreation Centers, as well as Family Sports Center. Register today.

For a list of current openings and regulations for all South Suburban facilities, visit ssprd.org/Safe-Return.

Wheels & Reels in October!

Join the City of Centennial and the Cherry Creek School District for Centennial Wheels & Reels summer movie event of the season! Bring the family along for an exclusive movie showing from the safety and comfort of your vehicle.

The movie, 'Beetlejuice' (rated PG), will be shown at dusk (around 6:30 p.m.) on Thursday, October 8 at the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus located at 8000 S. Chambers Rd. in Centennial. Vehicles may start arriving at 5:30 p.m. Get tickets online. <https://www.centennialco.gov/Residents/Get-Involved/Community-Events/Wheels-Reels>

Our goal is to offer residents a fun and safe experience. The City is following all CDC and social distancing guidelines.

- Cars will be parked at the required minimum distance (one space between vehicles) in accordance with these safety guidelines.
- Attendees are asked to remain in their vehicles during the movie showing.
- We encourage carpooling ONLY with people in your immediate quarantine circle.
- Only attendees within vehicles are allowed to attend this event.
- If there is a need to leave the vehicle, we strongly encourage a face-covering be worn and social distancing be maintained at all times.
- If you are sick, running a fever or have been exposed to COVID-19, please stay home.

More details will be provided once you register to attend. Limited tickets are available, so get your ticket as soon as possible.

No admittance will be permitted without a ticket. Guests who arrive without a ticket will be turned away. This will be strictly enforced. There is absolutely no re-entry. This event will take place rain or shine.

Note: The last movie in the series, 'Hocus Pocus,' will be shown on October 22 at the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus.

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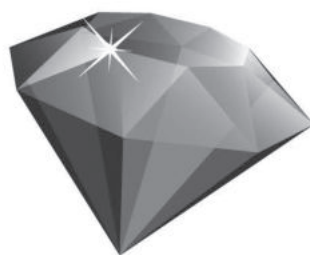


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