

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR



Mayor Doug Tisdale

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It has been said that, for several reasons, April is “the cruellest month.” One reason given is that April naturally prompts us to look back (memory) and to look forward (desire). The early days of spring set the stage for us to be both reflective and prospective. In homage to T.S. Eliot, here is Your Mayor’s mixing of memory and desire.

WHERE DID OUR ELECTIONS GO!?!?

Some of you will recall that our last municipal elections were held in April 2012. In the ordinary course, as tradition would tell us, we should be voting right now. But at the last election we voted to change our Charter—moving the Village’s elections from the April municipal cycle to the November general election cycle. That means that Your Mayor, along with the three Councilors whose terms would have ended as of April 7, 2014, actually will serve through the end of this calendar year. On November 4, 2014 you will vote for all of the federal, state and local representatives who are up for election at that time. To highlight just one of the reasons that we made this change, the average voter turnout in our April elections cycle was something like 25% to 35% of active registered voters. By contrast, the voter turnout in Cherry Hills Village in the 2012 November elections was just over 99% of active registered voters. Permit Your Mayor to say that number again: 99%! As we have said here before, “We’re engaged!” So, on November 4, 2014, vote for the candidates of your choice, but VOTE!

VILLAGE ACTIVISM!

You already know that you reside in The #1 Best Suburb of America to Live In. (Your Mayor has pledged to donate a significant sum to your favorite charity if you ever catch him *not* mentioning that accolade in any speech he gives.) And you know that “We’re Engaged!”™ A phenomenal example of those two facets of our Village was provided in the final days of March. Ryan Dunne, son of Villagers Chris and Jennifer Dunne, is a 9 year old 3rd grader at Cherry Hills Village Elementary. Ryan suffers from Duchene Muscular Dystrophy. Ryan needed 100,000 signatures on a White House petition to urge FDA

“Accelerated Approval” of a safe and effective medication to halt the spread of his disease. By now you have seen Ryan’s story—on the Help Ryan Dunne Facebook page or on that website or on your local media. In just seven days from the time Your Mayor proclaimed “Ryan Dunne Day” (March 18), we went from 36,000 signatures to over 100,000 signatures! That works out to 9,000 signatures a day! Congratulations to the Ryan Dunne Family, schoolmates, neighbors and friends around the world who made this happen!

OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Many of you attended and participated in one of the many recent public forums about open space in the Village. What a tremendous outpouring of support! The message that Your Mayor and your Council received was clear: preserve and protect open space in the Village! As you all know, the devil is in the details and Your Mayor and your Council are now collaborating with interested stakeholders and staff to come up with the important next steps to make this all a reality. Stay tuned for new developments!

QUINCY FARM VISIONING COMMITTEE NEARS CONCLUSION!

The QFVC, which Your Mayor and your Council mandated last year, is nearing the end of its important and valuable work, getting ready to submit its report to the Parks Trails and Recreation Commission, after which it will come before Council. The end result will be a vision for the property so graciously donated to us by Cat Anderson. A genuine and sincere word of THANKS to all of the members of the Quincy Farm Visioning Committee—and especially to Chair Charles Maguire, Esq. and Vice-Chair Jeff Ferrell—for their hard work and dedicated service!

CENTENNIAL AIRPORT NOISE ROUNDTABLE

If you know anything about the history of our Village (and if you have read Councilor Klasina VanderWerf's wonderful book, *High on Country*, you do!), you will recall that our Village was incorporated in an effort to curtail noisy airplane overflights from a cargo airport that Denver proposed to be built just south of us. That airport was never built, but Centennial Airport was built as a general aviation port some years later. Noise from that airport has increased in recent months and Your Mayor has just appointed Councilor Katy Brown to be the Village representative on the Centennial Airport Noise Roundtable, to protect the interests of Villagers and to preserve our unique environment. Feel free to contact Councilor Katy Brown with questions or concerns.

WISH FOR WHEELS!

Looking out into the coming weeks, Cherry Hills Village Elementary School—the #1 Best Elementary School in the entire State of Colorado!—has partnered with a local nonprofit to help fulfill the dreams and wishes of children who do not enjoy the same benefits that we have. Wish for Wheels ([facebook.com/WishForWheels](https://www.facebook.com/WishForWheels)) and CHVE are collaborating on a truly phenomenal philanthropic outreach: they have been busy raising funds to acquire the parts for building bicycles for children at a local elementary school who do not have that seminal mode of transport for children. 115 Highline Elementary School kindergarteners will receive new bicycles by virtue of the charitable spirit of our CHVE students! This all culminates on Monday, May 12, from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, when they will be assembling these bikes on the playground at CHVE! All are welcome to attend and to help out. The next day they will deliver these bikes to the kids at Highline Elementary. Christmas will come seven months early for those lucky kids! Thank you, Wish for Wheels and CHVE!

“WE'RE ENGAGED!”

And so, finally, as you contemplate “the cruellest month,” cherish the fact that our Village is a very special place of restful tranquillity and natural beauty. It is an island of splendor situated in the very heart of one of the most dynamic, vibrant metropolitan regions in the United States, populated by the most philanthropically minded citizens in the country. We are secluded but not isolated, exclusive but not exclusory, insulated but not insular. We may be viewed as out of reach, but we certainly are not out of touch. Spread this Message from Your Mayor: “We're-engaged!”

Editor's Note: Recently Mayor Tisdale attended the 5 day National League of Cities' Conference in Washington, D.C. As one of the members of the Colorado delegation, he participated in events designed to connect cities to Capitol Hill and build skills to govern, serve and advocate for CHV, the Denver Region and cities across America.

While there, he met with Senators Michael Bennett & Mark Udall and Congresspersons Mike Coffman, Diana DeGette, and Ed Perlmutter.

The Mayor said of his trip, “In addition to meeting with other regional leaders across the country to share the story of the phenomenal place that Cherry Hills Village and the Denver Region hold in the United States, I enjoyed the opportunity to have private meetings with five of Colorado's nine elected Congressional representatives. Nothing beats meeting with Congressional members face-to-face when they're about to walk into hearings on the matters that are important to local officials. In my position as Chair of the Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee, I am in a unique position to know about - and advocate for - things that matter to Colorado's 266 cities and towns, where more than 90% of Coloradans reside.”