

the Village Reporter

A bi-monthly publication by, and for, Village residents.

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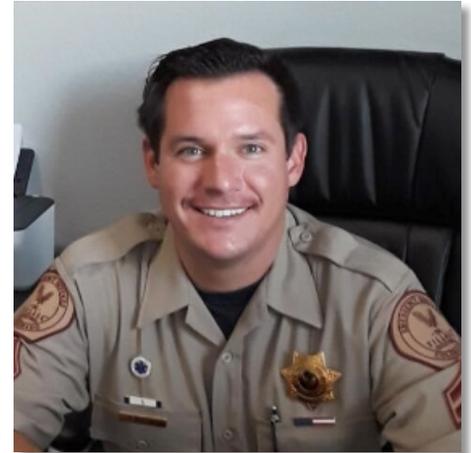
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New CPHA Capital Projects Underway for 2021

Several New Capital Projects that were delayed from 2020 due to COVID concerns are currently underway. The new tennis court located at the Canyon Club just west of the pavilion is currently under construction and will be ready for use in mid July. The new picnic area located at the Summit Club Family Park is also under construction and due to some weather delays, will be fully ready for use in late June. The renovation of the Village Lake Fitness Center is also planned to begin this fall. There will be more information on this project in the next edition of the Village Reporter. These improvements were originally scheduled for completion in 2020 but were delayed due to COVID restrictions. Watch for more information on these projects in future Village Weekly emails or give the Homes Association a call at 303-814-1345.

Emergency Services Names New Chief

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Matt Wortsman is the new Chief of Emergency Services. Matt has been an officer with Emergency Services for nearly six years, most recently serving as a Corporal responsible for training new officers. Matt began his career with Emergency Services as a Gate Officer and then became the Gate Officer supervisor. He was selected to become a Patrol Officer, completed his Emergency Medical Technician training and was promoted to Corporal in 2019. Chief Wortsman earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of North Florida and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Central Florida. Matt and his wife Erica moved to Colorado in 2015 and live in Colorado Springs. Please join us in congratulating Matt as he assumes his new responsibilities.



The Pools are Open! Summer Fun has Begun!

The Village family pools opened May 29 and without reservations! You will need your pool pass for entry to the pool. Passes are available at the Castle Pines Homes Association for \$5 each, check or cash, limit two per family. The Village Lake Fitness Center pool is also operating without reservations! Entry to the VLFC is by access card, however it is a specific card for access just to the VLFC. The Fitness Center cards are also on sale at the CPHA, \$5 each, check or cash.

- The Canyon Club pool is open Mon.-Thurs. 11 am to 8 pm, Fri.& Sat. 10 am to 9 pm, Sun. 10 am to 8 pm.
- The Summit Club pool is open Sun.-Thurs. 10 am to 8 pm, Fri. & Sat. 10 am to 9 pm.
- The Village Lake Fitness Center pool is open daily from 6 am to 9 pm.

Have a wonderful time at the Village pools!

Area News

Summer Fitness Events

Beginning in June through August at 8 am, Castle Rock's Phillip S. Miller Park (1375 Plum Creek Pkwy), is providing free outdoor summer fitness classes. There is a 200-stair Challenge Hill, new exercise formats are highlighted each Fitness Friday, and Yoga in the park on Sunday mornings. These free fitness opportunities are open to all fitness levels and ages.

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Upcoming Events & Activities

Village Ambassadors

The Village welcomed 86 new residents since January 1. COMING SOON—Quarterly New Residents Receptions will be back on schedule later this summer. 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.

Spring Has Sprung – Time To Get Back To Our Gardens

Each year The Village at Castle Pines Garden Club members volunteer time to spruce up the Serenity Garden located on the south side of the neighborhood by Village Lake. Work days are every other Wednesday as follows:

- June 2, June 16 and June 30 at 10 am
- July 14 and June 28 at 9 am
- Aug 11 and Aug 25 at 9 am
- Sept 8 and Sept 22 at 9 am
- Oct 6 and Oct 20 at 9 am, Closing Day
- Contact Nancy Kirschke, 949-436-0358, GKirkk@aol.com

Garden Club members also volunteer time rejuvenating gardens outside the community at neighboring Cherokee Ranch and Castle. Village residents interested in becoming a member of the Garden Club can find more information at www.vcpgc.org or contact Darcey DeRose, 310-869-6426, Darcey-DeRose@comcast.net. The Village Castle Pines Garden Club is “where friendships bloom”.

Construction in the Village

If it seems like there is a lot going on in the Village, that’s because there is! We are experiencing a real surge of new construction. Currently there are 36 custom homes either under construction or in the Design Review process on the north side of the Village, not counting the new 66 alternative home development across from the Cliffs, and the Brookfield community inside Gate 3 with 43 homes.

On the south side there is a custom home under construction along with eight alternative homes to be built on Copper Blush Court. And the activity is not just new builds. Many residents have taken this down time at home to improve their homes with new decks, paint, landscaping and more. The Village truly is a unique and desirable place to live! We appreciate your patience with the construction as the Village continues to improve.

The Stingrays are in the Water!

Swim Team has begun for the summer and the Stingrays are preparing for their first meet. The swim meets are held on Saturdays at the Canyon Club and the Village hosts three Meets. Watch for updates on the Stingrays Swim Team in the Village Weekly or cpvstingrays.com. For more information contact Mamie Black at 720-301-1805 or mamiesbenz@gmail.com.

Free 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.

Area News (continued from page 1)

Festival Park Farmers’ Market

The Local Colorado hosts a Farmers’ Market at the Festival Park (300 2nd Street, Castle Rock) each Sunday from 9 am to 2 pm until September 26. Locally raised meats, farm-fresh eggs, baked goods, artisan products, a variety of produce, and western slope fruit are available from nearly 40 vendors.

Summer Concert Series

The Castle Rock summer concert series are being held at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller (1375 Plum Creek Pkwy). The series hosts dozens of Grammy-nominated, world famous artists. A list of the concerts and tickets can be purchased online at crgov.com

The Summit Update

The Summit, a new home development located just north of the Metro District on Country Club Drive, hopes to have infrastructure including roads, curbs, and lots staked by late summer, weather permitting. The 35-acre development includes 60 semi-custom detached units.



While enjoying the Village Lake, please remember to keep our lake and the surrounding areas free of trash.

Parks and Recreation

Welcome Summer!

The summer season in the Village has begun! Mark your calendars, break out your sunscreen and keep updated with the Friday weekly emails on event details.

Summer Events:

- TAG and Pickleball Socials
Friday, June 11, 5:30 pm
Friday, July 9, 5:30 pm
- Summer Solstice at the Canyon Club Pavilion:
Saturday, June 19, 12 to 3 pm (Weather date June 26)
- Movie Night in the Park at the Canyon Club Playing Field
Saturday, July 3, 7 pm to 10 pm. Movie starts at 8 pm.
(Weather date August 20)
- July Fourth Parade, Barbeque, Entertainment, and 5K Fun Run
Sunday, July 4, 8 am Fun Run start time, 10 am Parade,
Noon Barbeque and entertainment
- Adult Social at the Canyon Club Pavilion
Saturday, July 24, 6 pm to 9:30 pm
- Village Field Day at the Canyon Club Playing Field and
Sport Courts
Saturday, August 7, 11 am

Tennis/Pickleball Social Friday, June 11, 5:30 pm

The first tennis/pickleball Social in two years happens June 11, at 5:30 pm. Light refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. If you don't have a partner, we will provide one. Please come and meet your neighbors.

New Patio Furniture Coming to Pickleball Courts 1 and 2

The Homes Association has ordered tables and chairs for outside Pickleball Courts 1 and 2, just in time for this year's social gatherings!

Canyon Club Playground Boundary Realigned During Construction

The border of the Canyon Club playground is in the process of being replaced. During the construction process, one of the two playground areas will be open for use. For your safety and the safety of your children, please do not enter the area that is sectioned off and under repair. The project should last a few weeks. Thank you for your patience as we work to maintain and improve our facilities.

Ask the DRC

Mulch and Vegetable Gardens

Q. 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

If the project is just a mulch refresh, no DRC approval is required.

Q. I would like to put in a vegetable garden. Are they allowed and can I fence the garden? Do I need Design Review Committee (DRC) approval?

A. Yes, vegetable gardens are allowed in the Village. They are not to exceed 250 sq. ft. A fence may be used to protect the garden. The fence must be made of wrought iron and no taller than 48" in height. Gardens/fences are to be screened so as not to be visible from any other parcel, the street, open area, common area or golf course. DRC approval is required for installation of a vegetable garden and fence associated with the garden.

If you have any questions regarding DRC approval, please contact the DRC Administrator at 303-814-1345.

Metro District

Castle Pines Metropolitan District

Save the Date

METRO COMMUNITY PICNIC

When: Saturday, August 21, 2021

Time: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Where: Canyon Club



Summer 2021 Voluntary Irrigation Schedule

This schedule is effective May 1 to October 1, 2021.

NO WATERING BETWEEN 10 AM and 6 PM

If your address ends in an even number, please set your irrigation system to water on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday

If your address ends in an odd number, please set your irrigation system to water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Sub Associations: Select either an odd or even schedule to follow for the summer.

Spring Brush Cleanup – A Success!

Castle Pines Metro District (District) has just completed another successful brush cleanup. The District undertakes this activity each year in May and October as a service to the residents. This project allows homeowners to clear out dead brush and branches from their properties, which staff members collect, haul and mulch. By offering this service, the District partners with the community to keep the Village looking neat and clean and to minimize dead-wood throughout the neighborhood, and hopefully reducing the risk of fires. We will plan on another cleanup in October. Thank you for participating this spring!



Please, No Cutting or Watering Native Grasses

Do you prefer the manicured appearance of a turf lawn over native grass? Do you perceive native grass as “just another weed”? Do you believe native grass is unattractive? Did you know that cutting and watering native grasses is not necessary for their survival, and it creates a situation whereby these natural grasses actually use far more water than they need?

As part of its ongoing water conservation effort, the Metro District is strongly encouraging the Village (both residential and common areas) to use native grasses for landscaping. What are the possible benefits of native grasses versus other types of landscape design?

1. They consume less water and are more drought-resistant than many other alternatives.
2. They are hardier than developed turf species.
3. They adapt to their environment and have an increased resistance to pests, insects, and diseases.
4. They encourage animal biodiversity and native wildlife habitats in open areas.
5. You will typically see significantly fewer weeds due to increased leaf density.

There are many varieties of native grasses that do well in our semi-arid climate. There are also several different effective methods of properly managing and controlling native grasses, including weed control.

For a complete list of native grasses that comply with the Village DRC guidelines, visit <https://thevillagecastlepines.com/WebsitePDF/DesignReview/DRC-LandscapeStandardsMaster2013.pdf>

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

Give 'em a **BRAKE**

New Well Drilling Projects

The District is drilling three new wells: one Denver Aquifer well and two Lower Dawson Aquifer wells. Two of these wells will be drilled at one of our existing water treatment facilities located along Happy Canyon Road. Residents may have already noticed that some trees were removed in preparation for this project.



The other well will be drilled at our well site located at the intersection of Mirage Drive and Red Pass Lane. Drilling of these three new wells will help to ensure that we have the water we need to meet the demands of our water system.

These projects involve drilling rigs and the necessary heavy equipment to complete the drilling. Once started, the drilling process cannot be stopped until it is completed and is, therefore, a 24/7 operation. The drilling is a noisy process and, consequently, sound walls will be constructed to minimize the impact to the community.

Well Rehabilitation Projects

The District is rehabilitating four wells: Two Arapahoe Aquifer wells, one Denver Aquifer well, and one Lower Dawson Aquifer well. Two of these wells are located near our District office, one is located near Gate three, and the fourth is located at our well field near the intersection of Mirage Drive and Red Pass Lane. The District will be replacing the existing pumping equipment and performing a rehabilitation (cleaning) of the well to optimize pumping capacity. This process is part of a multi-year maintenance plan the District has had in place for many



years. One of these wells has been completed with another starting up this week. The remaining two wells are expected to be completed within the coming weeks.

Residents can expect to see the well rigs on-site at these locations. These projects will be occurring from 7 am to 6 pm.

For your safety, we ask that you do not enter the worksites of these projects.

Inspect Backflow Prevention Devices



At construction, each household in the Village is equipped with two backflow prevention devices – on the potable water system and one on the fire sprinkler system. Pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), many actions are required to protect drinking water and its sources. The District treats its excellent groundwater to a level that meets and exceeds the State’s regulatory requirements. In addition, the District must have all of its own backflow prevention devices tested.

Homeowners are responsible to ensure that the treated water delivered throughout their households remains clean and safe. Homeowners are required to get the backflow protection device in their homes inspected and repaired or replaced, if necessary, on a required schedule: every three years for the potable water backflow prevention device, and every year for the fire sprinkler backflow prevention devices.

Why is this important? If a backflow happens due to a cross-connection you could become very sick. For example, if the fire sprinkler backflow preventer malfunctions, it could cause fire suppression chemicals to be sucked back into the system making its way into the interior household supply lines. To prevent such an occurrence, please have the backflow prevention devices in your home inspected.

Two primary technicians that the District uses is Backflow Tech 303-986-4601 and Western States Fire Protection 303-792-0022.

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The Metro Board of Directors meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30 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"



Summer has arrived and we are getting back to a semblance of normal. Your Parks and Recreation Committee is working on the events schedule for the summer and have some outstanding events planned as we move to get together as a community. In this issue you will see information on some new and creative events planned for the rest of year.

A question that I am often asked is what the best way is to stay informed on what is going on in the Village. I wanted to take this opportunity to review the forums we use to provide information and let you determine what works best for you.

We have several organized meetings that you can attend (currently by video conference):

Board of Directors Meetings: The Homes Association Board of Directors hold their monthly board meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 am. As we can go back to holding our Board meetings in person, we will continue to provide the opportunity for residents to attend the meeting by video conference. Watch the Village Weekly email for information on the Board meeting to include the agendas and link to register to attend the Board meeting via video conference.

Committee Meetings: The Homes Association has ten standing Committees that are comprised of nearly 100 volunteers from throughout the Village. Most of these Committees meet monthly. The Committee meetings are open to members of the Homes Association and their meeting schedules are available on the Village website www.thevillageatcastlepines.com or give the Homes Association a call at 303-814-1345 for meeting information.

Coffee with the Managers: The third month of each quarter the Metropolitan District Manager Burt Knight and I host an informal get together with interested residents and discuss topics of interest. We normally pick a topic to provide information on and then take questions from those in attendance. The dates for events and instructions on how to attend by video conference are released in the Village Weekly.

The Homes Association also provides information to Village residents in written and electronic form:

The Village Reporter: The VR is a professional publication that comes out every other month providing information on topics of interest to the entire community. A volunteer group of your neighbors write the articles, take the pictures, and arrange the copy for this publication. The paper provides information on local events, projects on going in the Village, and other information.

The Village Weekly: This Village wide email release is the avenue that we use to provide up-to-date information quickly. Receipt of the Village Weekly is voluntary, and you must be signed up to receive it. If you have not had the opportunity to sign up for the Village Weekly, it is very easy to do. Just call the Homes Association at 303.814.1345 and Mikayl or Linda will be happy to add your name to our list or send an email to admin@thevillageatcastlepines.com. Your email address is kept confidential, and we do not release our Village Weekly address list to anyone. With the use of the Village Weekly we can very quickly provide the latest information to most Village residents. I know that you get bombarded with emails on all types of topics throughout the week, but if you are interested in staying up to date on what is happening in the Village, I highly recommend that you sign up for and read the Village Weekly when it arrives in your inbox.

I wanted to take this opportunity to review the forums we use to provide information and let you determine what works best for you.

Facebook and Instagram: The Village also has its own Facebook and Instagram accounts. To follow us on Facebook "Like" the @TheVillageatCastlePines and on Instagram follow us at /Thevillageatcastlepines.

Gate Signs: At each entrance to the Village there is a gate sign box where we post information on upcoming events, reminders concerning wildlife, and other information that is of interest that you can see as you enter the Village on your way home.

The Village Website: The Village website at www.thevillageatcastlepines.com has a wealth of information. You can view meeting calendars, reserve a tennis/pickleball court, verify your next recycling date, download documents and forms, and link to dwellingLive where you can update your information and clear your guests. Some of these options require a resident sign in, so you will want to create your login in credentials. If you need assistance, please call the Homes Association at 303-814-1345.

Emergency Services Emergency Notification System: Emergency Services can very quickly notify residents by phone of information on a critical issue in or around the Village. Like the Village Weekly, notification by this process is voluntary and residents can register by calling Emergency Services at 303-688-6447 to register. This system is only used to provide information on time critical issues and if you receive this call from Emergency Services you can be confident that the message will be important and worthy of your attention.

Give us a call or email: The Homes Association staff and

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A Message from Emergency Services

As summer approaches, kids, pets, joggers and bicyclists will all be sharing the Village streets with automobile traffic. Drivers need to be on alert as they drive the winding and narrow Village roads and give pedestrians the right of way.

Here are some pedestrian safety tips for kids:

- Teach children at an early age to look left, right and left again before crossing the street. Then remind them to continue looking until safely across.
- It's always best to walk on paths (we have 13 miles of both paved and natural trails in the Village). Children walking to our pools or parks should always use crosswalks. Where there are no sidewalks, they should walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.
- Every child is different, but developmentally most kids are unable to judge the speed and distance of oncoming cars until age 10.
- Encourage children to be especially alert for cars that are turning or backing up.
- Teach youngsters to turn off phones, headphones and other devices when crossing the street.

Getting Around in a Golf Cart

Who doesn't love driving a golf cart on a beautiful summer day? It's like driving a convertible! But when you're not on the golf course, there are rules for driving a golf cart on the private streets of the Village. According to Homes Association rules, golf carts are permitted on our Village streets but only if they are equipped with the proper safety features including:

- Head lamps
- Front and rear turn signals
- Tail lamps
- Stop lamps
- Reflectors: one red on each side as far to the rear as possible. And one on the rear of the cart.
- An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side with either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger side of the cart or an interior mirror.
- A parking brake

- A VIN that conforms to Colorado DMV rules.

Remember that golf carts driven on Village streets are subject to the same traffic rules as automobiles and are to be driven by licensed drivers. Driving golf carts on Village trails is not permitted. If you're not sure whether or not your cart is street legal, contact Dispatch at 303-688-6447 to have one of our Patrol Officers inspect your cart to make sure it is equipped with the proper safety features.

Manager's Report (continued from page 6)

Emergency Services combined are available around the clock to answer your questions and respond to your call for service. The Homes Association staff is available Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm, Emergency Services dispatch is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and officers are on duty to respond to your call for service. The Homes Association can be reached at 303-814-1345 and Emergency Services dispatch is at 303-688-6446. You can also reach the Homes Association staff by email at admin@thevillagecastlepines.com. The email box is checked daily and your question or comment will be forwarded to the proper person for action. Email addresses for individual staff members can be found on the Village website at www.thevillagecastlepines.com.

The communication goal is to provide you with information you would like to see in a format that will work best for you and your lifestyle.

With the warmer weather, more and more people will be out walking and biking in the Village. If you are a pedestrian and a trail will take you where you want to go, please use it. If you are a driver, please obey the speed limits and posted traffic control signs. I join my staff in wishing you and your family a safe and healthy summer season.

Respectfully,

Mark G. Larson – General Manager

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



case of a smaller and less aggressive animal, keep it warm with a towel or blanket while awaiting further direction. Always remember that even the smallest, most harmless looking animals can bite, peck and scratch.

Animals and Their Babies

Nothing warms the heart and hints of springtime more than catching a glimpse of a baby animal. We are lucky in our neighborhood to see an abundance of animals. Sometimes we may have close encounters with our animal residents. According to a Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) pamphlet called Watchable Wildlife, there are certain rules to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all.

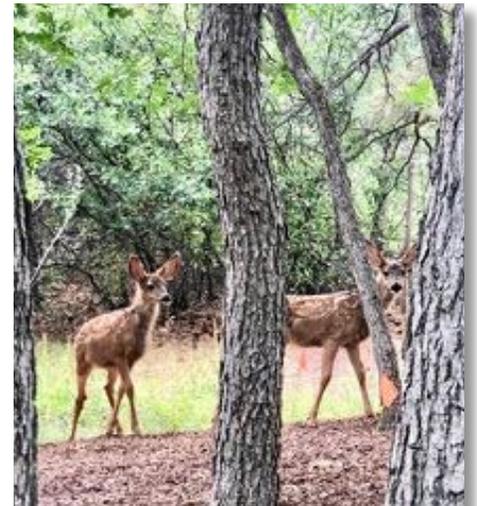


Resist the temptation to "save" a baby animal. In most cases mom is watching her baby and you from a safe distance. This is particularly the case with bear cubs. Never get between a female and her cubs. Coming between a sow and a cub can be extremely dangerous. If a cub is near, move away and stay alert. There may be more than one, as well as a mother just behind the next tree.

If a baby animal has truly been abandoned, best to contact CPW or a rehabilitation center for further advice. In the

A baby bird that has fallen out of a nest can be gently placed back in the nest while wearing a soft glove. Contrary to popular thought, an adult will not reject it. Do not try to feed or give water to a baby bird unless a rehabilitation authority directs you to do so; incorrect feeding or watering may be harmful rather than helpful. In most cases privacy is the most important thing we can do to help our nesting birds.

Please watch and enjoy the miracle of new life from a distance. If you have questions, refer to the Village or CPW website or contact CPW at 303-297-1192.



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