

MAYORAL MUSINGS



By Mayor Doug Tisdale

Anfangen ist leicht, beharren eine Kunst.
—German Proverb

A Different Kind of PAC. The proverb says that beginning is easy, to continue is an art. This is my second column as Mayor for The Crier, and speaking of art, I would like to bring to your special attention to our wonderful Public Art Commission. The PAC is chaired by **Ann Polumbus**, ably assisted by **Teresa Harbaugh**, **Douglas Smooke**, **Gay Warren** and **Councilmember Klasina VanderWerf**. You have already seen one of their great accomplishments—the placement of the bronze sculpture *Sundown* by Walt Horton outside of the Village Center. The PAC has plans for the placement of more public art throughout the Village and is soliciting pieces now, asking artists to submit pieces for consideration through Call for Entry.org. More information about CaFÉ is found elsewhere in this issue of The Crier. For more information about the Public Art Commission, please go to our website, www.CherryHillsVillage.com, and look under Boards and Commissions. And a word of appreciation here to **Greg and Susie Stevinson**, whose generosity gave us *Sundown* to display.

Comcast Newsmakers. Each year the Colorado Municipal League conducts an annual meeting where elected and appointed municipal officials gather to share information and “best practices” with each other. This year our **City Manager John Patterson** joined me at the conference and participated in a great deal of exceptional training aimed at improving services to our residents. In addition, I was privileged to give an interview to broadcast journalist Beverly Weaver. It was a part of their series called Comcast Newsmakers. You can find the interview in one of two ways. If you have Comcast Cable service, you can go to “On Demand,” navigate to “Your Colorado,” then go to “Comcast Newsmakers” and select “Cherry Hills Village” from the choices. Or, you can go to my website at www.TisdaleCherryHills.com and click on the link there to view the interview.

Our Own Backyard. We are fortunate to have some outstanding institutions in our region. Just northwest of Cherry Hills Village, we have an internationally recognized rehabilitation center, Craig Hospital, where innovations in medicine and research are taking a quantum leap. President and CEO of the Hospital, Mike Fordyce, has an exciting new

vision that will bring the excellence of Craig’s programs to an even higher level. Craig’s primary focus is serving patients and families impacted by spinal cord or traumatic brain injuries, however its expertise is not an “island” that only benefits these individuals. This new vision includes a holistic health and wellness center called The PEAK, where anyone living with a disability can join to exercise or receive one-on-one training. In this center, you’ll also find technologies and equipment of the future that are still in development. Craig is reaching out to educate and engage the broader Colorado community in preserving and expanding the rehabilitative excellence that we are blessed to have in our own backyard. To learn more, contact Jessica at Craig Hospital, 303-789-8631.

A Community Mourns. At this writing, we are still grieving the disaster visited upon our region when people were enjoying one of our most popular pastimes—going to the movies. Twelve innocent people were horribly slain and 58 others were seriously injured while indulging in a favorite recreational activity. I attended a moving prayer vigil held at the Aurora Municipal Center on the Sunday evening following this brutal attack. The Governor, our US Senators and the entire Colorado Congressional delegation joined dozens of Mayors, County Commissioners and other elected officials from the Denver region to pay tribute to all the victims and their families. The details have been widely disseminated and will not be repeated here. But we will repeat here the names of the twelve extraordinary individuals who lost their lives, so that we will always remember them. Navy Sailor John Larimer. Alex Teves. Staff Sgt. Jesse Childress. Alex Sullivan. Jessica “Redfield” Ghawi. Micayla Medek. Veronica Moser-Sullivan. Gordon Cowden. Alexander J. Boik. Jonathan T. Blunk. Rebecca Ann Wingo. Matt McQuinn.

Lots of things to think about until our next column. Please remember to hug your family and friends and let them know how important they are to you!

2011 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE ON-LINE

The 2011 Annual Report is now available at www.cherryhillsvillage.com. It can be found under the Village Center tab on the City’s website listed under City Departments, Administration and then City Manager’s Office. There is a direct link to the Annual Report on the home page (above the Mayor’s picture). This section scrolls through the most current events, but you can use the arrows to the left or right to help navigate to the Annual Report. There are also printed versions of the Annual Report available at the Village Center during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30 p.m.). Questions? Please call **303-789-2541**.