



The Vista: Park & Recreation Newsletter

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FOR POOL OPENING INFORMATION, CHECK INSIDE!!!

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We want to welcome Melissa Wilson and Bernie Gehris who joined your Board of Directors last summer to fill two vacant positions. They have jumped right in to actively assist in the care of your District. All board members volunteer their time and energy. See back page for details.

ELECTION UPDATE

Unfortunately, even with additional community meetings and mailings by some residents to share needed information, voters narrowly rejected a ballot issue that would have increased the General Fund operating mill levy. With no increase in funding, the Board has carefully reviewed the 2007 General Fund budget and has had to take some difficult cost-cutting measures, which are described in this newsletter. The Board also has decided that the mill levy for the Debt Service Fund will not be reduced at this time.

PARK AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

The purpose of the election mill levy measure was to increase the revenues into the General Fund. The General Fund is used primarily to pay for the maintenance of the parks, playgrounds, and right-of-ways. This fund pays for mowing, watering, grass edging, tree trimming, new plants, replacement trees, irrigation repairs, doggy scoops, playground repairs, and other maintenance items. Unfortunately, with the defeat of the mill levy increase, the Board has determined that it needs to cut services paid for out of this fund. Total 2007 expenses for this Fund are budgeted at approximately \$193,000, of which nearly \$106,000 is budgeted for landscape maintenance and utilities.

In 2007, certain services recommended by our landscape contractor, Brickman Group, have been cancelled by the Board of Directors due to budget cuts. The watering and mowing of the parks and right-of-ways will be reduced. You will see browning of the grass, but we will monitor it to keep it from dying. Mulching, edging and the number of irrigation checks also will be reduced for this year.

In summary, it will be a tough year for our parks and right-of-ways.

We need YOUR HELP in monitoring our parks. If you see an irrigation leak or other problem, please contact Cecil Slaughter at the number below. Cecil has graciously agreed to be our contact for this year because we also have to cut down on the use of our management company. To reduce expenses, residents no longer should call RS Wells directly for questions or concerns. Please call Cecil Slaughter (phone number on last page) or send us an email at ccvprd@yahoo.com.

PLAYGROUNDS

We are pleased to announce that thanks to the great efforts of RS Wells, the District has been awarded a grant from Great Outdoors Colorado in the amount of nearly \$34,000 to use towards the replacement of the playground at Sunset Park. The District's Board is reviewing playground structures that are resistant to vandalism and less costly to maintain. Construction of the new park is expected in 2007.

The Board also received a \$25,000 grant from Arapahoe County to replace the asphalt trails at Sunset and Orchard Parks, our oldest parks, with concrete. It's important to know that these funds come from the District's Capital Projects Fund, not from the General Fund that is facing expense reductions. The District cannot use Capital Project Funds for operational purposes. The District intends to apply for a grant late this summer to replace the Orchard Park playground.

TENNIS COURTS

The new post-tension concrete tennis courts at Orchard and Sunset Parks are ready for play. Keys are \$25. If you need a key, contact M.P.M. Recreation & Management at (720) 201-1758 or email mpmrecreation@hotmail.com. You can also stop by the pool office to purchase a key during normal pool hours. The Board is still obtaining backboards for Orchard Park. Courts are designed for tennis only. Skateboards, bicycles, rollerblades, pets, etc. are not allowed. Please be courteous and keep use to one hour per court when others are waiting.

At this printing, lessons programs are being negotiated with two providers for this season:

- **Tennis Kids**, Diane Daniels at (720) 394-4872 or imatenniskid@comcast.net
- **Rocky Mountain Tennis Academy**, Mark Taylor at (303) 791-6720 or rmtamark@comcast.net

If you would like to be in the TENNIS DIRECTORY, please send your name, phone number, and ability to ccvprd@yahoo.com.

2007 MEETINGS

As we continue to try to increase communications among residents and reduce expenses, 2007 regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm as follows:

- April 19 Offices of R.S. Wells, 6399 S Fiddler's Green Circle, Greenwood Village
- May 17 CCV Pool, 11350 East Orchard Road
- June 21 CCV Pool, 11350 East Orchard Road
- July no meeting
- August 16 CCV Pool, 11350 East Orchard Road
- September no meeting
- October 18 Offices of R.S. Wells, 6399 S Fiddler's Green Circle, Greenwood Village
- November 15 Offices of R.S. Wells, 6399 S Fiddler's Green Circle, Greenwood Village
- December work study – date and location to be determined

To get to R.S. Wells' conference room, use the north entrance to the building.

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

YOUR IDEAS & FEEDBACK ARE ESSENTIAL

DOG WASTE

All owners are required to clean up after their pets. Pet waste smells, can spread germs, and can get into the Cherry Creek Reservoir via storm drainage if not properly disposed. Pet waste also is a problem for landscape crews and increases the cost of our landscape maintenance. There are waste pick-up dispensers located in each of our parks and on the south side of Orchard Road. If a dispenser is empty or damaged, please contact Cecil Slaughter.

VANDALISM

Vandalism also increases the cost of maintaining our parks by damaging play equipment, making graffiti, etc. Talk to your kids about not committing vandalism and encourage them to report any vandalism. If you witness vandalism or see areas that need repair, please contact Cecil Slaughter.

POOL

The Board is having repairs made in the pool house for drainage, wall and paint problems. It is replacing the swampy lawn areas with additional brick pavers. This work is also paid from the Capital Projects budget and should decrease maintenance costs and issues. Please continue to report any problems you observe to the pool management company or the Board of Directors so that we can address them.

POOL FEES & REGISTRATION

Register online at www.mpmrecreation.com. Click on Cherry Creek Vista and register. Or you can stop by Cottonwood Creek Elementary and pick up a mail in registration form located on the community board across from the main office. **All Registrations must be postmarked by Saturday, May 19th** to receive the discounted membership rate. New this year is an optional payment by credit card. Once you are registered and payment is received you can pick up your 2007 stickers or have ID's made your first trip to the pool. Remember all pool members 11 and older need to have a CCV ID. If you have your ID's from previous years you do not need a new one. You can also register in person at the CCV Swim Team and Pool Sign-up Tuesday, April 24 at Cottonwood Creek Elementary 5-8p.m.

POOL HOURS- Opens Saturday, May 26 / Ends Monday, September 3

<i>Weekends & Holidays</i>	<i>11:00 - 7:00</i>
<i>Monday, Tuesday & Thursday</i>	<i>12:00- 7:00</i>
<i>Wednesday & Friday</i>	<i>12:00-9:00</i>

*July 21st- August 19th the pool will open daily at 11:00

*Aug 20-24 & Aug 27-31 pool will not open until 3:00p.m. Monday-Friday

*Baby Pool only will be open and guarded during swim lessons. (5 years and younger only)

*Early morning adult swim Mon, Wed, Fri from 6-7 a.m. (starts Fri, June 8; ends Fri, Aug 18)

Also the CCV Vikings Swim team will be hosting meets at Vista on the following days:

- Saturday, June 2: Tri-meet at CCV
- Saturday, June 16: Ben Franklin at CCV
- Saturday, June 23: Homestead at CCV
- Monday, July 9: Eight & under Prelims at CCV

The pool is scheduled to open to the general membership at the conclusion of these events. It is recommended to call the pool office to confirm opening time, (303) 770-4295.

SWIM TEAM – THE CCV VIKINGS

The CCV Vikings return this year. You can register when you sign up for pool membership. The team will be lead by Head Coach Laurie Musgrave. Jessica Shaddock, Jamie Munger, Allison Henning, and Mark Rizzuto will help assist the team for another great year. The Vista pool will host swim team meets on June 2, June 16, June 23, and July 9. Come out and cheer on your CCV Vikings. The pool will open for general swimming at the conclusion of these events.

SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons are available throughout the summer at CCV. This year we are using the new Aqua Kickz learn to swim curriculum. Class sizes will be 1 instructor to 3-4 students. Sessions are 8 classes over a two-week period. Check out www.mpmrecreation.com click on CCV and then Lessons for more info.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Charles Behrend, President 303-694-9618 Term expires: May 2008	Sheryl Bollinger, Vice President 303-220-5912 Term expires: May 2008
Melissa Wilson 303-694-4764 Term expires: May 2008	Bernie Gehris 303-956-0694 Term expires: May 2008
2007 PRIMARY CONTACT Cecil Slaughter, Secretary 303-718-2599 (cell) or ccvprd@yahoo.com Term expires: May 2010	

THE DISTRICT

Cherry Creek Vista Park & Recreation District owns and maintains six tennis courts, a swimming pool, four parks, and four playgrounds. The District also maintains 2.6 miles of county right-a-way along Havana and Orchard streets and 2.6 miles of brick fence.

The Board hires professional consultants and contractors to assist it managing the District's operations. M.P.M. Recreation & Management, of which Matt Mundy is president, manages the pool. The Brickman Group performs landscape maintenance of the parks and right-of-ways based on the funds available as allotted by the Board. R.S. Wells, Clifton Gunderson, and Grimshaw & Haring provide district management, accounting services, and legal counsel respectively.

The district is separate from the homeowner's associations in the area, which are managed by different boards and which have different functions within the community.

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