

# HIGHLAND

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## Neighborhood Picnic

August 27

5 p.m.—8 p.m.



## H460 directories delivered!

Kudos to the four women who organized and/or worked the directory delivery: **Tina Brewer, Lynn Brown, Jeanne Cole & Jennifer Olsen.** Then a big thanks to the following Scouts of troop 456 and other youth who worked to deliver the directories to the paid members of the HOA:

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*The quiet August noon has come;  
A slumberous silence fills the sky,  
The fields are still, the woods are dumb,  
In glassy sleep the waters lie.  
—William Cullen Bryant*

## Otero and Phillips entrance sign area landscaping hits roadblock

Off and on for some time now, your board of directors has investigated some type of landscaping for around the entrance sign at the Otero and Phillips entrance. While we did get one formal estimate for such work, a major stumbling block continues to be the lack of any water at the location.

We are asking anybody in our H460 community who has any interest in a landscaping firm to consider whether they would like to make a proposal or to donate time, knowledge and/or material to aid in completion of a water tolerant project at that site. Also, we will need maintenance once a site is established and that is a separate but necessary requirement for completing such a project.

Anybody who would like to respond to this challenge, please email to the board at [h460board@highlands460.org](mailto:h460board@highlands460.org) with your information.

I offer my thanks on behalf of the board of directors and area neighbors.

—David Lamoreaux, HOA president

## Response to June letter

In response to the letter published last month from **Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle**, I offer that I, too, have a concern about vandals, speeding and such. I would ask that all our residents work together to report to the authorities immediately any incidents of violations.

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## July 4th Parade

A big THANK YOU to everyone in the neighborhood who helped with the 4th of July parade! We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks to **Charlotte and David Jay**, and **SunAmerica** for organizing and sponsoring it and to the H460 Board, Littleton Fire Engine #15 and the **Weidmanns**. Every year you support the parade, and we want you to know it does not go unnoticed! All had fun, the weather was beautiful and the magician did a great job! Again, we are grateful to all who assisted in making the parade and park event a success. We'll see you next year!

## HIGHLANDS 460 CALL LINE • 303-331-2366

If you have a question or concern or would like to express an opinion about a neighborhood issue, please call the Call Line and leave your name and number.

For the latest information on neighborhood events, please consult your latest *Highlands Highlights* and also visit the web for any Hot News since the last publication.

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**Wed. • Sept. 28**

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Please note that the Highlands Highlights newsletter is post-  
 ed on the neighborhood Web site, [www.highlands460.org](http://www.highlands460.org). It is  
 posted shortly after it is written and submitted to the printer, so  
 you can get the news weeks before it is delivered to your door.

Also on the Web site are minutes from recent homeowner  
 association meetings and covenant information. It also contains  
 links to other useful sites.

**Neighborhood playgroup**

The Highlands 460 playgroup gathers at 10 a.m. on various  
 Fridays of the month. In addition, we plan Mom's night out.  
 Please come join us.

For information, call **Andrea Strouse**, 720-493-9988.

**Response, continued from front page**

I remind everybody that it is the responsibility of each of us, not just the HOA, to be the eyes and ears for issues needing enforcement. I draw your attention once again to the Centennial code enforcements regarding many of the issues raised by the Doolittle letter. The code flyer was sent to all residents in the newsletter a few months ago and is available just a few mouse clicks away at the top of the Hot News page on the website.

If you see speeders, vandals or kids operating illegal motor scooters — call the sheriff immediately. I made a similar suggestion regarding the code enforcement officer for violations regarding barking dogs, those off leash and so forth. None of these kinds of things are covenant issues but many such things are addressed by city codes.

At our August 31 board meeting, just four days after our picnic, we will have a guest speaker from the sheriff's department to address these kinds of issues. I recommend all concerned residents attend what is intended as a two-way forum to discuss the issues. As to the suggestion of HOA funded patrols, they are beyond the financial scope of our volunteer funded HOA.

While I am very proud that nearly 80% of our fine community has stepped up to paying the small \$30 annual dues, that amount cannot even begin to fund such a patrol. A valid question for the deputy might be for suggestions of what community volunteers can do to impede violations besides calling the sheriff after the fact.

So, please attend, voice your concerns and raise questions to a representative of the sheriff's department. If the deputy sees and hears from more than the usual dozen or less attendees at the monthly meeting, he is more likely to convey the message that our citizens are earnest with their concerns.

Thank you, David Lamoreaux, HOA president

**Bicycle law changes**

Several new traffic laws regarding bicycle usage of roads became effective on July 1. It is now legal for two bicyclists to ride side by side as long as the cyclists do not impede the flow of traffic. It is also now legal for a bicyclist to signal a right turn by using the right arm to point in the direction of the turn. The more tradition signal with the bent upward, left arm is acceptable. Police agencies are now required to file an accident report for any accident between a motorist and a bicyclist.



As a reminder, all bicyclists on public roadways are considered vehicular traffic and need to obey all traffic regulations that apply to all motor vehicles. Some bicyclists, especially children and their parents, believe it is safer to ride against the traffic when using a road but, in fact, that is much more dangerous to the bicyclists, especially at intersections. When a motorist is making a turn into traffic, a bicyclist against the traffic is in an unexpected position. The motorist will look for pedestrians on the sidewalk who may be close to crossing the intersection but do not look further up the road to see a bicyclist. The same problem exists if riding on a sidewalk. A good rule of thumb is if you are riding against the traffic or on a sidewalk and you see a car at an intersection — STOP !!!

Helmets should always be worn, but many users often wear the helmet incorrectly, especially girls. The helmet should NEVER be worn on the back of the head. Look in the mirror. If the front edge of the helmet is more than an inch above the eyebrows it is too far back on the head.

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## Photos and poetry contest

*Celebrating People and Places in the City of Centennial through Pictures and Poetry.* The Arapahoe Library District, the city of Centennial and the Arapahoe Library Friends Foundation invite you to join in a celebration of the fifth anniversary of the city of Centennial by participating in the first ever *Capture Centennial Photo and Poetry Contests*. Winning entries in photography and poetry will receive a Certificate of Achievement from the city of Centennial, a cash award, and participate in an exhibit that travels to various locations in the city. Pick up a copy of the contest requirements and judging criteria at any Arapahoe Library District library, or go to [www.arapahoelibraries.org](http://www.arapahoelibraries.org) and click on the *Capture Centennial* icon. The deadline for both contests is Friday, September 2 at 5 p.m. Winners will be honored at a public reception to be held at the Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly St., Centennial, on Friday, September 23 at 7 p.m. Even if you don't enter the contest, you're welcome at the reception to see how poets and photographers *Capture Centennial*.

**Library Tips:** Installation of new self-check machines at all Arapahoe Library District libraries is moving along. Barring unforeseen circumstances, they should be available in all libraries within the next two months. If you haven't had a chance to use a self-check machine, fear not. The hardest part is remembering to have your library card with you, and staff members will be standing by to provide assistance. Self-check is a series of simple steps. Touch the computer screen to start the process. Scan your library card barcode. Scan the barcode of each item you want to check out, making sure each item registers before scanning the next item. Touch the *Finished* button on the screen. Collect your receipt, and you're good to go! We hope you'll give self-check a try to see how easy and quick it is. However, if you encounter a situation that can't be handled by self-check, such as fines that need to be paid or you don't have your library card with you, library staff at the Accounts workstation will be happy to help.

**"Tell Your Eyes" Film Festival:** The 2005 "Tell Your Eyes" Film Festival is underway at the Koelbel Library. This year – *Let's Watch War Movies!* To participate, watch the following slate of nominees and then cast your ballot for the one you like best. It's the next best thing to attending the Telluride Film Festival. The nominees are: *Bridge on the River Kwai* (1957-PG), *Paths of Glory* (1957-Not Rated), *Lawrence of Arabia* (1962-PG), *Battle of Algiers* (1965-Not Rated), *Apocalypse Now* (1979-R), *Das Boot* (1981-R), *Schindler's List* (1993-R), *The Pianist* (2002-R), *Brotherhood of War [Tae Guk Gi]* (2004-R) and *Hotel Rwanda* (2004-PG13). Your ballot automatically enters you in the prize drawings that will be held in September when the winning movie is announced. Ballots are available at Koelbel Library and online at [www.arapahoelibraries.org](http://www.arapahoelibraries.org). Information: 303-220-7704.

**Volunteers Needed:** Do you love children and books? *Begin with Books*, the Arapahoe Library District early childhood literacy program, has a class for preschool children whose parents are learning English in ESL classes at the Glendale Library. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 8:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from August 9 through October 6, and October 18 through December 15. Any amount of time you can give us will be appreciated. Volunteers assist children from six months to five years old with English acquisition activities, including story reading, songs, fingerplays and rhymes. Other activities include small and large muscle motor activities, games, puzzles and

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crafts. There is an application process and background check required of all volunteers. If interested, please call **Susan Oakes** at 303-220-7704, ext. 287 and leave a message with your name, phone number and a good time to call. Help us make a difference in the language development of these children.

**Blood Drives:** The Smoky Hill Library is hosting a blood drive on Friday, August 5, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., and on Thursday, September 1, 2-7:30 p.m. The Southglenn Library is having a blood drive on Friday, August 12, 10-11:40 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Donors will receive a free Bonfils beach towel! For an appointment to donate, call the Bonfils Appointment Center, 303-363-2300 or email: [appointment\\_center@bonfils.org](mailto:appointment_center@bonfils.org). You must be at least 17 years old to donate, but you are never too old. For more details about donating, go to [www.bonfils.org](http://www.bonfils.org) and click on *Donate>Eligibility*.

**Holiday Closing:** All Arapahoe Library District locations will be closed on Monday, September 5, for Labor Day.

**Registered sex offender information available on Arapahoe sheriff's Web site**

Effective Friday June 17, 2005, the Arapahoe county sheriff's office provided information regarding registered sex offenders through the sheriff's office web site at [www.arapahoesherriff.org](http://www.arapahoesherriff.org). The sheriff's office web site will link to specific information regarding registered sex offenders living within the service areas patrolled by the Arapahoe county sheriff's office.

The ability to provide the web based sex offender registry information to our community is authorized as the result of recent revisions to Colorado Revised Statute 16-22-112. The Colorado Revised Statutes now permit the release of registered sex offender information, to include the name, address, date of birth, aliases, a photograph, and general information related to the conviction requiring offender registration. Registered sex offender information provided on the sheriff's office web site, will only include adults who have been convicted of a felony crime or two or more misdemeanor crimes requiring registration. Information involving juvenile offenders required to register as a result of an act that would have been a felony if committed by an adult and failed to register or who have been adjudicated for two or more offenses involving unlawful sexual behavior or a crime of violence will also be posted on the site.

This interactive sheriff's office web site will allow citizens to retrieve information, based upon a variety of characteristics such as an offender's name, address, or proximity to a school or park. The sheriff's office web site is intended to provide our community with timely and convenient access to information that may be related to public safety issues.

The Arapahoe county sheriff's office web site will also contain an e-mail link for anyone who may wish to challenge the accuracy of information provided.

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South Suburban Parks and Recreation has begun its annual budget planning process for its 2006 budget. Individuals are welcome to attend the Wednesday, August 10, September 14 and October 12 public hearing and address the board on any comments regarding requests for new programs, changes and improvements in facilities, parks and open spaces or fees and charges increases. Both hearings will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd.

The board of directors will be specifically seeking citizen input regarding proposed 2006 increases in user fees and charges at the Wednesday, October 12, 7:30 p.m. public hearing. The district maintains a philosophy whereby recreation facilities and programs are generally self-supporting and district residents have first priority for facility use and when registering for programs. Non-district residents are charged a higher usage fee because they do not contribute property taxes to the district. Proposed fee increases reflect rising direct costs that the district incurs to conduct, restructure or improve programs and facilities. A complete listing of proposed fees to be considered by the Board will be available at the district office for public review. Please call 303-798-5131 for details or watch the website at [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org).

The board will accept public comments about the 2006 budget at the September 14 and October 12 public hearings, or citizens can send requests to:

Executive Director South Suburban Parks and Recreation  
6631 S. University Blvd., Centennial, CO 80121  
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**New teen-driving restrictions in affect**

**New teen-driving restrictions started Friday, July 1. The public can also get more information about teen driving at [www.coteedriver.com](http://www.coteedriver.com)**

New posters distributed to driver license offices statewide urge parents and teens to learn more about Colorado's Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) law. Safety officials and advocates want young drivers and their parents to be aware of new provisions to the GDL law that takes effect on Friday, July 1. The changes apply to all drivers, including those who received a driver's license before July 1.

"The goal of this educational campaign is to make it easy to get information about the GDL law," said **Tom Norton**, Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) Executive Director.

Starting on Friday, July 1, drivers under age 18 cannot carry passengers under age 21 until the driver holds a valid driver's license for at least six months. After six months, the driver can have no more than one passenger under age 21 until the driver holds a valid driver's license for at least one year.

The exceptions to these provisions of the GDL law are below:

- If your parent or guardian is in the vehicle.
- If there is an adult passenger in the vehicle, 21 years of age or older, who has a valid license and has held a driver license for at least one year.
- If the passenger under 21 needs emergency medical assistance, or
- If the passengers under 21 are members of your immediate family and they are all wearing seatbelts.

Another new provision prohibits driving between midnight and 5 a.m. until the driver holds a valid driver's license for at least one year.

The following exceptions are allowed:

- If your parent or guardian is in the vehicle.
- If there is an adult passenger in the vehicle, 21 years of age or older, who has a valid license and has held a driver license for at least one year.
- Driving to a school or school-authorized activity and the school does not provide transportation (signed statement from school required).
- Driving to/from work (signed statement from employer required).
- Medical emergency.
- Driver is an emancipated minor.

"We welcome these new materials and believe they are important tools in our efforts to help new drivers understand the law and navigate through the licensing process," said **Steve Tool**, Senior Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The campaign was developed by a coalition of state agencies, non-profit groups and citizens who believe the educational efforts are critical to keeping teens safe while they are in their first year of driving. The posters feature teens and take a humorous approach to show what could happen if they don't learn about the law. Riding bikes and riding the light rail may be two of the alternatives teens will have to consider if they don't have a license. Starting this week posters and brochures will be available in Driver License Offices and are being distributed by many

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organizations, including the AAA Colorado, Colorado State Patrol (CSP), and the Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association (RMIIA). The public can also get more information about teen driving at [www.coteedriver.com](http://www.coteedriver.com).

"We are all working toward the same goal of helping to educate teens to make safe driving choices and saving young lives on our highways," said Colonel **Mark Trostel**, Chief of the Colorado State Patrol.

Last year in Colorado, 96 teen drivers and passengers, ages 16-20, died in traffic crashes. Nearly 80 percent of the teen passengers who lost their lives were riding with teen drivers. In addition, nearly two-thirds of the young victims were not using seat belts. In 2004, teens represented only 7 percent of the licensed drivers in Colorado; however, they accounted for more than 14 percent of the traffic deaths in the state.

The changes to the GDL law were made as a result of SB-036 sponsored by Senator **Suzanne Williams**, D-Aurora and Representative **Mike May**, R-Parker. The Colorado Teen Driving Coalition which supported the legislation included parents of teens who died in traffic crashes as well as many public, private and non-profit organizations.

"Since 1997, AAA and AAA Colorado made teen driver safety a top priority since the number one killer of teens between 16 and 17 years of age is not alcohol or drugs but their involvement in vehicle crashes. More than 81 percent of minor passengers in Colorado are killed by teen drivers. The real work begins to help parents and teens understand the complete GDL law through an ongoing education campaign. This effort is not only about the safety of teen drivers and minor passengers, but is about the safety of everyone on Colorado's roadways," said **Mary Greer**, Public Relations Director for AAA Colorado.

"When you load up a bunch of teens in a car with an inexperienced driver behind the wheel there are life and death consequences, but many teens can relate more to the short-term realities of getting and keeping their license," said **Carole Walker**, Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association. "Teens need to understand that if they break the new teen driving laws they will likely pay more for auto insurance and put their coveted new license at risk."

On August 10, another provision in the GDL law will go into effect. Teens under age 18 with a learner's permit will not be allowed to use cell phones while driving.

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*by Tex Elam, Centennial Coordinator of Public Transportation*

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what you might not know is that these changes will have far-reaching effects on how the rest of the RTD bus system will operate through Centennial.

A number of east/west bus and van routes will be realigned to concentrate on moving riders to and from LRT stations strung along I-25 from I-225 to Lincoln Avenue, as well as to the two stations along I-225. This will allow many Centennial riders the option to leave their cars at home rather than at the LRT stations.

Routing and scheduling changes will include the Route 66 bus along Arapahoe Road to the Arapahoe Station seven days a week, and Route 77, which will be shifted to reach the new Dry Creek Station. In addition, there are more extensive changes coming that will benefit Centennial residents.

#### East side — three new routes

Eastern Centennial, poorly served by RTD in the past, will experience a substantial gain. Two new bus routes will serve the LRT Nine Mile Station on I-225 at Parker Road. The Route 135 bus will travel the entire length of Smoky Hill Road all day every day, and Route 139 will run along Quincy, down Reservoir, Chenango, and Picadilly to Smoky Hill all day every day.

Arapahoe Crossing at Arapahoe and Parker Roads will become a timed bus transfer station, where bus transfers will be coordinated. At this key location riders can change to the Route 66 and go west on Arapahoe Road, Route 153 and go either north

through Centennial and Aurora along Chambers, or South to Parker, or to the 169L which will go north along Buckley to DIA.

#### West side — call-n-Ride

One of the most significant post-TREX changes will be the expansion of RTD's "call-n-Ride" service to a number of zones surrounding the southern LRT stations. One zone will be west of the Dry Creek Station between Arapahoe and County Line to Quebec (we hope to convince RTD to extend it to Holly). A more northerly zone will be established west of the Orchard Station through Greenwood Village and Centennial between Arapahoe and Belleview to Holly. Additional call-n-Ride services will operate in other nearby zones.

These are custom services. Passengers call ahead, are picked up at their home by a small RTD van and delivered to the nearest LRT station or bus route. The price will be the same as for a fixed bus route, with a transfer provided for use on the LRT or next bus. Call-n-Ride van services can also be used in reverse to get home again.

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But that's not the only way call-n-Ride can be used. Call-n-Ride van drivers will deliver passengers to any location within their operating zone, including shopping centers, offices, or even other homes. This service holds real potential for considerably improved mobility for our citizens.

**Do attend an RTD hearing**

Plan to attend one of the upcoming public hearings RTD will hold in August and September on the proposed system changes. You can see the maps, ask questions, and give your feedback. Visible support from Centennial citizens will be important to RTD's final decisions. The full hearing schedule is posted at [www.rtd-denver.com](http://www.rtd-denver.com). A few of the nearby public hearings:

- East side: **August 23**, 7 p.m., Smoky Hill Library, 5430 S. Biscay Cir.  
**September 14**, 7 p.m., Eaglecrest H.S., 5100 Picadilly St.  
**September 14**, 1 p.m., Heather Gdns. Community Ctr., 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way
- West side: **August 18**, 7 p.m., Littleton City Hall Community Rm., 2255 W. Berry Ave.  
**August 30**, 7 p.m., Castlewood Library, 6739 S. Uinta St.

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