



Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – November 24, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Noon, President, at 6:50 pm with 16 members present and adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Arapahoe County Sheriff www.arapahoesherriff.org Captain Mark Fisher

- Meeting tonight in Homestead Farm regarding the coyote problem. The philosophy is if wildlife is threatening a human, officers will take action to eliminate this threat. An education program is underway to eliminate food sources from humans.
- Homeless people are evident in the county and thus far have been cooperative. Assistance is being provided to these individuals as necessary.
- Centennial was designated the safest City in the State for the 4th year in a row.
- Colorado is the 5th ranked state in terms of identity theft. 'Take Charge' publication was available with tips for dealing with identity theft.
- The 2008 food drive was the largest food donation for 9 Cares, Colorado Shares in the history of the project.
- The Arapahoe County jail has received its accreditation rating. Five rankings are considered.
- A Thanksgiving Plan to protect public and shopping areas is underway with extra officers on duty.
- There were 190 traffic stops with 5 DUI arrests on Parker Road [between Leetsdale & Parker] on Halloween.

Fire Districts Littleton Fire Chief John Mullin

- Fire Training Academy has just completed a training session. Littleton received 2 of the cadets. Cunningham received 5 cadets.
- Dispatch services are now being provided for Cunningham Fire District by the Littleton Fire District.
- In recent years, there has been collaboration with regional agencies. Fire districts historically have always given fire station designations beginning with #1. Fire chiefs agreed to a numbering system to eliminate the repetition of numbers between fire districts.
- www.cfpd.org www.littletongov.org www.parkerfire.org
www.southmetro.org

Cherry Creek Schools www.ccsd.k12.co.us Wendy DeBell, Community Coordinator

- Thanked those who voted to approve 3A and 3B for the Cherry Creek School District.
- Aagje Barber received 2008 McGuffey award from Colorado Association of School Boards.
- The 8th annual Fitness Festival raised \$70,000 for the Community Asset Project which promotes positive youth development.

South Suburban Park & Rec www.sspr.org Jean Flynn Ray, Community Relations

- Pass Sale is still in effect. 10% off Pass Special is good thru Dec. 31.
- The Rec Centers are offering free 1 Hr. & 15 min. orientation on the machines beginning Jan. 5. Pre-registration is required and can be made on the website or by calling 303-347-5999.
- Blood Screening: January 20 at Lone Tree, 21st at Goodson, and 22nd at Buck, 7:00-9:30 am, \$40. Fasting required.
- Christmas tree recycling begins at the Willow Spring Open Space & Cornerstone Park, Dec. 26 – Jan. 13, Mon-Fri, 7:00-3:30, no flocked trees. Remove everything. Mulch will be available after recycling starts.
- Denver Nuggets Basketball Challenge: Buck Rec Center, Jan. 4, 9:00 for 7-10 yr. olds, 10:30 for 11-14 yr. olds. Basketball skills challenge with opportunities to excel and to move up to state level of competition.

City of Centennial www.centennialcolorado.com Sherry Patten, Director of Communications

- Centennial was ranked as the safest city in Colorado of cities with a population of 75,000+ for the 4th consecutive year.
- City has moved to the new location at 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd. Flag raising ceremony to be scheduled soon.
- As a result of citizen concerns, the City is having a Study Session on coyote problems on Dec. 8, 6:00 pm.
- Tex Elam, volunteer Transportation & Mobility Coordinator for the City, will be honored on Dec. 15 at 7:00 pm. reception. He is retiring from this position.
- Tax Administrator is conducting workshops to explain the City's sales tax self-collection. For more information contact Deb Kohl at 303-754-3440 or emaildkohl@centennialcolorado.com.
- Youth Commission has launched its holiday food drive with bins at numerous locations in the community.
- Rebuilding Together is a program to identify eligible homeowners who need to have home repairs done. CenCON was asked to assist in identifying those who might need this service.
- Open House for employees, boards & commissions will be in early December.
- *Centennial Connections* newsletter will be mailed beginning on December 1.

Rebuilding Together Program www.rebuildingdenver.org Angie Zuccarelli, Program Director

- *Rebuilding Together*, a national program, is a non-profit organization found in 48 states. It provides home rehabilitation and repair for low income seniors and disabled homeowners who are age & income eligible. It targets the goal of warm, safe and dry homes that are easily accessible and allows people to remain in their homes. On Rebuilding Day in April, a team of volunteers will be brought into selected homes to do repair and rehabilitation at no cost to the homeowner. CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) funding from Centennial helps to fund the program for local citizens. CenCON members were asked to help locate individuals who may need this service. A handyman service is also available for smaller projects e.g. furnace replacement, ramps.
- Eligibility criteria: over 55 years of age, own and occupy their home with no plans to sell for a year, household income guidelines are based on family size. Call 720-524-0840.

Code Enforcement Susie Ellis, Centennial Code Enforcement

- Code Enforcement works to enhance the quality of life in the City helping to maintain healthy neighborhoods. Once a complaint is received, a code enforcement officer inspects the property & leaves a 'Friendly Reminder'. The property owner is given 7 days to take care of a violation before re-inspection. If the violation has not been remedied, other action is taken. About 89% compliance is the current result. Code enforcement deals with weeds, inoperable vehicles on private property and on the street, outside storage, trailers, boats & recreational vehicles, fences, dumpsters, etc. Voluntary compliance has been successful and is less costly than resolving issues in the courts.
- City codes are not covenants (private contracts between homeowners and the HOA). City's goal is to seek voluntary compliance rather than a punitive approach. The code enforcement monthly report for October was available.
- Ms. Ellis explained the process involved regarding sign removal from the right of way.

CenCON Business

- Cathy Noon requested current contact information for all HOA members.
- Code Re-write will have an open house for focus groups on December 4th (2:00 for HOA) & 5th.
- SEMSWA (Southeast Metro Storm Water Authority) will present at the January CenCON meeting.
- Coyotes & gun control will be discussed at the Study Session on December 8. The Sheriff is concerned about use of firearms to deter coyotes.

Minutes Gerry Cummins, Secretary

- Lynn Leader moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Andrea Suhaka seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Don Strickland, Treasurer

Checking		Savings	
Previous Balance:	\$1384.84	Previous Balance:	\$ 2487.06
Income:	15.00	Income (Interest):	0.00
Expenses:	0.00		
Closing Balance:	\$1399.84	Closing Balance:	\$ 2487.06

Plans C.J. Whelan, 2nd Vice President

- Valero Corner Store: NE corner of Arapahoe & Jordan, 4200 sq. ft. convenience store gas with 24-hr. car wash. CenCON has concerns that it does not meet the intent of that area with residents to the north. It is located in the City of Aurora.
- River Run Plaza: A medical/dental building at E. Broncos Parkway and Cherokee.
- Sprouts Farmer's Market Grocery Store: Smoky Hill Rd and Piccadilly, 25,444 sq. ft. Concerns: the design is pleasing but it is a large building right on the corner and the property is a high point in the area.
- Bergman Office Building: Orchard & Quebec, SW corner. Concerns: height of the building and sight triangle limitations.

Next meeting: January 26, 2009