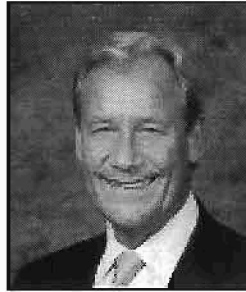


A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

by Mayor Doug Tisdale



"The Election is over. The ads are gone. The time for reconciliation, compromise and progress is here. I'm Doug Tisdale and I approve this message."

GOING FORWARD

"Are we there yet?" That's a question that parents frequently have to answer when driving children anywhere. It is also a question that voters feel compelled to ask of their elected leaders, especially following a vigorously contested Presidential election. Happily, municipal government in Colorado is nonpartisan and thus we are spared much of the partisan rancor that seems to have become "the new normal" in state and federal government. I am pleased to report that that the six elected Councilors on your City Council have been exemplars of enlightened leadership, motivated by what is best for our residents. All seven of us who volunteer our time and talent to serve you as your elected leaders are guided by a simple truth: compromise is not a dirty word; it is a problem-solving technique that moves us all forward. As was said of Benjamin Franklin, he knew that no democratic government can last long without conciliation and compromise. We should remember that compromise is a solution that is born out of collaboration. May we all approach 2013 with that spirit and truly move forward!

PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION

The Cherry Hills Village Art Commission has arranged for the installation of our next striking piece of public art in the Village! Renowned artist Anthony Heinz May is currently engaged in the real-time creation of art in Three Pond Park, transforming a piece of nature into an artistic expression. Be sure to see this exciting work for yourself as you enjoy our parks and trails in the Village! More information is available at cherryhillsvillage.com/art.aspx.

DENVER WATER PRESENTATION

Few topics engender more discussion over the summer months than the water bills we receive from Denver Water. While it is true that we enjoy some of the lowest rate structures in the state for our water, our large lot sizes consume a great deal of this precious natural resource, with a corresponding high cost. Angela Bricmont is the Director of Finance for Denver Water, and the mother of a student at Cherry Hills Village Elementary. Angela is the principal officer at Denver Water responsible for setting water rates. She will address the City Council at a special study session on water rates at our Tuesday, January 15th Council meeting. So please come at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, January 15 to hear the presentation and learn more about water usage and rates in your Village.

JOINT PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY UPDATE

By the time you get around to reading this, we will have taken possession of our new JPSF (home of our Police Department and South Metro Fire and Rescue District)-in the Village Center complex. An open house is scheduled for Saturday, January 12th, 9am - 3pm; at this time, residents will be able to tour the facility and see the inside of this great new addition to our Village Center campus. For more information, please check the website www.CherryHillsVillage.com, our Facebook page www.facebook.com/pages/Cherry-Hills-Village-Colorado-Municipal-Government, and Cable Channel 22 (KCHV).

NEW COUNCILOR

As announced previously in *The Crier*, Councilor Harriet LaMair (District 6) has resigned her position after six years of hard work. The Council appointed her replacement at its November meeting. Please all welcome this wonderfully talented and energized replacement to our Council: Katy Brown. Katy has served on our Parks Trails and Recreation Commission for a number of years, most recently as Chair of PTRC. District 6 continues to be very strongly represented on your Council!

NEW P&Z AND PTRC APPOINTMENTS COMING!

We are delighted with the very strong response that we received from Villagers for the vacancies on Council, Planning & Zoning Commission and PTRC. We had more applications for those openings than ever in history! Thank you all for being so responsive and willing to volunteer your time to our Village! We will be making appointments to P&Z, PTRC and the Board of Adjustments and Appeals in December and January.

MAYOR'S STUDENT VIDEO COMPETITION CELEBRATING THE HIGH LINE CANAL TRAIL

Please read the box on page 12 in this issue of *The Crier* to learn more about our ongoing Competition for a Student-Produced Video celebrating the beauty, history and legacy of the High Line Canal Trail. The competition closes soon and we are eagerly looking forward to seeing the entries from students at Cherry Hills Village Elementary, St. Mary's Academy, Kent Denver and West Middle School!

PASSINGS NOTED

We note here with sympathy that both our Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Jay Goldie and our Finance Director Karen Proctor lost their mothers in recent weeks. Your thoughts and prayers are kindly requested for these two valued members of our management team and their families as they mourn their losses and celebrate the lives of their mothers.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

No matter what your faith tradition, and whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Festivus, or any other mid-winter holiday, December is traditionally viewed as a time to take stock of our lives, to think thoughts of peace and goodwill, and to share our blessings with family, friends, and total strangers. From all of us at Cherry Hills Village, we wish you peace and joy throughout the holiday season and into a bright, prosperous and healthy new year!