



## **Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – August 25, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Noon, President, at 6:54 pm with 17 members present & adjourned at 9:00 pm

### **Arapahoe County Sheriff [www.arapahoesherriff.org](http://www.arapahoesherriff.org) Lt. Kevin Heaton**

- The following incidents were reported: traffic fatality on August 2 at Arapahoe Road & Havana; caught burglars on Aug. 3 near Quebec and Mineral, 2 adults and 1 juvenile had broken into residential garages, etc.; arrested juveniles on August 14 near Hannibal Way after several burglaries –property items were recovered; an Arapahoe County inmate sent a letter containing powder to John McCain headquarters.
- Department is busy with DNC downtown. Modified shifts are in place to provide adequate coverage.
- First Bank at Holly & County Line Road was robbed today. No apprehension as of yet.
- Due to late night activity in parks on the west side of the community, numerous calls from HOA's have been received. Some kids were caught in the park in Palos Verdes.
- Fire ban has been lifted.

### **Arapahoe Library District [www.arapahoelibraries.org](http://www.arapahoelibraries.org) Eloise May, Executive Director**

- The Annual Used Book Sale will be held Sept. 3-7 at Koelbel Library, check the website for hours.
- Terri Clark, Smoky Hill Library staff member, recently had her book, *Sleepless*, published. Available on September 1.
- September is Democracy @ Your Library month with featured programs and events based on that theme.
- Meeting rooms are in great demand. The new Southglenn library will have 2 meeting rooms. Those who have booked dates for a year often do not use the rooms. To resolve the problem, the Library Dist. is moving to having a scheduling for rooms 3 times/year.

### **Arapahoe Park & Rec District [www.aprd.org](http://www.aprd.org) Rebecca Nash, Board Member**

- Sports Leagues are starting and there is a tremendous need for fields. Sub-surface irrigation has been put in and they estimate they are saving 50% in water usage.
- Centennial's proposed snow shoveling ordinance: The District can't afford to clear snow per the proposed draft requirements. The board & staff are taking a serious look at this proposal.

## **Fire Districts Chief Jerry Rhodes, Cunningham Fire District**

- The DNC has experienced no difficulties at this point. Even though lots of preparation has taken place, one point to remember is to prepare for an event of this size every 10 years.
- Fire Rescue International was held downtown and was successful event showcasing new equipment.
- Fire Prevention week is scheduled beginning October 9. Fire trucks will appear at the schools & in some cases, classes will come to fire stations. A safety campaign is involved.
- On Oct. 4, Annual Pancake Breakfast at Cunningham Fire Station 2, Smoky Hill & Buckley, 9:00-noon.
- During the DNC, the South Metro Fire Administration Building will require a lengthy process to access the building. Contacts should be made by electronic means.
- Parker/South Metro Fire Station #75 (on Jordan Rd. between E-470 and Lincoln Ave) will hold an Open House on Explorer Program from 6:30-9:00 pm., Sept. 3. Contact the Parker Fire District at 720-274-3700. The Sheriff's Dept. has an Explorer Program for a badge in law enforcement for H.S. age youth. Fire Depts. are working with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts on badge programs.
- On Labor Day weekend, firefighters will be out doing some fundraising for muscular dystrophy.
- [www.cfpd.org](http://www.cfpd.org) [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org) [www.parkerfire.org](http://www.parkerfire.org)  
[www.southmetro.org](http://www.southmetro.org)

## **Cherry Creek Schools Wendy DeBell, Community Partnership**

- Two September events: 8<sup>th</sup> annual Fitness Festival - registration needed. All Middle Schools & High Schools will host Congressional Medal of Honor recipients on Sept. 12.
- Aagje Barber, School Board president, & Margie Adams, provided information on questions 3A and 3B on the November ballot. 3A would provide an additional \$18M for the operational budget. Issue 3B is a bond proposal of \$302.5M for renovations, capital improvements, safety improvements, global positioning system, 3 new elem. schools, and 3 new middle schools, etc. The mill levy increase will cost \$58/yr, or \$5/month for a \$336,000 home. More information at [www.VoteYes3A3B.com](http://www.VoteYes3A3B.com).

## **South Suburban Park and Rec [www.ssprd.org](http://www.ssprd.org) Jean Flynn Ray, Community Relations**

- Puppy Paddle, Sat., Sept. 6, at Holly Pool from 2 – 4:00 pm. Pre-registration is \$5 or \$7 at the entrance.
- NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition for youth, 8-15, on Sept. 20 at David Lorenz Park. Birth certificate needed. Registration at 9:00 and the event at 10:00 am.
- Budget process is underway. Comments taken on Sept. 10, 7:30 pm. Hearing on fees is October 8, 7:30 pm.
- Tighten your Tummy: Extra punches on Punch cards when you register and 10% discount on your personal trainer.

**City of Centennial [www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com) Ron Weidmann, City Council, District IV**

- Reorganizing the parks board as a Board rather than a committee.
- The budget process is underway.
- Survey on the snow shoveling ordinance is due back soon.

**Residential Building Fees Wayne Reed & Tom Pitchford, Centennial Building Dept.**

- Planning Dept. will do an RFP for a re-write of the land use code & for the Southglenn Sub-Area Plan.
- Tom Pitchford: A homeowner's seminar will bring homeowners up to speed on what the code requires, show the process, and address questions regarding building a deck in the City.
- Valuation Comparison with Neighboring Communities for building a deck: Homeowners should get the permit before buying material. The fee for the permit includes the Use tax. Show the copy of the permit to the vendor when purchasing construction materials for the project. You will be exempt from city and county sales tax on the purchase. Refund checks can be made under certain circumstances. If purchase is made outside of the City, then approach that particular city for a refund.
- Centennial fees are in the medium range compared to neighboring communities. Turn around time for a permit for a deck is 7.3 days. Use taxes are based on 50% of the valuation. In Centennial the average wood deck is \$14/sq. ft. Contractors should be licensed by Centennial. Benefit of having a permit: one gets a state certified inspector who has been trained on reinstallation and/or life safety function. Code standards change frequently. To get a license in Centennial, a contractor must show he has liability insurance, the ability to provide workman's comp, and a test may be required. A permit is not required when replacing items in the home 'like for like' e.g. (sink for a sink) as it is considered maintenance. The code is never retroactive to work previously done.
- Online Information: complete fee schedule and handouts available for decks, roofs, room additions, etc.
- Neighborhood Resource Guide: If HOA is registered with the city, a free updated copy will be sent annually.

**CenCON Business**

**Cathy Noon, President**

- C.J. Whelan was unanimously elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for Plans to replace Jim Levy.
- Cathy Noon reviewed the plans process which occurs within a 21-day timeline. Sub-committee is comprised of Cathy Noon, Rhonda Livingston, Don Doerr, & C.J. Whelan. More members are welcome. This committee will meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 8:30 am, Einstein's at Arapahoe and Peoria, and also 1 hour before the CenCON meeting.
- Tour of Southglenn was very well received. Chief librarian got to see the location of the new library.

- Cathy has received several calls from title companies regarding contacts in Homeowner Associations.
- Two CenCON committee representatives: [Ron Phelps/Southglenn Sub Area Plan, & Karen Hamilton/Roads] have sent out reports.
- DRCOG is sponsoring a *Livable Communities Tour* with a focus on housing for seniors in conjunction with the Home Builders, Oct. 18, for elected officials and planning organizations. A broad variety of housing will be included in the tour including Housing Authority projects & high end projects. Zoning codes often do not allow this construction.
- Resource Fair, October 10, 9:30-2:00, Buck Recreation Center – sponsored by Arapahoe County Council on Aging.

**Minutes Gerry Cummins, Secretary**

Lynn Leader moved to approve the June 2008 minutes. Tammy Maurer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report (July & August) Don Strickland, Treasurer**

<b>Checking</b>		<b>Savings</b>	
Previous Balance:	\$ 1544.84	Previous Balance:	\$ 2486.12
Income:	0.00	Income (Interest):	0.00
Expenses:	0.00		
Closing Balance:	\$ 1544.84	Closing Balance:	\$ 2486.12

**Plans**

Lincoln Matrix Executive Center: Located at Caley between Dayton & Havana. Commercial condos 11,000-20,000 sq. feet, developing Phase 1 with 8 buildings and 1-2 occupants/building. CenCON is making some comments about lighting. It appears to be a light industrial project and the type of activity is contingent upon the buyer.