

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Doug Tisdale

A VERBAL “INSTAGRAM” OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE “Cherry Hills Village is Covered!”

One of those necessary things in life that we don’t like to think about much is insurance. Car insurance. Homeowner’s insurance. Medical insurance. The list goes on and on.

Cities need insurance, too. Workers’ comp. Employers’ liability. Property. General Liability. Public Officials Errors and Omissions. Law Enforcement and Police Professional Liability. And on and on.

The potential for claims against cities is very high because of the nature of things that we do. While there are usually no, or very few claims, the risk always high. So how do cities get that necessary insurance?

In Colorado we have the benefit of the Colorado Intergovernmental Risk-Sharing Association (CIRSA). CIRSA, directly and through excess coverage lines provided by three large, secure providers, insures Cherry Hills Village—along with 259 other municipalities in Colorado. There are only about 28 cities and towns in Colorado that are not covered by CIRSA, several of which are self-insured.

CIRSA was formed at 12:01 AM on January 1, 1982 by 18 pioneering municipalities, including Cherry Hills Village. Good thing for us! About 29 minutes after CIRSA was formed, it had its first claim filed—a Cherry Hills police car caught on fire and was burned to the ground. Thirty-two years later, we are still a part of this excellent organization, providing protection to the taxpayers of Cherry Hills

“Cherry Hills Police Department is Accredited!”

Recently Chief of Police Michelle Tovrea was presented with a plaque and certificate by Chief John Jackson of the Greenwood Village Police Department, President-Elect of the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police. This was no ordinary award. After months of diligent work by Chief Tovrea and her hard working staff, our Police Department received formal accreditation as an exceptional police department by the Association of Chiefs of Police. This honor is held by only 44 of the 232 police departments in the State of Colorado. Congratulations to Chief Tovrea and our entire department, and to City Manager John Patterson, who was Chief Tovrea’s predecessor in the PD. This accreditation is also likely to serve as a basis for a reduction in our insurance premiums.

“Cherry Hills is in a Special Relationship with CDOT.”

The Colorado Department of Transportation is very important to our Village. CDOT is responsible for the maintenance of State Highways 88 and 177 and US Highway 285. You probably know them by their more popular names: Belleview Avenue, University Boulevard and Hampden Boulevard. These critically important arterials receive a relentless pounding from vehicles passing over them 24 hours a day. And winters in Colorado present a particular problem: potholes that can severely damage your car’s suspension. At the request of Your Mayor, CDOT Regional Director Tony DeVito appeared before our City Council recently and updated us on a number of projects affecting the Village, including the continuing repair of potholes. And you have this assurance from your Village: if you encounter a particularly nasty pothole on one of these highways, call Your Mayor! He has the direct lines to CDOT Executive Director Don Hunt and Regional Director Tony DeVito. Those potholes WILL be filled in! Remember, that is a CDOT repair item. It is not the responsibility of our Public Works Department. As much as we’d like to take care of those highways, state law requires that CDOT do the work. But rest assured that they will respond timely!

“Cherry Hills is the home of the #1 Best Staff of Any Colorado City!”

Your Mayor has often taken the time to thank all of the other elected and appointed officials who serve in the Village: the members of the City Council, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Parks Trails and Recreation Commission, the Public Art Commission and the Board of Adjustment. These VOLUNTEERS devote countless uncompensated hours to keeping Cherry Hills Village as The #1 Best Suburb of America to Live In. We thank them all again. And now we want to take a separate moment to applaud and appreciate our incredible staff. They are competent, dedicated, diligent, hard-working, loyal and trustworthy. These All Stars include: City Manager John Patterson, Police Chief

Michelle Tovrea, Public Works Director/Deputy City Manager Jay Goldie, Finance Director Karen Proctor, City Clerk Laura Smith, Community Development Director Rob Zuccaro, Municipal Court Clerk Jessica Sager, Human Relations Analyst Kathryn Barlow, Special Projects Coordinator Emily Kropf, Parks Trails and Rec Administrator Ryan Berninzoni, Police Clerk Sarah Henderson, Public Works Manager Ralph Mason, Public Works/Parks Clerk Pamela Broyles, and Community Development Clerk Cesarina Dancy. We, the recipients of your good service, give humble and hearty thanks for all that you do!

“Cherry Hills is Engaged!”

Always remember that our Village is an island of splendor in the 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. We’re engaged!

And that, Dear Villagers, is a very brief word picture of what Cherry Hills Village is!