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Visitor Driver License Verification Began April 1

On April 1, Emergency Services Gate Officers began validating the driver licenses of visitors entering the Village. The Emergency Services Committee, consisting of resident volunteers, recommended this added guest verification measure to the Board of Directors to aid in two important security areas. First, the procedure verifies that the visitor entering the Village is the person who has been cleared for entry, and second, it verifies that drivers who are entering and driving in the Village possess a valid driver license. In addition, the guest's driver license will be scanned, and the name and address of the driver will be retrieved and stored.

The Emergency Services Committee and the Board of Directors received public comment during the February and March Board meetings as well as during the Annual Meeting of the Members held in March. In response to the comments received, the information collected from the driver license will be limited to the driver's name and address only. The Board of Directors implemented this security enhancement to increase the safety and security of the Village. The driver license verification process will be evaluated by the Board of Directors as it is implemented and warranted modifications will be considered.

Residents can help by reminding your guests that they will be asked to produce a valid driver license when they process into the Village. If the visitor has their driver license available and ready to be checked and scanned, the verification process is completed in a matter of seconds. As a reminder, if you have local family members that access the Village on a frequent basis, you can authorize a transponder for them allowing them to use the homeowner lane for entry. If you would like more information on getting them a transponder, call Emergency Services at 303-688-6447. If you have questions or comments on this policy, please email Mark Larson, General Manager at mark@thevillagecastlepines.com or give him a call at 303-814-1345.

Save the Date

- Village Pools open Saturday, May 29, 2021. Please watch the Village Weekly for more information as the opening approaches.
- Community Cleanup Day – Saturday, June 5, 2021. Please watch the Village Weekly for more details.

Area News

Town of Castle Rock

In-N-Out Burger

In-N-Out Burger is opening another Colorado location at the Outlets at Castle Rock Mall adjacent to Panda Express. This location is expected to open by Summer 2021.

Multi-Family Residential Units Approved

The Town of Castle Rock has agreed to a development plan for a multi-family residential area at the Promenade near Sam's Club. The project allows up to 300 units and an outdoor commons park. The agreement also transfers 43 acres of undeveloped land on the east side of Interstate 25 at Castle Rock Parkway for open space.

City of Castle Pines

Castle Pines to Build Three-sheet Ice Rink

The City of Castle Pines is partnering with DAWG Nation

to build a three-sheet ice rink. It will be located south of the commercial area and east of I-25. The facility will be available for all residents along the front range.

DAWG Nation is currently campaigning to raise funds for construction, which is estimated at nearly \$34 million. Construction for the arena is scheduled to begin October 2021.

Santa Fe/US 85 Construction

The US 85 Widening Project in Douglas County from Sedalia to Louviers continues construction until July 2022. There is no expected night work or weekend work. When completed, there will be two lanes of travel in each direction from Littleton to Sedalia. The project will ease congestion, improve access to side streets and left turn lanes, improve drainage, enhance safety, add wildlife fencing and build a new bridge.

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Upcoming Events & Activities

Village Ambassadors

- The Village welcomed 44 new residents since January 1. Quarterly socials have been cancelled until further notice. If you are a new resident and have not been contacted by the Village Ambassadors, contact Susan Clifford at 303-660-6323 or sclifford@estreet.com.

Garden Club

- Saturday, May 22, 9 am, field trip and hike at the Cherokee Ranch and Castle, members only.
- Village residents interested in becoming a member, check out www.vcpgc.org or contact Darcey DeRose, 310-869-6426, DarceyDeRose@comcast.net. The Village Castle Pines Garden Club, "where friendships bloom".

Village Stingrays

- On Thursday, April 1, on-line registration begins for the Village swim team, the Stingrays. You can register at CPVStingrays.com. Practice begins the last week of May. Updates will be posted in the Village Weekly. For more information contact Mamie Black at 720-301-1805 or mamiesbenz@gmail.com.

Wildlife Committee

- The Wildlife Committee is sponsoring the Birds, Bees and Butterflies event, a Denver Botanic Garden Zoom presentation on April 22, 2021 at 7 pm. Please register in advance for this program at the link provided in the Village Weekly, or by calling the Homes Association at 303-814-1345.

Document Shredding Event

Saturday, June 12, 9 am to 11 am

Village Lake Fitness Center Parking Lot

The CPHA is pleased to present the annual 'Shred It' event for the Village community. There is no charge to residents and you may bring up to four banker boxes of documents, files or other printed material for shredding. One banker box of files is equivalent to one trash bag full of paper or approximately 35 pounds of paper. There will be two trucks on site to safely and securely shred your sensitive documents. There's no need to remove paper clips, staples, spiral binders, or hanging folders, it can all go right into the shredder. This event is for Village residents only. If you have additional shredding beyond the maximum four boxes, you will need to contract with Shred-It separately.



Ask the DRC

Dog Fences

Q. I would like to contain my dog. Can I install a dog run or electric fence, and do I need Design Review Committee (DRC) approval?

- A.** Yes, all dog enclosures must be approved by the DRC prior to construction. Dog runs are to be adjacent to the house, not to exceed 250 square feet, be less than 48 inches high and comprised only of wrought iron. They must be screened from other parcels, common areas, golf courses and other public views. Electric dog fences are to be configured such that dogs cannot be seen by neighbors or golfers and must be completely contained within the private lot. If you are re-activating an existing electric fence, please contact the DRC for approval. If you live in a sub-association, please contact them first.

Mulch

Q. With spring just around the corner I would like to refresh my landscaping mulch. What type of mulch is approved for use in the Village? Do I need Design Review Committee (DRC) approval?

- A.** As with plant materials, the desire with all landscaping elements is to integrate the built environment with the natural environment in a cohesive look within the Village. With this in mind, the acceptable mulches approved for use in the Village are:

1. Natural shredded western cedar.
2. Fir fiber, natural not stained.
3. Small bark, not mini bark, natural not stained.

Stained mulches are never to be considered. In some specialized situations the above mulches may be inadequate, such as on steep slopes adjacent to foundations. In these cases, rock mulches may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Approvals of these exceptions will be granted when the area to be mulched is close to the home and out of general view of neighbors or the public. The rock mulches that will be approved for the applications are:

1. ¾" Crushed mountain granite.
2. ¾" Crushed Morrison granite.

DRC approval is necessary only if there is a change being made. If the project is just a mulch refresh, no DRC approval is required.

Spring is here and the beautiful weather finds many of us outside gardening and getting our lawns back in order. Other than the yearly freshening up of existing plants, flower beds and lawns, please remember to contact the DRC Administrator at 303-814-1345 for any exterior modifications including lighting and new landscaping.

Parks and Recreation

February Fitness Challenge

The results are in, and Parks and Rec wants to thank all of the participants that took part in the Fitness Challenge! The challenge was to count how many steps you accumulated in the month of February, without putting your device on your dog or cat.

Two participants really stepped it up in the challenge walking, over 100 miles on the Village trails and roadways. Mark Stucky finished up February with 505,868 steps. That is equivalent to 267 miles, giving Mark the win! Mark said the challenge came at the perfect time, when motivation was down and the winter blues were setting in. This will be a benchmark hard to beat next year. Colleen Graf is our runner up, accumulating 196,700 steps for the month of February, totaling 99.88 miles.

Thanks again to all our participants!

Social Events

All social events are on a TBD basis as we stay in compliance with the CDC and the Douglas County Health Department. Please stay tuned for more fun events ahead!

Spring Tennis Court Update

Attention all tennis enthusiasts that are out playing in the snow. Parks and Rec purchased new yellow-colored brooms for sweeping the snow and debris off the courts. Please do not use snow shovels as they will damage the court's surface. In addition to the new brooms, the ball machine is back in service, and ready to go.

The new tennis court is underway and should be done by Memorial Day, weather permitting. Enjoy the spring days.



March Snow Creation Contest

During the month of March, residents were asked to submit their snow sculpture pictures to the Parks and Recreation Committee for the Snow Sculpture Contest. Thanks to Mother Nature for that great snow storm, which provided us with plenty of snow making material. The submissions were wonderful, and showed that Village residents have a lot of creativity when it comes to making snow sculptures.

The winners of the contest are featured with their snow sculpture. Thank you to all the residents who participated in this fun winter event.



This polar bear sculpture captured first place for the Huser family.

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Beautiful Weather for Easter Event

This year the annual Easter egg hunt could not take place due to Covid restrictions. But the Parks and Rec Committee did not disappoint, with treats and a photo with the Easter Bunny for over 100 kids. Thanks to all who participated in this fun event.



The Stokes family enjoying the Easter Event on Saturday, April 3.

Spring Brush Cleanup

Castle Pines Metro District (District) will be conducting a Village-wide branch and brush collection the first three weeks of May. This pick up is limited to tree branches. For easier handling, we are asking that the trees be cut in 4' lengths and that the branches are removed. Please stack tree branches and limbs together at the edge of the asphalt for pick up. **DO NOT BUNDLE THE BRANCHES.** Your efforts in removing dead brush from your property are an excellent way to help reduce fire hazards.



Spring Cleanup

The Village is divided into three sections for easier cleanup and to help reduce the amount of time the tree branches are sitting in front of your homes. The sections and collection weeks are as follows:

Section 1 – May 10

collection on the south side of the Village. (south of Happy Canyon Road)

Section 2 – May 17

collection in the north and northwest sections of the Village

Section 3 – May 24

collection in the center section of the Village

PLEASE HAVE ALL DEBRIS OUT FOR PICK UP AT 8 AM ON MONDAY MORNING

Each household will receive a reminder letter approximately three weeks before their assigned pick-up.

Once the branches are collected, the District will grind the debris, which can then be used for mulch. For more information on the tree branch collection, please call the Metro District, 303-688-8330. For information about the types of landscape materials that may or may not be removed from your property, please contact the Castle Pines Homes Association at 303-814-1345.

PLEASE NOTE: The District will conduct two branch pickups in 2021, one in May and also in October.

Save the Date

METRO COMMUNITY PICNIC

When: Saturday, August 21, 2021

Time: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Where: Canyon Club



Growing Healthy Landscapes

Save money on your water bill by removing lawn areas and install ground covering not needing irrigation. Is this the only way to conserve money and water in the landscape? Absolutely not! Keep your lawn and garden growing and watch your water bill shrink.

The average residential irrigation system is 50% efficient. Using water more efficiently in the landscape can be as simple as auditing your irrigation system. Spend thirty minutes and save money on your water bill.

Conducting an irrigation audit can be a simple task. Start by asking yourself a few questions. Then turn on the irrigation system. Observe how water is emitted by the sprinkler heads and where the water is going. Is your irrigation system watering to the root zone or watering the sidewalk? Watch the District's website for opportunities for assistance on audits.

Are sprinkler heads clogged or damaged from the furry critters tormenting our irrigation lines? Again, run the system to see if the water emitting from each head is consistent and in the pattern its manufacturer intended. If the sprinkler head is supposed to emit water at 90 degrees and the watering pattern is only 45 degrees, then you may have a faulty or clogged head.

CSU Fact Sheet 7.239 <https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/garden/07239.pdf>, "Operating and Maintaining a Home Irrigation System" will provide you with more detailed information about auditing home irrigation systems.



Construction season is here, please give the contractors a break.



Metro Committees at Work

The Castle Pines Metro District is launching a new communications plan that is designed to keep the District residents apprised of critical developments pertaining to water, roads, and other important infrastructure plans. The District formed resident committees for Water, Infrastructure, and Communications, and these committees have already spent considerable time addressing the District's important needs relative to our resources and communication.

The District's Water Committee is working on a new water conservation plan, which will be presented to the residents in the near future. The Infrastructure Committee has already begun suggesting priorities for the District's 88 lane miles to determine which roadways are in most need of maintenance in 2021 and establish a data-driven system for future needs. The District has budgeted more than \$1.5 million this year for District road work. The Communications Committee is spearheading a resident focus group roundtable to gain resident feedback on water conservation plans.

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In order for the District to communicate with residents in a timely manner, we will be implementing monthly planned email communications to residents. Our email database currently has approximately 700 residents. We would very much like for more occupants of the Village's 1,750 residences to provide their emails to us so that we can provide important notifications on our water and road work. This email group will also enable us to proactively reach out to residents when there are other important announcements, such as our recent record snowfall and how the District manages and prioritizes the snow removal.

To connect with the District, just email us at tadams@castlepinesmetro.com asking us to place you on the communication and notification list or call us at 303-688-8330. You are also welcome to fill out the previously mailed card that the District sent to each resident in the February billing statement.

The Castle Pines Metro District serves the residents of The Village at Castle Pines, but we need your help in enabling us to reach you via this email group.



Let's Get Connected

Please check out the new **website** for the Metro District, launched on April 2, at www.castlepinesmetro.com.

The Communications Committee is also preparing to launch a **Metro E-Blast**. Homeowners who have signed up for communications from the District will be on the email list. If you would like to provide contact information to us, please email Tracy at tadams@castlepinesmetro.com. Please provide your name, address, and email address to be included.

A new quarterly **newsletter** from the District is in print and should arrive at your home in the next couple of weeks.



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The Metro Board of Directors meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 8 am at the Metro District office. Meetings are open to the public. Please call to confirm date and time.

Manager's Report

"Just Another Day in Paradise"



Spring has arrived in Colorado. We are getting things ready for opening of the pool season at the Village Lake Fitness Center, the Canyon Club and Summit Club. All three pools will open for your enjoyment Memorial Day weekend. The Canyon Club complex is a family facility while the lap pool at the Village Lake Fitness Center is reserved for adult use.

The Summit Club complex has a family pool, water slide, a picnic pavilion, and locker rooms. We are awaiting instructions from the state and local governments on COVID restrictions regarding pool usage. Please watch the Village Weekly email for more information on any pool usage restrictions.

This year's Annual Meeting of the Members was held via video conference. Over 100 households attended the meeting via Zoom and even though we were not able to meet in person, a great deal of information was provided. Congratulations to Wendy Ingraham and Chuck Skinner on their reelection to the CPHA Board of Directors.

I would like to remind dog owners of the importance of cleaning up after your dog. The Village has more than 13 miles of trails and failing to clean up after your dog can make those trails an eyesore and a health hazard. The Parks and Recreation Committee has worked very hard over the last several years to place dog stations throughout the Village and to have those stations emptied each week to keep our community clean of dog waste. In addition, please remember to keep your dogs on a leash and under control when taking them for a walk. We thank you in advance for being a responsible dog owner and a good neighbor.

We all hope that life will be able to return to a semblance of normal and we can return to celebrating as a community. Watch future Village Weekly emails for information on how we hold events as we receive guidance from state and local officials. My staff and I wish you a safe and healthy summer season!

Respectfully,

Mark G. Larson – General Manager

Homes Association Board Elects Officers for 2021

During their March monthly Board meeting the Castle Pines Homes Association Board of Directors elected their officers for 2021. Those officers are:

- Doug Cooper – *President*;
- Chuck Skinner – *Vice President*;
- Frank Jacobsen – *Treasurer*;
- Wendy Ingraham – *Secretary*;
- Al Notary – *Assistant Treasurer*.

The Board normally meets at 8 am the fourth Thursday of each month and for the past year, the meetings have been held via video conference. Watch the Village Weekly email the Friday before the Board meeting for the meeting agenda and the link to register to attend the meeting.

Snow Creation Contest (continued from page 3)



The snowman mail sculpture took the honors for second place for the Huser Family.



This snow bunny sculpture hopped into third place for Cassandra and Kristin.



Even snow sharks entered the contest, and won Kristen Olsen fourth place.



The Hunter Family won fifth place honors with Mount Snowmore.



A Message from Emergency Services

As spring approaches, Emergency Services thought it might be helpful to review our Rules & Regulations regarding “Off Leash” pets in the Village. What is the difference between an “Off Leash Dog” and “Dog Running at Large”? An “off leash” dog is a dog who is still in the control of his owner but who is not on a leash. A “dog running at large” is a dog who has escaped from his home, is uncontrolled and whose owner is not in the area. According to our rules and regulations, a pet must be either:



- Contained in the home.
- Contained in an outside area (by a dog run approved by the DRC).
- Contained in a controlled area (by an invisible fence).
- Controlled on a leash by a person capable of controlling the pet.
- No animal structure may be kept out of doors in a location visible from another dwelling unless authorized by the DRC or the Association.

Pets are also not allowed in the community pool areas, tennis courts, pickleball courts, or in the Village Lake Fitness Center. Pets may not be tethered to a stationary object. A pet running at large in the Village and not contained as described above may be removed by Emergency Services and taken to the Buddy Center at the owner’s expense.

The Board may impose additional restrictions on household pets, including requiring enhanced containment measures for specific animals. For information on pet containment on your property, please contact the Design Review Committee Administrator at 303-814-1345.

Area News (continued from page 1)

Town of Parker

Trader Joe’s

Trader Joe’s is coming to the Town of Parker. Parker’s Special Licensing Authority granted the grocery store chain approval for a liquor license on February 18. Transmark, a local developer, has submitted the site plan for the lot at 18374 Cottonwood Drive next to Costco. The expected date of completion is January 2023.

Officer of the Quarter

Nacole Turner was born in Fresno, California but spent most of her childhood moving around the country because of her father’s coaching jobs. Fortunately, it was her father’s job as an assistant coach for the Denver Broncos, that eventually brought her and her family to Colorado.



Hired in 2019 as a Gate Officer, Nacole was soon transferred to our Dispatch Center where she currently manages Access Control Sales. Her oversized personality, friendliness, and a genuine passion for customer service, have made her a favorite with her peers and with our residents. It is in recognition of these qualities Nacole has been selected as Officer of the Quarter.

Nacole lives with her adopted 81-pound American Bulldog, Chico. She also loves spending time with her close-knit family now that her father, San Francisco 49ers Running Backs Coach, Bobby Turner, is home for the off season.

If you find yourself in the Homes Association office, take time to congratulate Nacole on being honored as the Officer of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2021.

Be Bear Aware

- Keep your car doors locked
- Close and lock all garage doors
- Limit Birdfeeders to Winter Months
- Keep your outdoor grills clean
- Don’t leave your trash out overnight

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For more Village news, sign up for weekly email: mikayl@thevillagecastlepines.com



Attracting Hummingbirds (hummers) and Butterflies

Attracting hummingbirds (hummers) and butterflies to our yards is one of the great joys of summer. To do so, choose plant varieties known to attract them and that are adapted to our soil and weather conditions.



All hummingbirds need nectar-rich plants. Taking a cue from their long bill, they gravitate toward tubular-shaped flowers. They prefer red flowers, although they will visit flowers of all colors. In contrast, butterflies are partial to flowers with flat topped landing pads, where they can stop and warm their wings as well as grab a snack on the fly. Bright colors will catch their eye in flight, so consider

planting your butterfly plants in large groups, big enough for them to spot.

Some of the best perennial plant varieties to attract hummers are: Bee-balm, Penstemon, Orange Carpet Hummingbird Trumpet, Hyssop, Catmint.



Attract butterflies with these plant varieties: Yarrow, Cone-flower, Black-eyed Susan/Denver Daisy, Butterfly Weed, Jupiter's Beard, Sedum, Blanketflower.

Great annuals for hummers include: Flowering tobacco, Spider Flower, Lantana, Montbretia Lucifer.

Try these for butterflies: Marigolds, Zinnias, Cosmos, Bachelor Buttons, Sweet Alyssum.

Local nurseries may be more likely to carry plants that are adapted to our conditions and to our birds and butterflies. The Audubon website (audubon.org/native-plants) is an excellent reference to native plants for birds. Native plants have often evolved to be more resistant to deer and elk and are attractive to our birds.

Remember, by providing plants for birds rather than bird-feeders you avoid attracting bears. Native plant varieties are often left alone by the deer and elk.