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Coffee with the Manager Thursday, June 20 6:30 pm to 8 pm

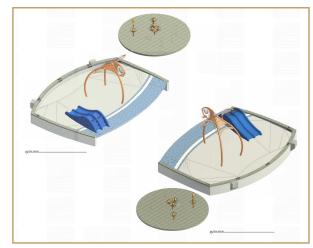
ome join Mark Larson, Homes Association General Manager, to hear information on what is happening in and around the Village. Mark will provide the latest information on the BMW Championship, the new roundabout at the intersection of I-25 and Happy Canyon Road, the enhancement project currently underway at the Canyon Club, and answer questions you may have on these and other topics. You can attend the discussion in person in the Wildcat Corner in the lower level of the Homes Association, or by video conference. Watch the Village Weekly email for the Zoom link for this event.



with the CPHA General Manager

Canyon Club Improvement Project Underway!

The improvement project at the Canyon Club is underway. The two-phase project is designed to improve the Canyon Club pool facility. Phase one of the project underway now removed the current toddler pool and is replacing it with a water splash pad and a zero entry pool for toddlers. Both the splash pad and zero entry pool will have interactive water activities for children. Also in phase one is the improvement of the Canyon Club Pavilion restrooms to include



Canyon Club Phase One Diagram

new wall covering, floor covering, and improved plumping fixtures and lighting. The restroom improvement has been completed, and the splash pad and toddler pool is to be completed later this summer. Phase two of the project will replace the current water slide at the Canyon Club with a new, more exciting water slide. Phase two will also include improvements to the Canyon Club locker rooms and family restroom. Phase two is planned to be completed over the off season and be ready for use on opening day 2025.

BMW Championship

The BMW Championship tournament is coming to the Castle Pines Golf Club August 20 thru August 25. For information on the tournament, how to pick up your tickets, and resident events that will be held during the tournament, please see the insert in this issue of the Village Reporter.

Area News

Festival Park Farmers Market

Local Colorado farmers and vendors sell their goods through October 13 on Sundays from 9 am to 2 pm at Festival Park, 300 2nd Street, Castle Rock.

Car Show Weekend Street Party and Concert

The annual Father's Day Car Show Weekend in Castle Rock will kick off with a free evening concert, 50 cars on display by The Vintage Car Club of Castle Rock, and food trucks on Friday, June 14, 6 pm to 9 pm at Wilcox Square located at 4th Street and Wilcox. The next day, Saturday, June 15, from 10 am to 3 pm, Castle



Upcoming Events & Activities

Garden Club

Summer has arrived, and the gardening days at the Serenity Garden are underway. Gardening days at the Serenity Garden for June and July are:

- June 19 from 9 am to 10:30 am
- July 3 and July 17 from 9 am to 10:30 am

The Village at Castle Pines Garden Club is an organization of vibrant members who enjoy gardening, education, and charitable and social activities. The fiscal year for the Garden Club goes from June 1 through May 31. There is still ample time to join the club, get involved and take advantage of all of the wonderful activities that we offer our members. For more information, contact Garden Club President, Lisa Berlin, LisaBerlin333@gmail.com, 650-863-3369. The Village at Castle Pines Garden Club is "where friendships bloom", vcpgc.org.

Area News (Continued from page 1)

Rock's Downtown Street will be shut down and turned into a showplace for over 300 cars, trucks and specialty vehicles, live bands, food trucks, restaurants, and free attractions for the kids.

lazz in the Park with Castle Rock Music

The Town of Castle Rock will present free Jazz concerts from local musicians at Festival Park, 300 2nd Street, each Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8 pm through the month of August.

Free Downtown Trolley Rides: June, July, August

Downtown Castle Rock provides free Trolly Rides on Wednesdays through August from 6 pm to 8 pm. The pickup and drop-off locations are at the Encore garage entrance on South Street between Wilcox Street and Perry Street, and Douglas County School parking lot entrance on 6th Street between Wilcox Street and Perry Street.



Ask the DRC

Mulch and Vegetable Gardens

- Q. I would like to refresh my landscaping mulch. What type of mulch is approved for use in the Village? Do I need Design Review Committee (DRC) approval?
- **A.** As with plant materials, the desire with all landscaping elements is to integrate the built environment with the natural environment in a cohesive look within the Village. With this in mind, the acceptable mulches approved for use in the Village are:
 - 1. Natural Shredded Western Cedar
 - 2. Fir Fiber, natural not stained
 - 3. Small Bark, not Mini Bark, natural not stained Stained mulches are never to be considered.

No DRC approval is necessary if you are refreshing your mulch with like material.

For fire mitigaton purposes 1 ½" Crushed Mountain/ Morrison Granite can be installed up to a maximum of five feet from the foundation of the home. DRC approval is required to add rock mulch of any kind.

- Q. I would like to put in a vegetable garden. Are they allowed and can I fence the garden? Do I need Design Review Committee (DRC) approval?
- A. Yes, vegetable gardens are allowed in the Village. A fence may be used to protect the garden. The fence must be made of wrought iron and no taller than 48" in height. Gardens/fences are to be screened so as not to be visible from any other parcel, the street, open area, common area or golf course. DRC approval is required for installation of a vegetable garden and fence associated with the garden.

If you have any questions regarding DRC approval, please contact the DRC Administrator at 303–814-1345.



Please remember to keep our lake and the surrounding areas free of trash.



Parks and Recreation

Welcome Summer!



Canyon Club Pool

The summer season in the Village has begun. Break out your sunscreen and join your neighbors for one or all of the activities the Village has to offer.

Youth Tennis Camps

Village residents ages 4 to 14 are welcome to sign up for the Youth Tennis Camps with pool option. The weekly camps work on technique through feeding, drills, and instruction. Lunch is held at the pool if parent chaperones are available, followed by match play. Camps run each week throughout the summer. For more information on rates and availability visit castlerocktennis.com.

Saturday Tennis Drills

This year's Tennis Drills are underway. These drills are held every Saturday (weather permitting) on Court 2, at the following times:

- Intermediate: USTA Levels 2.5 and 3.0 9:30 am to 11 am
- Advanced: USTA Levels 3.5 and 4.0 11 am to 12:30 pm

To sign up for a tennis drill slot visit castlerocktennis.com.

Tennis/Pickleball Socials

Village Tennis and Pickleball Socials are underway. The remaining dates for these events are:

- Friday, July 26 at 5 pm
- Friday, September 6 at 5 pm

Village Lake Fitness Center

Classes are underway including Liquid Gym, various Yoga classes, and two Pilates classes. Please check with the Homes Association or the Village Lake Fitness Center for a class schedule.

July Fourth Activities

Get ready to celebrate the Fourth of July in style with your neighbors. Come join the fun at any or all of the neighborhood activities.

- Fun Run/Walk 5K All ages are welcome to participate, with registration beginning at 7:30 am at the Canyon Club Pavilion. Dogs on leash are also welcome.
- Parade Decorate your bikes, trikes, cars and golf carts to join the Village parade! The parade will begin at the Village Lake Fitness Center and end at the Canyon Club. We will start lining up at 10 am, and the parade will begin at 10:30 am. Residents are encouraged to drop off parade participants at the Fitness Center and then park at the Canyon Club so you can view the parade as it comes in the Canyon Club area.
- Barbecue After the parade, join us at the Fourth of July barbecue at the Canyon Club beginning at 11 am.

Watch the Village Weekly emails for more information on all the fun events in the Village this summer.

Golf Carts in the Village

s we prepare to host the BMW Championship tournament this summer, now is a good time to remind residents of the rules for driving golf carts in the Village. According to Homes Association rules, golf carts are permitted on our Village streets only if they are equipped with the proper safety features:

- Head lamps
- Front and rear turn signals
- Tail lamps
- Stop lamps
- Reflectors: one red on each side as far to the rear as possible. And one on the rear of the cart.
- An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side with either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger side of the cart or an interior mirror
- · A parking brake
- A VIN that conforms to Colorado DMV rules

Remember that golf carts driven on Village streets are subject to the same traffic rules as automobiles. If you're not sure whether your cart is street legal, contact Emergency Services at 303-688-6447 to have one of our Patrol Officers inspect your cart and make sure it is equipped with the proper safety features.



Meet our New Finance Manager

he Metro District has hired a new Finance Manager! Amber Lindberg is a fourth-generation Colorado native, originally from the Western Slope. She attended Colorado Mesa University and graduated with a bachelor's in Accounting and a minor in Computer Information Systems.



In 2005, Amber moved to Denver where she completed her Certified Public Accountant licensure and has been working in local governments since. In February, Amber joined the Castle Pines Metropolitan District as the Finance Manager. Amber is excited to be part of the Metro District team and getting to know the Village community!

Spring Brush Cleanup – A Success!

he Castle Pines Metro District just completed another successful brush cleanup. The District undertakes this activity each year in May and October as a service to the residents. This project allows homeowners to clear out dead brush and branches from their properties. This year, the District (in cooperation with the Castle Pines Homes Association) also completed a storm cleanup to assist the community in removing storm debris that resulted from the heavy snow we received in March. By offering these services, the District partners with the community to keep the Village looking neat and clean, to minimize deadwood throughout the neighborhood, and hopefully reduce the risk of fires. We will plan on another cleanup in October. Thank you for participating this spring!



Native Grasses

s part of our water conversation efforts, Castle Pines Metro District recommends residents refrain from cutting or excessively watering native grasses. Embracing these natural landscapes offers numerous benefits, not only for individual households but for the broader community and ecosystem.

Why Native Grasses Matter

Native grasses are species that have evolved to thrive in our arid climate and soil conditions. Unlike turf grass species, they require minimal maintenance and are well-adapted to local weather patterns. By allowing these grasses to grow naturally, we can tap into several key advantages:

1. Water Conservation

Native grasses are drought-tolerant and have deep root systems that seek out moisture far below the surface. This reduces the need for supplemental watering, which is especially important during dry spells or drought conditions that are frequent in Colorado. By not watering native grasses excessively, residents can significantly cut down on water usage, leading to lower water bills.

2. Soil Health

The deep roots of native grasses play a crucial role in maintaining soil health. They help prevent erosion by holding the soil together, even during heavy rains. Additionally, these roots improve soil structure and fertility by promoting the activity of beneficial microorganisms. Healthier soil means healthier plants and a more resilient landscape.

3. Reduced Maintenance

One of the practical benefits of native grasses is their low maintenance nature. They do not require frequent mowing, fertilizing, or pesticide application. This not only saves time and money for residents but also reduces the environmental impact associated with lawn care.

How to Care for Native Grasses

To maximize the benefits of native grasses, it's essential to adopt a hands-off approach with a few simple guidelines:

- Limit Watering: Only water native grasses during prolonged dry periods, and when you do, water deeply but infrequently to encourage root growth.
- Avoid Mowing: Let native grasses grow to their natural height, which can vary depending on the species. Mowing can stress the plants and reduce their ecological benefits.
- Embrace Natural Growth Cycles: Allow native grasses to go to seed. This not only supports wildlife but also ensures the grasses can naturally regenerate and spread.
- **Remove Invasive Species:** Periodically check for and remove invasive plants (weeds) that may compete with native grasses for resources.

By choosing to preserve and support native grasses, resi-

dents can play a vital role in water conservation and environmental stewardship. These grasses are not just beautiful and practical; they are integral to the health and resilience of our local ecosystems. Together, we can create a more sustainable and thriving community by making small, thoughtful changes to how we manage our green spaces. Thank you for joining us in this important effort.

2024 Road Rehabilitation and Replacement Project

he District will be initiating the 2024 Roadway Replacement and Rehabilitation Project in June. This transformative project is focused on enhancing the roadways throughout the Village, further improving our community's infrastructure.



Here's what you need to know:

- The final map detailing the impacted roadways will be posted on the District's website (castlepinesmetro.com) in mid-June. In 2024, we anticipate spending approximately \$4.7 million on roadway rehabilitation and replacement. This commitment ensures that our roadways will remain in optimal condition.
- We understand that road construction can be inconvenient at times, but we assure you that every effort will be made to minimize disruptions and inconvenience to the best of our abilities. We kindly request your patience and understanding throughout the duration of the project as we work diligently to complete the improvements in a timely manner. If roadwork is scheduled for your street, please note the District will post a hanger on your mailbox informing you that work is imminent.

Regular updates regarding the roadway project will be provided through various communication channels, including email blasts and on our website. We encourage you to stay informed and engaged as we work together to improve the condition of our roadways.

We are excited about the positive impact this project will have on our daily lives, and we sincerely thank you for your support and cooperation throughout this process.

Metro Board Meetings

Castle Pines Metropolitan District Board of Directors' Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 9:30 am. The Board Meetings are held at the District office, 5880 Country Club Drive. At this time, the community will be connected through a Zoom link, which can be found on the District website: castlespinesmetro.com → Meetings-Events → Board Meetings.

Upcoming Important Dates

Board Meetings:

- June 25, 2024, 9:30 am, Metro
- July 23, 2024, 9:30 am, Metro
- August 29, 2024, 9:30 am, Metro



Construction season is here, please give the contractors a break.

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Rick Huser, Chairman Mike Lanam, Treasurer David King, Co-Treasurer Tad Walden, Secretary Cassie Vetter, Director

The Metro Board of Directors meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am at the Metro District office. Meetings are open to the public. Please call to confirm date and time.

At this time, the community will be connected through a Zoom link, which can be found on the District website, https://www.castlepinesmetro.com/meetings-events/board-meetings/



Manager's Report



"Just Another Day in Paradise"

Summer is finally here and the Village is in bloom and alive with the laughter of children at the pools and tennis and pickleball action on the courts. Residents are out and about taking a walk around the lake or a vigorous hike on the trails. However you choose to enjoy the summer, the Village is a beautiful place to be.

I hope you have had the opportunity to visit the pools. Your Parks and Recreation Committee has worked hard to prepare the pools for the summer. I hope to see you at this year's summer events. This year's Fourth of July event will once again include a parade, a delicious cookout, patriotic music, a shaved ice vendor, and a photo booth to help you remember the day. Watch the Village Weekly email for more information on these events. The BMW Championship, which will be held at the Castle Pines Golf Club the third week in August, will be an exciting event. The Village will be showcased not only to the patrons who attend the tournament, but also to the over 22 million viewers on the national NBC broadcast. The special BMW Championship insert in this Village Reporter has information on the resident events planned during the tournament. We hope to see you there.

"This year's Fourth of July event will once again include a parade, a delicious cookout, patriotic music, a shaved ice vendor, and a photo booth to help you remember the day."

Summer brings out more residents to enjoy all that Colorado has to offer. Couple that with children coming home from college for summer break, relatives visiting, children on their bikes headed to the pools, and it all adds up to more traffic and pedestrians on Village roads. As you drive, please obey the speed limits and traffic signs. Excessive speed, failure to stop at stop signs, coupled with pedestrian traffic on the roadway, can lead to a disaster. Getting home, to work, or the store one minute earlier is not worth endangering the safety of others. If you are a pedestrian and a trail will take you where you want to go, please use it.

The dumpsters in the Village have created quite the challenge. We need your help in eliminating the misuse of the Homes Association trash dumpsters. The dumpsters at your recreational facilities are there for the disposal of trash that is

generated by activity at those locations. They may be used for normal residential trash when you are going to be out of town on the normal trash collection day. They are not intended for disposal of other trash items. The dumpsters have been used for the disposal of small refrigerators, dishwashers, paint cans, unwanted furniture, , moving boxes and even treadmills. Several options are available to you to dispose of those types of items without placing the financial burden on your fellow homeowners to pay for the disposal of your unwanted items. Trash disposal companies including Waste Management can be contacted to make a special pickup of large items right at your home. Local paint stores will take your excess paint cans and dispose of them responsibly, and the Homes Association and Metropolitan District provide services twice a year to assist you in disposing of your yard clean up debris. Please use the dumpsters located at several CPHA facilities responsibly and remind your contractors and delivery services that the dumpsters are not for their use. Thank you in advance for your assistance in the responsible use of the Village dumpsters.

It will be a busy summer and my staff and I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer season. I hope to see you at many of the activities planned for the summer.

Sincerely,

Mark G. Larson - General Manager mark@thevillagecastlepines.com | 303-814-1345



Village Clean-up!



n Saturday, May 4, over 50 volunteers came together to pick up trash along the Village roadways. The volunteer group collected trash throughout the morning and finished their day of work with a cookout at the Canyon Club Pavilion. "It was wonderful to see so many Village residents volunteer their time and efforts to improve the appearance of the Village" commented Frank Jacobsen, Homes Association President and one of the many volunteers.



Grilling Safety

he National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports that on average 10,200 house fires are caused each year by outdoor grilling. Grilling fires were responsible for 10 deaths, 160 civilian injuries and \$133 million dollars in property loss per year.

Here are some outdoor grilling safety tips we should follow:

- Grill outside and away from overhanging structures or trees. The National Fire Protection Association reports that 27% of home fires from outdoor grills began in a courtyard, terrace, or patio and 29% were started on an open porch or balcony.
- Make sure your grill is stable. Only set up your grill on a flat surface where it can't be easily tipped over.
- **Keep your grill clean.** Remove grease or fat buildup. Hungry bears can detect food residue from over a mile away. If you use a charcoal grill, make certain that the coals are completely cool before disposing of them in a metal container.
- Check for propane leaks on your gas grill. Check the gas tank hose by applying a light soap and water solution. If there's a leak, the solution will bubble.
- If the flame goes out, wait to relight the grill. Turn off the gas and wait at least five minutes before attempting to re-light the grill.
- Never try to move a lit or hot grill.
- Be careful with charcoal starter fluid. If the fire starts to go out, don't try adding more fluid to the fire.
- Be ready to put out the fire. Have baking soda on hand to control a grease fire and keep a fire extinguisher handy for other fires.
- Don't forget to turn off the grill. If you serve food straight off the grill, remember to go back and turn off the grill before enjoying your meal. You can also buy an automatic shut off valve for your grill that automatically shuts off the gas to your grill after 1, 2 or 3 hours.

<u>Be Bear Aware</u>

- Keep your car doors locked
- Close and lock all garage doors
- Keep your outdoor grills clean
- Don't leave your trash out overnight
- Limit Birdfeeders to Winter Months

A Message from the Chief

he Emergency Preparedness
Plan for the Village follows the
guidelines set forth in the Douglas
County Emergency Operations Plan, which
is established in accordance with local,
state and federal laws. Potential emergencies can include fires, flash floods, natural
gas leaks, hazardous materials releases,
mass casualty incidents, terrorism, utility
service failures, tornadoes or other unforeseeable situations.



Depending on the severity and the type of emergency, Castle Pines Emergency Services will be working in tandem with Douglas County Sheriff's Office, South Metro Fire Rescue or Arapahoe Rescue Patrol. If circumstances demand it, we will call you with a prerecorded message regarding the emergency. Due to the unpredictable nature of emergencies, we do not have predefined evacuation routes. If an evacuation is required, that information will be provided during the prerecorded message. Depending on your location in the community, your evacuation route may differ from other residents.

Please familiarize yourself with all the entry and exit points within the community. If you're not familiar with every entry gate, take different routes home occasionally. Additionally, ensure you're aware of the emergency egress gates located on Castle Pines Drive South on the south side and Country Club Parkway on the north side. Further information on emergency preparedness can be found at the village castlepines.com as well as desheriff.net.

Sincerely,

Matt Wortsman - Chief of Emergency Services

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For more Village news, sign up for weekly emails: Admin@thevillagecastlepines.com



Not Just a Pretty Wing

Pveryone adores the antics and beauty that butterflies bring to our gardens. Spring is heralded not only by blooms, but also by these beauties descending on the Front Range as early as mid-April. Although they are less efficient than bees, butterflies are valuable pollinators benefiting our flowers and shrubs.

How can we extend their stay in our yards?

1. Plant nectar sources in the sun. Choose plants with staggered bloom times so that something is always blooming in your yard. Butterflies are attracted to native and nonnative plants; yet native plants are preferable since they are adapted to the local environment, require less maintenance, and allow for more abundant biodiversity. Flowers preferred by butterflies are brightly colored (red, yellow, orange) and clustered to provide landing platforms. Many native plants on the approved list for the Village are excellent choices to attract butterflies such as Zinnia, Blanketflower, Butterfly Weed, Daisy, and Coneflower.

2. Butterflies of the Front Range need shelter from the high winds. Windbreak plants include moderate sized shrubs (e.g., Rabbitbrush, Leadplant, Potentilla and Common Juniper) and small trees (e.g., Scrub Oak and native Hawthorn).



Western Butterfly. Photo by Ron West.

- 3. Damp sand and wet gravel provide water and minerals.
- 4. Gardens that are "too well tended" often discourage butterflies. Thistle and dandelion, considered weeds and undesirable by gardeners, are highly attractive to many butterfly species. Additionally, the use of insecticides can kill caterpillar and adult stages. As with many insect species, butterflies in the US are in significant decline.

Fascinating Facts about Butterflies

- They taste with their feet.
- They smell with their antennae.
- There are more than 80 species found along the Front Range. The exact number of varieties that frequent the Village is not well documented.

How many can you identify this summer?