



## **Centennial Council of Neighborhoods – September 22, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Rhonda Livingston, President Pro Tem, at 6:48 pm with 12 members present and adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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

- Lt. Torrez distributed fliers about the citizens' notification program. Citizens can sign up for electronic delivery of fliers at <http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Apps/selectalert/login.aspx> .
- Citizens' Law Enforcement Academy runs from October 2 - October 30.

### **Arapahoe Library District [www.arapahoelibraries.org](http://www.arapahoelibraries.org) Janet Schneider, Mgr. Smoky Hill Library**

- September's theme at the libraries is Democracy @ Your Library. There will be programs on ballot issues and voter registration events presented by the League of Women Voters as well as patriotic themed movies.
- The Smoky Hill Library will host an early voting site from October 20-31.
- Smoky Hill Library employee Teri Clark had her book *Sleepless* published.
- November is *Inside the Books: Where Readers and Writers Meet* month. It will begin on November 1, 6-8 P. M. at the Smoky Hill Library with an open house featuring Margaret Coel. There will be many more opportunities with other authors, particularly at Koebel.
- Janet's other duties with Arapahoe Library District include handling district-wide programs and staff.
- Several young people were banned from some of the libraries this summer for misconduct.
- The new library at Parker Rd. and Florida is scheduled to open in February or March.

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

- APRD was present at the Parker Road study to be sure that the trail under Parker Rd. at Orchard was not overlooked. They asked for landscaping and bike trails connecting in that area.. They were told by CDOT that there were no funds for landscaping but connecting bike trails were a possibility.
- A meeting has been scheduled with Tall Grass HOA to consider a new 9-acre park in their area.
- Spring Creek park at Quincy and Himalaya has been completed.

## **Fire Districts Michael Dell'Orfano, South Metro Fire Authority**

- The operational part of the merger of South Metro and Parker Fire Districts will be complete on January 1. That will include integration of equipment and personnel across the district. Work still remains to be done.
- South Metro firefighters collected \$92,500 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Labor Day weekend with the "Fill the Boot" campaign.
- September is National Preparedness Month. The theme is: *Get an emergency kit. Get an emergency plan. Get informed. Get involved.* More details: [www.ready.gov/](http://www.ready.gov/) and <http://www.citizencorps.gov/>
- Members of CERT are being utilized in the district. The program is being modeled throughout the state.
- October 5-11 is Fire Prevention Week. The theme this year is prevention of home fires. The #1 source of deaths in fires. The #1 cause of home fires is cooking fires. [www.nfpa.org/fpw](http://www.nfpa.org/fpw) for more information.
- Assistant Chief Dell'Orfano attended the National Code Committee meeting in Minneapolis where changes in fire codes were finalized. The major change is the requirement for sprinkler systems in new construction of one and two family homes. See [www.homefiresprinkler.org/](http://www.homefiresprinkler.org/).
- Cunningham Fire Rescue will have its open house and pancake breakfast on October 4 from 9 A.M. noon at Station 62 located at Buckley Rd. and Smoky Hill Rd.
- The Great American Fire Drill will take place 6-8 P.M. on October 8. This will be an opportunity to practice your fire emergency plan. It will be supported by fire departments and schools.
- South Metro will participate in Build Breast Cancer Awareness on October 25-27.
- Chief Dell'Orfano answered questions about sprinklers systems saying that they operate with a heat fuse that sets them off at about 135-150 degrees. They deliver 15 gallons per minute. The majority of fires are controlled by one or two sprinkler heads. They should last for the life of your home. Smoke detectors should be replaced after 10 years of use.
- [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 School District [www.ccsd.k12.co.us/](http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us/) Wendy DeBell**

- Dr. Monte Moses is retiring. Deputy Superintendent Mary Chesley has been named the sole finalist to replace him.
- Cherry Creek Schools was one of 47 school districts participating in the Congressional Medal of Honor reception honoring the 101 living medal recipients on September 19. 15,000 students, parents, and community members attended to see the Medal of Honor recipients present at different schools. There will be a movie on PBS November 5 showing the Medal of Honor recipients. Two Cherry Creek students won the essay contest for the Congressional Medal of Honor.
- Two corrections to the minutes: Proposal 3A for the district operational budget is \$18 million. Proposal 3B for the bonds to build and renovate schools is \$203.5 million. 3B will build 3 new elementary schools and renovate 14 elementary, 2 middle & 2 high schools. It will upgrade systems at 50 schools and other facilities and build a new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Center as well as

upgrade technology throughout the system. The average cost for a \$336K home would be \$5 a month or 16¢ a day.

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

- On September 13 South Suburban celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of South Platte Park an 858-acre park which was built on a flood plane. Five gravel pits that are now lakes that have in the past been identified by numbers. A citizen contest was held to name the lakes. The winning names are: *Lake 1-Blackrock Lake* for a deposit of iron compound on the surface of the sand and gravel in the lake. *Lake 2-Eaglewatch Lake* for the quality of bald eagle habitat. *Lake 3-Redtail Lake* for the commonly seen redtail hawk. *Lake 4-Ladybug Lake* (submitted by a 4-year old). *Lake 5-Heron Lake* for one of the migratory birds seen there.
- South Suburban Park & Rec will offer blood screenings conducted by the University of Colorado Hospital from 7:30 to 9 am at the following recreation centers: *Lone Tree, 10249 Ridgegate Cir, October 14; Goodson, 6315 S. University Blvd., October 15; Buck, 2004 W. Powers Ave., October 16*. This screening consists of 30 tests including a lipid profile. Test results will be sent to your home. Participants must be at least 18-years old and 12 hours of fasting is recommended before blood is drawn. Fee is \$40 per person.
- Spooktacular and Spooktoddler will hosted at Goodson Recreation Center on October 24 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. This is a trick or treat alternative for children 11 and under. Pay by 7 pm, October 22 and receive the discounted rate of \$4. Fee is \$6 starting on October 23.
- A budget meeting will be held at Goodson Center, 7:30 pm, October 8. Fees and charges will be discussed.

**City of Centennial [www.centennialcolorado.com](http://www.centennialcolorado.com) Sherry Patton, Communications Director**

- The new budget is on the city web site. The public hearing for the budget will be on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm.
- The City will move into the new City Center about November 20. Open house: Saturday, December 6, 10am-3 pm.
- There are three requests for proposals open at this time: 1) Contract for the City's code enforcement; 2) Consultant for land development code rewrite; 3) Contract for administration, collection and audit of sales and use tax.
- Centennial was chosen to present its "Best Practices" in a 5-minute film to be broadcast during the International City/County Managers Association in Virginia September 22-25. The video is on the City's web site
- Swedish home furnishing retailer IKEA will build a store in Centennial. It will build a 400,000 s.f. store on 13.5 acres along the west side of I-25 between County Line Road and Dry Creek Road. IKEA is the largest home furnishing operation in the world. It is expected to bring the city 500 construction jobs and 400 jobs to operate the facility upon its expected completion in 2010.
- Centennial will celebrate National Planning Month in October. Activities will include presentations at a number of city events and an Open House in the Planning Department on October 31. The Planning Department will present

information to CenCON on October 27. The idea is to help people understand the role of planning in the community.

## **CenCON Business**

### **Minutes Gerry Cummins, Secretary**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of August with corrections as amended. (*The Cherry Creek election items add up to \$203 million not \$302 million. The Medal of Honor recipients were at Cherry Creek schools on Sept. 19 not Sept. 12*). Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report 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 C. J. Whelan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

It was reported that there were many minor and external plans including a restaurant at West Inverness and Dry Creek, a Hindu Center on Potomac, and a cellular telephone tower at Smoky Hill Rd. and Piccadilly.

### **IKEA**

Examined plans and found only a few minor questions. The plan is huge and in a commercial area which alleviates most concerns. It is assumed that IKEA has the expertise to foresee anything that may be detrimental to their business.

**Next Meeting: October 27, 2008**