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Note: Due to holiday deadline requirements, Minutes from the December CKSE HOA meeting will be posted in the February 2024 issue of The Scroll.

Light Up The New Year

Ring in the new year with us as the Hudson Gardens exhibit transforms into the Light Up the New Year show that includes vibrant displays, a laser garden, and upbeat music. Join your friends and family and immerse yourself in the colorful nautilus forest, color cubes, mesmerizing sphere and more. Dated tickets are valid for single admission to Light Up the New Year at Hudson Gardens on the date reserved.

- Adults: \$20 Seniors (65+): \$18 Child (ages 3-12): \$15
- 2024 Light Up the New Year Dates: Jan. 2-28
- Doors open at 5:00 p.m.. The last entry is at 8:45 p.m.
- Tickets valid between 5:00-8:45 p.m.
- Lights out at 9:30 p.m.

Next HOA Meeting

Thursday, January 11th, 6:30 p.m.
Deer Creek Church

President's Letter

As 2023 comes to an end, I find myself in a state of reflection. A New Year's quote that I read struck a chord with me: "Life's not about expecting, hoping and wishing, it's about doing, being, and becoming." (Mike Dooley). It's easy to expect or wish for things this coming year, but through action we have the opportunity to create change and make a positive difference. I see my neighbors making a difference through their volunteering of time, skills and friendships.

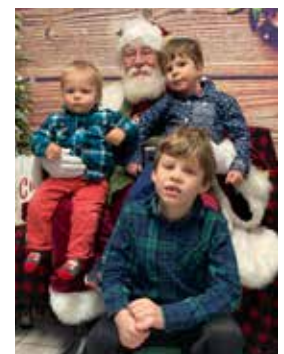
I had the privilege of meeting with our neighborhood block captains last month and discussed the work of the 50+ block workers that welcome new neighbors, deliver the Scroll and help to make CKSE a great place to live. The HOA board is truly grateful for the many years of service they have provided. I also got to know our two events coordinators, Erin and Sarah, during the Santa Claus event at Dairy Queen. They created such joy and wonder for the neighborhood kids as those kids got to meet Santa Claus and devour a

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Neighborhood Children Meet Santa

Despite the chilly Friday night air, the nearby Dairy Queen was brimming with warmth and cheer Dec. 1 as Santa Claus made his grand entrance, bringing smiles to the faces of over 40 excited children. The excitement was palpable as each child took their turn to sit on Santa's lap, eagerly sharing their wishes for presents under the Christmas tree. Parents enjoyed taking pictures of their little ones. The thoughtful team at Dairy Queen added to the festive spirit by serving ice cream treats, further delighting the young visitors and families.

A special thank you goes to CKSE events coordinators Erin and Sarah, the masterminds behind this heartwarming event. Their dedication and hard work in coordinating, setting up and breaking down the event ensured that countless magical moments and memories were created for everyone involved.



President's Letter

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sweet treat. Their hard work and dedication over the past year on events helped to bring our community closer together. Our many local businesses also help to create a great place to live and I would like to highlight Southside Pizzeria which generously helped fund our appreciation gifts for block workers this year. Please consider supporting our local businesses as the owners and employees are our neighbors.

If you are looking to make a difference in your community this coming year, the CKSE HOA Board could use your help. With many life commitments, a board member had to make the decision to step down this past month, opening a board member position through October 2024. If you are interested in applying for this or any other volunteer role, please contact us at cksehoa@gmail.com. No prior experience is required, and varied ideas and skills help build a stronger HOA Board.

I wish everyone a blessed Holiday Season and a great start to 2024. — **Brandon Moore, CKS/E HOA Board President**

Free Days and Nights At The Denver Museum Of Nature & Science

Satisfy your science curiosity during our SCFD Free Days and Free Nights. No need to reserve your Free Day or Free Night ticket ahead of time online. Walk up anytime during Free Days or Free Nights and gain access to the Wildlife Halls or our permanent exhibitions. A separate ticket is required if you'd like to visit the planetarium or our brand-new Infinity Theater.

- Monday, Jan. 8- Free Day 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 28- Free Day 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 25- Free Day 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- Sunday, April 28 - Día del Niño 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 4- Free Night 5-9 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 19- Juneteenth 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 21- Free Night 5-9 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 10- Free Night 5-9 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 30- Free Day 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 20- Out! at the Museum 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 2- Denver Arts Week: Night at the Museums
- Monday, Nov. 18- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 8- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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- South Metro Fire (non-emergencies only): 720-989-2000
- Poison Control Center: 1-800-222-1222

For other important phone numbers, refer to your current neighborhood directory.

Traffic & Roads Report

Maintenance: A resident requested the pothole by S. Pierce St. and W. Clifton Pl. be filled because of the difficulty of avoiding it when traveling southbound on Pierce and making a right turn into our neighborhood. The concern was passed to Jeffco Roads and Bridges who are responsible for potholes, etc. A pothole request was entered into their system on November 30th.

The same division was also notified twice about two downed branches on the south side of W. Ken Caryl Ave. just east of Wadsworth as they are on or near the sidewalk.

Sign Updates: I called CDOT on December 1st for an update on the graffiti-filled "Welcome to Jefferson County" sign just north of C470 by S. Kendall Blvd. I had reported it in October. I was told that "No updates would be given as, unlike potholes, it's not presenting a danger to anyone so there's no rush." I later spoke to another customer representative who agreed to follow up on my original request. It looks like I'm back at square one as I received this response from CDOT on December 8th: "Thank you for your recent inquiry related to: Sign damage 124822 (on) C470 near MP 16. Traffic Engineering reports: That is not a sign we maintain." I'll continue to try to figure who IS responsible for the sign's upkeep as neither Jeffco or CDOT have claimed ownership.

I also asked CDOT for an update on the Chatfield Park sign on C470 and Santa Fe that needs to be replaced because it's illegible. I was told it would be added to their list.

Please email me at ckseparks1@gmail.com if you have any traffic or roads concerns in or near our neighborhood. Please exercise extra caution on our wintry roads as we head into 2024.

— Annie Berger, Committee Chair

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- Pro rodeo rider at National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado 20+ Pro Rodeos
- Mexican Rodeo Extravaganza, Jan. 7, 2024
- Xtreme Dog Shows, Jan. 15 & 16, 2024
- Olympics-style Horse Jumping Events, Jan. 12, 2024
- NW Grounds Admission

“Just Do It” Day, Jan. 24

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Parks Report

Maintenance Updates: In response to a request in early December, Foothills Park & Recreation District (FPRD) staff promptly trimmed branches extending over the sidewalk on S. Pierce St. south of W. Fairview Dr. and chipped everything the following day. Several days later, FPRD was asked to remove a branch that had been dragged from beside a tree on the W. Laurel Park path just north of W. David Dr. Both the branch and a metal piece of edging that had been left by the trash can at the bottom of the path were promptly removed. Staff were also asked to trim a tree overhanging the sidewalk on W. Elmhurst Dr. immediately east of the path going north to the middle bridge. The latter concerns were completed the same day - our sincere thanks to FPRD staff!

West Laurel Park Project Updates: How exciting it has been to watch the many changes already taking place at the park and to envision many more occurring in the months to come.

The first step in the improvements was new shade structures installed at the playground in November after weather studies were conducted to determine the best placement for the shade structures. SCL, the general contractor, has since mobilized:

- Orange fencing around the trees for their protection during construction.
- Additional orange fence to define the construction access route and staging area. These will be restored at the project's end.
- Additional fencing around the basketball court and parking lot to protect those areas during construction.



- The removal of the junipers in front of the park. They will be replaced by grass seed in the spring.
- The removal of the park entry sign. It will be refurbished and installed closer to the parking lot entrance.
- Likewise, the removal of the picnic table on the hill west of the playground. It will also be replaced as will the damaged Columbine Memorial sign near the table.



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- The removal of the old irrigation shed on the slope west of the path.
- Pouring of new concrete including pads for new trash cans and benches, trail repairs, and a new sanolet enclosure pad.
- Irrigation replacement will follow.
- A break in work is expected while we wait for warmer temperatures in the spring. Then there will be seeding, sodding and trees. Finally, new tables, benches, trash cans and a sanolet enclosure will be installed after construction is complete!

Please be extra careful when using the park during the construction process so you and your pets don't have a mishap.

We hope all the residents will continue to enjoy and benefit from the trails and playgrounds in the New Year! If anyone has concerns or questions about our parks in our wonderful neighborhood, please don't hesitate to contact your Parks Committee who will try to get answers and results promptly: Annie Berger: 303-408-6142 or Kathy Hofstra: 303-888-1661.

— Annie Berger and Kathy Hofstra, Co-Committee Chairpersons



Friday Night Films

Skip the Theater and enjoy Friday Night Nature Films Fireside at South Platte Nature Center.

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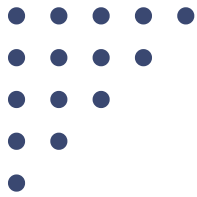
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Anyone is welcome to help on any of our projects or attend any of our social events. You do not need to join the club to participate. We have a lot of fun, meet new people, and do a lot of good things for our community.

Recent project highlights: In December we helped with bell ringing for the Salvation Army, final numbers aren't in yet but we usually raise about \$20,000 for the Salvation Army. It is important to note that all of that money stays local and is used to help people in our community that need it.

In January we can use help at the Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry. Every Thursday we are providing food for north of 200 families, working with local schools, driving Meals on Wheels, and more.

We have something that will fit anyone's interests and expertise, and we can use your help! Details about our upcoming projects are in our weekly newsletter, contact news@columbinekiwanis.org to get added to our newsletter email distribution. To learn more visit our website at columbinekiwanis.org, or join us for a free breakfast at our weekly meeting any Wednesday at 7 a.m. at 4Gs restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton. We also have a bimonthly meeting at Columbine library on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. For more information email kensweet@gmail.com.



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Downhill isn't the only way to enjoy skiing in the Rocky Mountains. Nordic skiing, more often referred to as cross country skiing, is fantastic across the state. There are Nordic centers near all the favorite ski towns and resorts, plus endless miles of trails in the national forests to peruse on your own accord.

Snowshoeing

Most of the aforementioned Nordic centers in Colorado provide access to snowshoers on their multi-use trails. Many will even have snowshoe rentals available, as do many ski resorts. It's not uncommon for ski areas to allow snowshoeing on some of their cat trails (greens), or even have separate trails completely for these winter hikers.

Snowbiking

When written as one word, snowbiking technically implies no motor. A Snowbike® is a registered trademark that's used to glide down the slopes, similar to downhill skiing. You can rent snowbikes at a few places locally, and there are even some ski resorts that allow them on their chairlifts, such as Breckenridge Ski Resort. You then ride down the mountain as you would on your skis or snowboard, except your sitting down on a Snowbike®.

Snow Biking

When snow biking is written as two words, it implies it has a motor. These are sort of like snowmobiles and are used in a similar fashion. There are some snow biking competitions and you could use them in the backcountry (uphill, downhill, on the flats) the same as you would a snowmobile. This version is not a registered trademark and technically needs a space between them, snow bike, however, you still might see it improperly referred to as a snowbike with one word.

Fat Biking

These are bicycles with fat tires and thick treads that are suitable for riding on packed snow. They are becoming more popular in mountain towns, and you can often see someone riding along for fun or transportation. There are even competitions held. There are some shops in select towns that will rent you a fat bike to use for a fun day off the ski slopes.

Snowkiting

Snowkiting is very similar to kiteboarding on water. However, you'll use skis or a snowboard instead of a surfboard. It's simpler to master kiteboarding since snow supplies less friction than water. Do note that snowkiting lessons do require you already have a snow kite and harness available.

Many people attempt snowkiting on frozen lakes, such as Lake Dillon in Summit County. An advantage is that this skill can be later applied to kiteboarding on the water during the warmer, summer weather.

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Come experience the national parks! On six days in 2024, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone. Mark your calendar for these entrance fee-free dates in 2024:

- January 15: Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- April 20: First day of National Park Week
- June 19: Juneteenth National Independence Day
- August 4: Anniversary Great American Outdoors Act
- September 28: National Public Lands Day
- November 11: Veterans Day

—<https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/fee-free-parks.htm>

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Columbine Knolls South/Estates	
Statement of Financial Position:	
As of November 30, 2023	
ASSETS	
CKS/E Bank Accounts	
Checking	2,981.16
Money Market	47,699.84
Total CKS/E Bank Accounts	50,681.00
FirstBank CD	20,429.73
Total Bank Accounts	\$71,110.73
Total Current Assets	\$71,110.73
TOTAL ASSETS	\$71,110.73
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	0.00
Pre-paid Dues	0.00
Res For Litigation	20,000.00
Res for Monument Repair	5,000.00
Res for Perimtr Landscaping	4,109.11
Retained Earnings	22,077.94
Net Revenue	19,923.68
Total Equity	\$71,110.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY ..	\$71,110.73

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<u>Address</u>	<u>Style</u>	<u>Sq. Ft.</u>	<u>Total Sq.Ft.</u>	<u>% Fin. Bsmt.</u>	<u>Bed</u>	<u>Bath</u>	<u>List Price</u>
Active:							
7763 S. Yukon Way	2 Story	2,465	3,165	50%	3+1	3+1	\$825,000
Under Contract:							
7776 S. Saulsbury St.	Multi-L	2,175	2,851	0%	3+1	2+1	\$620,000
6882 S. Walden Pl.	Ranch	1,942	2,724	100%	3+1	2	\$685,000
7005 W. Otero Pl.	2 Story	2,517	3,092	98%	4	3+1	\$850,000



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