

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



MAYOR DOUG TISDALE

Happy Holidays ... Public Art ... Public Works ... Public Space ... Public Service ... Public Safety...

YOUR GREETING CARD FROM THE MAYOR

A belated Happy Thanksgiving to you all! And an almost timely Happy Hanukkah to you as well! And a preemptive Merry Christmas to you! Not to mention Happy Festivus, Kwanzaa and Solstice (listed in alphabetical order)! This is indeed a festive season, filled with friendship and fellowship. It is fitting that these holidays all cluster around the end of our calendar year. (Oh, and a Happy New Year as well!) Our sacred and secular calendars coincide to create an opportunity for us all to pause and reflect about the past year – on the bounty we have enjoyed, the accomplishments we have achieved, the failures we have weathered, the loved ones we have lost and the loved ones we have gained. Your Mayor earnestly hopes that each of you takes the time to connect with family and friends during this hectic holiday season to share joy and wisdom with each other. However you choose to celebrate, do it well, happily and safely!

PUBLIC ART

By the time you read this, there will still be a few days to go to the Community Room in our Joint Public Safety Facility to enjoy – and even to purchase! – the art of Villager Peter Roosevelt. Peter and his wife Midge have lived in the Village for over 50 years. His commitment to the Village is exemplified by his volunteer service on our City Council and by the fact that he has donated proceeds from the sale to Cherry Hills Village. Tremendous thanks to our Public Art Commission, and especially Commissioner **Teresa Harbaugh**, for mounting this exhibition! Your Public Art Commission, under the leadership of **Chair Ann Polumbus**, has done an exceptional job of implementing the Mayor's directive that public art does not only mean outdoor art. It means art in public places, and that includes inside public buildings. Our goal is to have public art displayed in every appropriate venue available throughout the Village, to celebrate and to ennoble the human spirit through artistic expression. The purpose of art is to amuse, to arouse, to assuage, to engage. If it incites energized dialogue, it has served its purpose. And we invite all artists in the Village to contact our Public Art Commission in order to explore opportunities to share your art with your fellow Villagers.

PUBLIC WORKS

As we have mentioned here before, The Village is in the process of exploring the improvement of Public Works operations in the Village. The Public Works Facility is over 40 years old. (Of interest, it is actually more than ten years newer than the Village Center—our Administration Building.) We have engaged in an extensive process with all residents and other stakeholders to examine what the right solution would be. This has included numerous public meetings, surveys, interviews and more. Recently the staff and the design consultant reported that there was some sentiment to keep Public Works located essentially where it is now. Your Mayor and your Councilors weighed in on the issue and have carefully examined all sides of it. As a result, the team has been instructed to explore other available opportunities, with a directive that an alternate site must be proposed—one that will be adequate to our needs, effective to our mission and efficient to our task. This process will be cautious and considered as we examine workable solutions outside of the Village Center Complex. Your patience in this important process is greatly appreciated!

PUBLIC SPACES

Related to the topic of Public Works is the question of public spaces in the Village. Most notably, public open space. The exceptional gift of The Alan Hutto Memorial Commons to the Village, when coupled with the eventual relocation

of the Public Works Facility, affords us the chance to create a masterpiece of open space in the very heart of our Village, to be accompanied at some time in the future by an appropriately-sized, tasteful new Administration Building that will complement the architecture around it. The Village Center Complex is not the end of our discussion, however. Your Mayor and your Council continue to investigate other options for the creation and enhancement of public open space in the Village. We look forward to many exciting new developments in that regard in 2014. Stay tuned!

PUBLIC SERVICE

Speaking of your public servants, have I mentioned lately that we love you? We must, for all of us – your Mayor, your Councilors, your Commissioners – serve as volunteers. Some of us spend literally 40 hours a week in our public service to the Village. By way of example, in the past month your Mayor was part of the Denver Region team at the global Aerotropolis Americas Conference in Dallas, where representatives of most of the major airports in the world gathered to discuss the impact of air travel on the economy of regions with large international airports,. That was followed by a week in Seattle at the National League of Cities annual Congress of Cities, where your Mayor mixed and mingled with thousands of other mayors and councilors from all across the United States and learned first-hand about best practices that may be employed in our Village and throughout our region. Thanks again to all our unpaid volunteers on the Council and our Commissions for their great efforts! Be sure to check our website (www.CherryHillsVillage.com) or our Facebook page (search: [Cherry-Hills-Village-MunicipalGovernment](#)) or KCHV-TV for all the latest updates about each of them!

PUBLIC SAFETY

As this edition of The Village Crier goes to press, there has been a story in the media about recent police activity at a home in one of our neighborhoods. Let me assure you that this isolated incident is completely contained and resolved. Your Police Department, under the inspired and inspiring leadership of Chief Michelle Tovrea, is managing the situation effectively and the neighborhood is safe and secure. It bears repeating here that our mantra for our Urban Coyote Management / Fox Restoration Program (“If you see something, say something!”) applies to human interactions as well!

Enjoy the rest of 2013 and work with us all for a safe, prosperous and healthy 2014!