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Christmas Lighting Contest

Each December, the association shares with SMD the cost of holiday lighting at the island entrances to the H460. Homeowners are also encouraged to decorate their homes and yards. This year's judging of the homeowners' decorations



will take place December 10-13. As in the past, prizes will be awarded to the top three homes (\$100, \$50, and \$25) with another prize for the "Kids Choice" (\$25). Photos of the winning homes will be posted on the H460 website the week of December 14.

Everyday Heroes

No reports for this article this month. Please take notice of good deeds in our neighborhood. In a world where so much bad news is all that gets reported, we'd like to turn that around and spread good news for a change.

I saw someone out for a walk without a dog but carrying a plastic bag to pick up remains from other neighbors dogs. That is an example of an "everyday hero." These are simple things that often go unsung but are for the good of the community.

New ACC Committee Members

Richard Callan attended the training session and is raring to go. He has been a member of the association for 14 years and is committed to helping the ACC. He recently retired and is looking for a way to give back to our community

Welcome, Richard and thank you for volunteering your time on behalf of the residents of Highlands 460 neighborhood!

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for various neighborhood positions. We are looking for residents to help the ACC committee with tasks that will only take an hour or two a month. You would not need to be an official member of the committee but could assist the committee by picking up roofing material labels from the homeowner to verify that the proper material was used. Also, volunteers are needed to help with the neighborhood directory. This is a short-term task and does not require you to be a member of the board.

Highlands Howdy Welcomes You!

If you are new to the neighborhood or know of someone who is, please contact Linda Carroll, LKCarroll@gmail.com (303-773-6665).

If you can help on the welcome committee please contact me as well.

Tips on How to Manage Your Household Hazardous Waste

Keep Your Environment Beautiful and Safe for Future Generations

Many common household cleaning products, paints, pesticides, even motor oil can pose a threat to your family—and the environment. The EPA estimates that we generate 1.6 million tons of household hazardous waste each year! Even small amounts of these wastes, when disposed of improperly, can pollute ground or surface

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Neighborhood Directory

A new Highlands 460 directory is in the works! It has been several years since the last directory came out, and we look forward to publishing a new one in the spring of 2009. We will plan to provide each homeowner with the data that is currently in the database and ask for verification of the data - name(s) and phone number. This request will be sent with the dues invoice mailing in January.

Homeowners will be given the option to "opt out" if they do not want specific pieces of information included in the directory. Once the project starts in January, there will also be the option to update information via the website (www.highlands460.org) or via email to the board. Payment of H460 dues is not necessary to be included in the directory. All homeowners who do not "opt out" will be included, however, payment of dues will help fund the project. A special thanks to Nancy Clarke for providing updates on home sales in our neighborhood and helping us be aware of new neighbors. Any homeowners interested in participating in this project should contact the board at h460board@highlands460.org or via the call line at 303-331-2366.



HOA Meetings

Thur. • Oct. 30 • 7 p.m.

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at the SOUTHGLENN LIBRARY
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District II City Council Meeting Scheduled

City of Centennial District II Council Members **Keith Gardner** and **Sue Bosier** are hosting a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 29 at Koelbel Library located at 5955 South Holly Street in Centennial.

Centennial residents will receive updates about snow removal, upcoming construction on Arapahoe Road between Colorado Boulevard and Holly Street and the Arapahoe and University intersection construction. In addition, **Bill Woodcock**, with South Suburban Parks and Recreation will be present to give a presentation about the Centennial Link Trail. For more information, contact Council Member Gardner at 303-754-3359 or kgardner@centennialcolorado.com or Council Member Bosier at 303-754-3404 or sbosier@centennialcolorado.com.

Three Members Added to the Centennial Youth Commission

The city of Centennial Youth Commission is excited to welcome three newly appointed Youth Commissioners. **Parker Calbert** is a senior at Arapahoe High School and is the Youth Corp Coordinator, **Ben Horbitt** is a junior at Arapahoe High School and **Kayla Hudson** is a junior at Cherokee Trail High School.

The Centennial Youth Commission was formed by City Council in July 2003 as a way to provide a voice for the city's youth. The Commission is composed of 11 teens who live in Centennial, ranging in age from 13 to 18.

The Youth Commission develops suggested ordinances, participates in city-wide events, manages the Mayor's Youth Corp, develops and participates in community programs, attends municipal conferences and more. Youth Commissioners attend Centennial City Council meetings on Monday evenings where they are often asked for the Commission's perspective.

"The presence of the Youth Commission within the city has been very successful. The commitment, dedication and ideas these students bring to the city always impresses me. A few of the things the Youth Commission has done in recent years is bring a tobacco ordinance before City Council, start a Mayor's Youth Corp, participate in fundraising events, and so much more. This group is our future and they know what is important to the youth of Centennial," says Mayor Randy Pye.

The Commission meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Centennial City Offices.

University and County Line

Still a construction zone, but more lanes scheduled to open. Monday, October 13 two lanes were opened in both directions on S. University Blvd. The majority of the intersection construction at S. University Blvd. and County Line Rd. will be completed by Nov. 1, 2008. This area is still a construction zone. The speed limit is 35 MPH and will be strictly enforced with fines doubled.

The full reconstruction along County Line Rd. will be complete approximately in June 2009. Once complete, County Line Rd. will be widened to a 4-lane divided roadway with the addition of sidewalks, improved drainage, sound walls and filling of the "dip" that is just west of S. Colorado Blvd. The reconstruction of the County Line Rd. and S. University Blvd. intersection adds dual left turn lanes on all entrances to the intersection. The total project cost is \$14 million. Douglas County, in partnership with the city of Centennial and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) hired Concrete Express Inc. (CEI) to complete this project. Call the project hotline at 303-562-2018 ext. 357 or email clr@pourington.com for more information.

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University and Arapahoe

Construction at the Arapahoe Rd. and University Blvd. intersection is scheduled to begin Mon., Oct 13. This intersection will be completely reconstructed by replacing the asphalt with concrete pavement, widening the intersection with new turn lanes, drainage will be improved by installing new storm sewer pipes and inlets and a new traffic signal will be installed. All local business access will be affected by this construction. The project contractor, Jalisco, will coordinate with the property manager/owner affected. The project limits are: On University Blvd. from the Big Dry Creek Bridge at the north end to Easter Ave. on the south end.

On Arapahoe Rd. from Race St. at the west end to Big Dry Creek at the east end.

Most of the work will be during the day with some night work. Lane closures during the day will be from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. When night work occurs, lane closures will be in place from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. This project is scheduled to be complete by August 2009. If you are interested in receiving monthly updates please email **Danielle Ledezma**, Project Information Manager for Jalisco Intl' Inc. at daniellel@jalisco.org or call the project hotline at 720-377-3924 ext. 802. The project hotline will be updated regularly as the project progresses.

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water—and can put humans and animals at risk. Each year, do-it-yourselfers who change their own car oil improperly dispose of almost nine times more used motor oil than was spilled in the EXXON Valdez accident! In fact, just one gallon of motor oil dumped down a storm sewer can pollute up to a million gallons of drinking water! Products that are poured down the drain, onto the ground, or washed into gutters or storm drains can damage septic and sewer systems and pollute our lakes and streams. The good news is there IS something you can do to help protect yourself and your family—and help preserve the beauty of our environment.

- The best place to start is by taking stock of what's already in your home. You can easily identify hazardous household products just by reading labels. Hazardous symbols and warnings will alert you to potentially dangerous products. Also, read the directions for proper use and storage.
- And don't ever mix products! Many common household products are extremely dangerous when they come in contact with each other. Vinegar and chlorine bleach can cause toxic fumes when mixed. And pool chlorine and brake fluid can explode!
- If you do have any hazardous materials in your home, first make sure they are stored properly. Always store products in their original containers and protect the label. You don't want to run the risk of mistaking one product for another because you've stored it in an empty milk jug or glass jar. And keep hazardous materials out of reach of children and pets. Once you make sure these products are stored safely, it's time to start thinking about reducing the amounts of these products in your home. The easiest way is to use up what you already have.
- If you can't use it yourself, share it with a neighbor or friend. You can also look for schools, churches and non-profit organizations that can use your leftover cleaning products and paints.
- When shopping, read the labels and look for less toxic alternatives, like citrus-based cleaners. They work well. Most are comparable in cost to conventional products, and often come in concentrated form, so they last longer. If you really want to save money, there are great cleaners you can make at home that work just as well as many brand name products. Everyday ingredients like vinegar, baking soda and lemon juice are inexpensive and can be used for all sorts of chores around the house, like...Clearing clogged drains... Cleaning windows... Polishing furniture... Cleaning your oven... Even polishing metal. Regular biodegradable dishwashing soap makes a great car wash, and can be used as an insecticide for house plants.

Keeping it beautiful and safe for future generations starts with you—and starts in your home

How to Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste

Contact Curbside Inc. to help guide you through the steps of safe and successful collection. Call 800-449-7587 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Messages can be left after hours. There is a \$20 copay to use this program.

Most household chemicals will be accepted. Collections are limited to the material that will fit into the Curbside Inc. bag provided. Do not overfill the bag and load it where it will be picked up. Do not drag it to the curb. You will be responsible for any chemical spills as a result. Empty containers or dried latex paint cans can be disposed of through regular trash pick up.

Eligible for collection: Used oil, solvents, fungicides,
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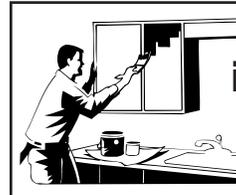
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antifreeze, oil-based paint, metal polishes, auto batteries, aerosols, poisons, latex paint, cleaners, creosote.

In addition, the following items may be disposed of outside of the bag: used motor oil up to 5 gallons, auto batteries, up to 5, and latex paint, up to 2 gallons.

Items that will NOT be collected are: needles, ammunition, explosives, liquid Mercury, Asbestos, pressurized cylinders or any materials in unlabeled containers or in containers that leak.

What if I have electronic waste?

Computers, monitors, televisions, keyboards, printers, and more can be collected for a fee. Save time and have your unwanted electronics collected at the same time as your household hazardous waste.

What if I have more waste than will fit into the bag?

Your community has instructed us to collect only what you can put into the bag and secure it, along with the items listed on the website. While you may have more waste, the program is budgeted so that others may also participate.

Can I pay to have excess waste removed?

Yes. Call for prices and limitations. If you have excess waste, call **1-800-449-7587**, and arrange to have it collected at the same time as the original bag. Payment will be accepted when they arrive to collect it.

What if I have containers that are leaking?

If you have containers that are leaking, or do not have lids, repackage them into non-leaking containers that have secure lids. Make sure to label the repackaged items using the labels provided, or use marker.

What if I have unlabeled containers/unknown waste?

If you have unlabeled containers, make sure to label them

using the labels provided. Use the labels provided or a marker to clearly indicate the contents. Please call us about unknown waste, and we can make arrangements to test the material for a fee.

Arapahoe County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Instructions

Arapahoe County Honors Citizens for Serving on Boards, Committees
Annual event thanks civic-minded volunteers for helping shape their community

On Oct. 7, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners recognized 144 citizens that serve on the County's various boards and committees. Hosted by the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners and the Board of County Commissioners' Administration Department, this annual event thanks citizens who dedicate their time and energy to serve on 24 advisory boards and committees and participate in their county government.

"It's inspiring to see how much these citizens give back to the areas they live in," said Commissioner **Susan Beckman**, who serves as chair of the Board of County Commissioners. "There's no doubt that Arapahoe County could not be such an efficient government without the dedicated volunteers who serve this community."

Anyone interested in serving on an advisory board or committee can complete an application form located on the county's website at www.arapahoe.co.us or by calling the Board of County Commissioners Office at 303-795-4630. Unless there is a mid-year vacancy, term lengths expire the second week in February with the majority of appointments made shortly thereafter.

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Owner Consent To The Amended, Restated and Consolidated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions For Highlands 460 (First through Fifth Filings)

The Undersigned, as the Owners of the properties and residences listed below, acknowledge that their property is subject to the individual Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Highlands 460, First through Fifth Filings, all as recorded in the real property records of Arapahoe County, Colorado, as amended by documents of record (collectively, the "Original Declaration"). The undersigned have been provided with a copy of the proposed Amended, Restated and Consolidated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Highlands 460 (the "Consolidated Declaration"), which, if approved, will replace the Original Declaration.

The undersigned hereby consent to the adoption of the Consolidated Declaration. The undersigned further acknowledge, consent and agree that in the event the requisite number of Owners from a particular filing within the Highlands 460 First through Fifth Filings do not approve the Consolidated Declaration, but the requisite Owners from other filings do approve the Consolidated Declaration, only those filings which approve the Consolidated Declaration shall be subject to the Consolidated Declaration, while the filing(s) which do not approve the Consolidated Declaration shall be subject to the Original Declaration for that particular filing. Further, the Board shall have the authority to make technical amendments to the Consolidated Declaration, without Owner approval, removing those filings which do not become subject to the same.

Signature of Owner(s): _____ Owner(s) Address: _____

"MRSA" Bacteria in Schools

Given recent media coverage of students diagnosed with MRSA, you may have a number of questions about this infection. MRSA stands for Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, and it is caused by *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria – commonly know as "staph." This bacterium is responsible for difficult-to-

treat infections in humans, as it is a strain of staph that is resistant to the broad-spectrum antibiotics such as penicillin and cephalosporin.

Skin infections that appear as a "pimple" or boil that is red, *continued on page 6*



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swollen and painful and has pus or other drainage could be MRSA. It is often described by the patient as a "spider or insect bite," and you can be exposed at school, the gym or other public places.

In what settings do MRSA skin infections occur?

Five factors, called the 5 Cs, have been identified:

- Crowding, frequent skin-to-skin
- Contact
- Compromised skin (cuts or abrasions)
- Contaminated items and surfaces
- Lack of Cleanliness

How do you protect yourself from getting MRSA?

- Practice good hygiene; **wash your hands!**
- Cover abrasions or cuts or other wounds with a clean dry bandage until healed.
- Avoid sharing personal items (towels, razors, etc.) that come into contact with bare skin; and use clothing or a towel between your skin and shared equipment such as weight-training benches.
- Maintain a clean environment by establishing cleaning procedures for frequently touched surfaces and surfaces that come into direct contact with people's skin.

Should students with MRSA skin infections be excluded from attending school?

Unless otherwise directed by a medical doctor, there is no reason a student with a MRSA infection should be excluded from attending school.

Exclusion from school and sports activities should be reserved for those with wound drainage that cannot be covered and contained with a clean dressing and for those who cannot maintain good personal hygiene. The most important practical advice is to regularly wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizers before eating and after using the bathroom.

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New Website to Debut in 2009

Arapahoe Library District is currently working behind the scenes on a new website design that will debut in 2009. Based on patron feedback, the site will highlight the Library District's collection of books, music, movies and other materials, making it easy to find these items and place them on hold for pickup. The new design will feel more like a retail experience than a traditional library website. "Think Borders, Amazon or iTunes," said Oliver Sanidas, Director of Digital Services. "We want the site to inspire our patrons to read, listen and watch more than ever. It will also focus on increased functionality and ease of use, and be more graphics driven, with fewer articles. Picture icons will help introduce new releases, featured books and staff picks."

An initial website design draft has been proposed and the Arapahoe Library District is interested in your feedback. You can

keep up-to-date on the progress and comment on the evolving design through www.aldwebsiteupdates.blogspot.com, our blog discussion group. Or, join a focus group by visiting www.arapahoelibraries.org and sending an e-mail through our "Contact Us" link.

Holiday Closings

All Arapahoe Library District locations will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans Day and Thursday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. In addition, Library District locations will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26 in anticipation of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Libraries on a Mission

The mission of the Arapahoe Library District reads: "We are *continued on page 8*

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dedicated to being the best public library for the communities we serve by providing outstanding and personalized service to everyone seeking access to the world of information and ideas." Following are a few examples from the libraries to help demonstrate the many unique ways the Library District is serving the community.

The Library: A Place for Kids to Write Recently, 18 young patrons attended a creative writing program at Koelbel Library. Participants wrote and illustrated stories in their journals, including stories about what would happen if kids ruled the world; a descriptive story about a bird who lived in the forest and flew through the trees; a plane that crashed on an island and how the pilot survived; and a combination Hansel and Gretel and Little Red Riding Hood tale, complete with Anime drawings. The children then presented their books to the other participants. The program facilitator, **Elizabeth Perille**, noted, "I believe the children already have the ability to write creatively, but I think the program helps them enjoy writing."

Reaching New Patrons Through Gaming Nights Gaming programs at Sheridan Library offer a great place for teens to hang out and meet friends, and is often a teen's introduction to the library. A community member has even started bringing pizza and pop for the game night to help encourage teens to come to the library to play games and learn.

Summer Reading: Bug Safaris and Dancing Hogs. More than 350 kids and their parents went on safari at Smoky Hill Library in search of the reading bug, and the summer reading dancing hogs program was an amazing success, drawing a crowd of more than 550 people. A patron commented that the programs offered a wonderful opportunity to spend time with her kids and introduce them to the library.

Flu Shot Clinics at ALD

'Tis the Season! Don't get caught with the flu this year. Join us for one of the following flu shot clinics, hosted by the Visiting Nurse Association:

Smoky Hill Library, Saturday, November 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Southglenn Library, Friday, November 7, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
 Koelbel Library, Saturday, November 22, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
 Flu shots are \$25 each, and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

Meeting Room Reservations Reminder

As a reminder, the meeting room reservation process at Arapahoe Library District has changed. Meeting room reservations are now made on a recurring basis, four months at a time. The first sign-up date will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 for meetings occurring January through April of 2009. Priority will be given to those who submit their applications online. Applications can also be submitted in person or by mail. For more information, please visit www.arapahoelibraries.org and click on "Important Meeting Room Update" or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

Items Coming Soon & Staff Picks

Check out staff recommendations and items coming soon to the Arapahoe Library District. You'll find fiction, nonfiction, audio-books, movies, music, and more!

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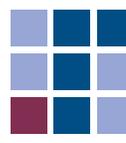
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