The Monthly Newsletter of Willow Creek Homeowners Association #3

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March 2016

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Lynn Flieger Countryman



The month of March is time for renewal as spring awakens the senses with anticipation and expectation. The dreary winter doldrums are replaced with hope as early spring reminders begin to surface: purple crocuses, March Madness basketball tournament, St. Patrick's Day celebrations and Spring break.

In January, BRC was hired as the interim property management company. The Board continues to pursue the process of securing a permanent property management company for Willow Creek III HOA. As committee leader, Bob West guided the initial CAM

research and is conducting interviews for final candidates. Sharon Briggs is assisting with the interview process.

The dust has finally settled on the Willow Creek 3 clubhouse remodel project. The Board wishes to thank the concerted efforts of many talented individuals who contributed including: Chad Almquist, Kay Wilson Robst, and Jay Weber.

Contractor Chad Almquist and his crew wrapped up clubhouse construction at the end of February. Accolades are also shared with Kay Wilson Robst for her design work, selection of the cabinets, tile, carpet, lighting and furniture, and coordination of vendors, payment, and delivery. Jay Weber acted as Board Lead and project coordinator and was attentive to all expenditures. In mid-April, the Board will host a Meet the Board Open House inviting all WC III homeowners to reveal the newly remodeled Clubhouse. Details will be provided later.

The Board extends our appreciation to our Willow Creek I neighbors, especially Tony Escobar and clubhouse manager, Carolyn Riggs. They were very gracious in allowing WC III to make use of their clubhouse for Board meetings during the renovation of ours.

We recognize that our homeowners have been requested to endure unusual distress during this transition. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

"When the dust settles down, you've seen where you've been"

Redlight King, musician

## WILLOW CREEK WOMEN

Wed, March 16, 9:15 – 11:15, Mineral CH

Neil Marciniak, CEcD

City of Centennial Economic Development Manager

Willow Creek Spring Fling Egg Hunt

Sat. March 26th, 10:30-11:30, Jamison CH

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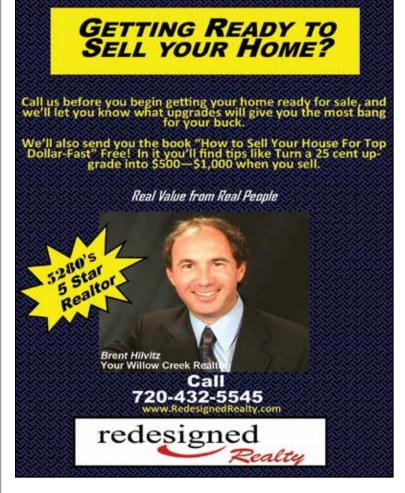
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## Minutes of the January 14, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting

Item	Discussion/Result
CALL TO ORDER:	Lynn Countryman, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Willow Creek I clubhouse located at 8050 East Jamison Drive, Centennial, 80112. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Countryman, Martin Garrity, Sharon Briggs, Chris Mumfrey, Buzz Van Welden, Jay Weber and Robert West. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Attorney David Graf and Virginia Zinth from the law offices of Moeller Graf.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:	There were no reports.
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TRANSITION:	Attorney Graf provided homeowners information regarding community manager licensing, including that effective July 1, 2015, all community managers are required to be licensed by the State of Colorado, through the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). Ron Valiga, of Hallmark Management, failed to obtain this license and was issued a Cease and Desist by DORA. At this time Mr. Valiga is not permitted by the state to act in the capacity of a community manager. Attorney Graf reviewed the actions taken, and being taken by the Board, to obtain new management and to protect the interests of the homeowners. Treasurer Mr. Garrity told homeowners that disbursements appear to be order and that checks sent to the PO Box and ACH payments are under the control of the Board. Mr. West reviewed the Board's process on selecting a new management company. The Board has received and is reviewing several proposals. Suitable candidates will be interviewed. Ms. Countryman advised that the Architectural Committee is active and that requests for architectural changes can be sent to her and she will forward to the committee. For emergencies during business hours, homeowners can contact Virginia (Ginny) Zinth with Moeller Graf and she will contact a member of the Board.
OPEN FORUM:	Questions by homeowners were answered by Attorney Graf and members of the Board.
BUSINESS SESSION:	<ol> <li>Insurance/CPA: The contact info for the current insurance agent and CPA was provided.</li> <li>Website: Mr. West advised the Board that the website has been set up. The Board authorized expenditures associated with the website.</li> <li>Clubhouse: Mr. Weber advised the Board that the reconstruction/renovation is under way.</li> <li>Due to the continued work on the clubhouse, the February meeting will again be held in the Willow Creek I Clubhouse.</li> <li>Motion by Ms. Briggs, seconded by Mr. Mumfrey to pay Willow Creek I their customary rental fee for the use of their clubhouse. Motion passed with Mr. Garrity voting no.</li> </ol>
EXECUTIVE SESSION	The Board announced at 8:33 p.m. that it was going into Executive Session for the general purpose of discussing Hallmark Management issues. • The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. The Board believes the interests of the association members are best served by engaging a professional management company to take care of the Association's business for an interim period of ninety (90) days. This will allow the Board time to do their due diligence in their search for a permanent management company. Motion by Mr. Garrity, seconded by Mr. Mumfrey, to engage BRC Community Management (BRC) for a period of ninety (90) days. <b>As part of the contract:</b> BRC will provide an emergency phone line for homeowners, effective immediately. BRC will assign a community manager who is licensed by DORA There will be an immediate financial reconciliation. BRC will accept current contractors. The board's approval of a 90 day contract with BRC management is contingent upon BRC agreeing that Ron Valiga will not be the Association's manager. Additionally, Gail Seaton may be utilized by BRC in performing accounting functions for the Association provided that she will not interact with Association residents. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Weber, should BRC not accept the interim contract, Spectrum would be engaged under the same conditions. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Mr. Garrity, seconded by Ms. Briggs to require two authorized signatures on Association checks. The removal of Mr. Valiga and Mr. Mumfrey as signatories on the Association's accounts, and to add Mr. West as signatory on the Association's accounts. Motion passed unanimously.
ADJOURNMENT:	There being no further business: Motion by Mr. Garrity, seconded by Mr. Mumfrey to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm. Motion passed unanimously.

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Architectural Control Committee Forms should now be e-mailed to rich@brcrealestate.com, they can also be mailed to Richard Crockett, Community Management, 9331 Commerce Center Street #A1, Highlands Ranch, Colorado 80129.

The Architectural Control Committee will do the annual Spring Walk-around this month. Many of us will received notices to paint and do minor repairs. It is this attention to detail in the community that maintains home values and keeps WC III a harmonious place in which to reside.

Just a reminder that the ACC meets at the clubhouse the first Monday of the month. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

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Blarney Castle was built in 1446 with walls 18 feet thick in places. The stone itself is situated high up in the battlements of the castle, and is reached by following one of several long, stone spiral staircases up to the top. The stone is believed to be half of the Stone of Scone, which originally be¬longed to Scotland, and over which Scottish kings were crowned. Cormac MacCarthy obtained the stone in 1314 from Robert the Bruce, and eventually it was placed in Blarney Castle. Legend has it that an old woman cast a spell on the stone to reward a king who had saved her from drowning. The king kissed the stone and was given the ability to speak sweetly and convincingly, the "Gift of the Gab."

More likely though, the basis for the legend of the Blarney Stone comes from the dealings of Queen Elizabeth I with Ireland's chiefs. Cormac MacCarthy was a diplomatic negotiator, with an ability to delay the queen's requests. Elizabeth proclaimed that MacCarthy was giving her "a lot of Blarney," and thus the legend was born.

Kissing the stone is supposed to bring the kisser the gift of persuasive eloquence. But it comes at a price—the stone is in a difficult to reach place. In order to reach the stone, the kisser must lie on his back and bend backward and downward, holding iron bars for support. But those willing to go to these lengths are truly able to say they have the "luck of the Irish."



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## March 2016

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#### Parents' Council Hosts 2nd Annual "Ask The Superintendent"

Snow days, high school start times and mental health support were just a few of the topics parents asked questions about during the second annual "Ask the Superintendent" event, held Feb. 10 at the Student Achievement Resource Center (SARC). Sponsored by Parents' Council, "Ask the Superintendent" gives parents the opportunity to get firsthand information from Dr. Harry Bull, superintendent of Cherry Creek Schools.

The superintendent addressed the issue of snow days. Three snow days have been called so far this year, with Colorado's snowiest month still to come. Bull explained that, generally, two snow days are built into the district calendar, but because every school's calendar is slightly different, some schools are closer to the limit than others. If more snow days occur this year, Bull said some adjustments might need to be made to ensure students get the required amount of instructional time.

For the fourth time in ten years, the district is examining the issue of high school start times. Bull acknowledged that research shows high school students learn better with a later school start time, while elementary school students are ready to learn earlier. He told the audience that the district will present options to the community later this year, in order to gauge the community's tolerance for different start time scenarios.

Bull was also asked about the district's efforts to meet students' mental health needs. He explained that the district has increased mental health staffing each of the past three years, and now has a full-time mental health staff member in every elementary school, in addition to those at the middle and high schools.

#### Invest In Success Gala

Join the Cherry Creek Schools Foundation for the Invest in Success Gala, 5:30-8:30 p.m., March 24, at the Hyatt DTC. You'll enjoy a night of fun and entertainment including performances by CCSD students, a live auction and special surprises.



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**Friday Night Movies** Fri, Mar 11, 5 – 8 pm. Goodson RC Potty-trained children ages 3 – 12 are invited to have pizza dinner while watching movies. Bring a pillow or blanket. Supervised by trained child care staff. Fee: \$15. For more info, contact Cindy Stogsdill at cindys@sspr.org

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**Family Fun Night on the Ice** Fri, Mar 18, 6 – 7:30 pm, South Suburban Ice Arena, Pajama Party ice arena style with pillow fights and beach balls. Fees: \$5.75 For more info, contact Jeff Schneider at JeffS@ssprd. org or call 303.798.7881.

**Parents Night Out**, Gymnastics Fri, Mar 18, 6 – 9 pm, Goodson RC Ages 5-12 boys and girls-gymnasts and non-gymnasts enjoy a night in our state-of-the-art gymnastics facility. Register online. No food or beverages allowed in the gymnastics' facility. Fee: \$15 Contact Ashleigh at AshleighK@sspr.org

**Introduction to RAKU** Sat, Mar 19, 9 am – 3 pm, Goodson RC Explore RAKU firing and techniques, outdoor firing kiln and other specialized handling. Ages 16+ Bring prepared bisque-ware for firing to the workshop. Fee: \$54 Contact Chris Allison at callison@sspr.org for restrictions and guidelines.

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**Ballet in a Day** Sat, Mar 19, 2:30 – 3:45 pm, Goodson RC Introduction to the South Suburban Ballet Program. Ages 3 – 6.Fees: \$10. For more info, contact Chris Allison at callison@sspr.org

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**FREE! The Great Egg Scramble** Sat, Mar 26, 8:30 – 11 am by age group, Family Sports Dome, Sponsored by the City of Centennial. Ages 3 & under at 9 am, 4 - 6 years at 9:30 am, 7-9 years at 10 am, and 10-12 years at 10:30 am. Other onsite activities for all kids and held rain or shine. For more info visit ssprd.org or call Christina Ibarra at 303-754-0552.

## **Colorado Traffic Fatalities** Surge in 2015

## January 19, 2016 - Traffic Safety - CDOT Doubles Down on Outreach to Drivers.

STATEWIDE — Preliminary data from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) indicates that traffic fatalities rose by 10% in 2015. In 2015 there were 545 traffic fatalities in Colorado, compared to the 488 fatalities in 2014.

"Every fatality is one too many, which is why we are doubling down on our traffic safety outreach in 2016," said Shailen Bhatt, CDOT Executive Director. "For example, we know that at least 60 lives could be saved if everyone wore their seat belts. Therefore, we will be doing additional outreach to increase the seat belt usage in Colorado." Unbelted drivers are over-represented in the fatality data and accounted for almost half of the fatalities in 2015.

The rise in fatalities for 2015 is part of a national trend. In November, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced that the first six months of 2015 showed a troubling increase in the number of fatalities. The 2015 fatality estimate was up 8.1 percent from the same period last year. NHTSA said the estimate represents a troubling departure from a general downward trend in previous years.

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#### Freddy Arck, Public Information Specialist

DENVER – Winter is the perfect time to test your home for radon, according to Chrystine Kelley, radon program manager for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. "Testing your home for radon is simple and works best when all your doors and windows are closed," said Kelley. "That's why January is a great time to test during National Radon Action Month."

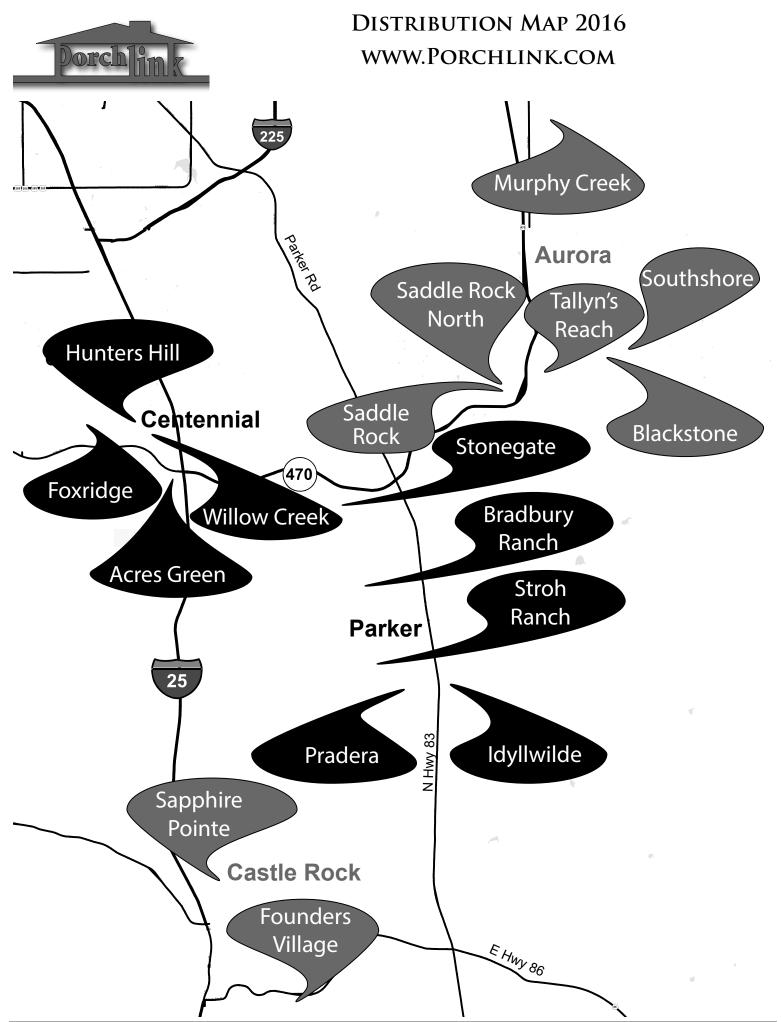
Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas responsible for hundreds of Colorado lung cancer deaths each year. The colorless, odorless, tasteless gas can enter homes through miniscule cracks in the floor or small spaces around utility pipes and accumulates unless properly mitigated. Long-term radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers and flung cancer in smallers.

the second leading cause of lung cancer in smokers. More Americans die from lung cancer than any other cancer.

Gov. John Hickenlooper proclaimed January National Radon Awareness Month in Colorado. All Colorado citizens are encouraged to protect their families from the serious health risks associated with radon by testing and reducing any elevated radon levels found in their homes.

Testing is easy and affordable. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment provides coupons for reducedcost radon test kits (www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/testing-your-home-radon). The website also lists contractors, certified by the National Radon Proficiency Program, who install systems to mitigate radon. Colorado residents also can call the state's Radon Hotline at 1-800-846-3986 or check with their local health department, county extension office or public health nurse for radon information.







1. Stormwater carries pet waste and other pollutants directly into waterways.

2. Animal waste adds nitrogen to the water. Excess nitrogen depletes the oxygen in water necessary for beneficial underwater grasses, wildlife and fish.

3. Animal waste may contain harmful organisms such as Giardia, Salmonella and E. coli that can be transmitted to humans and other animals by ingesting contaminated water.

4. Roundworms and hookworms deposited by infected animals can live in the soil for long periods of time and be transmitted to other animals and humans.

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## Willow Creek Women

Wed, March 16, 9:15 – 11:15 Mineral CH

Neil Marciniak, CEcD

#### City of Centennial Economic Development Manager

Neil Marciniak, Economic Development Manager for the City of Centennial will present to Willow Creek Women on Wednesday, March 16 at 9:15 a.m at the Mineral Clubhouse. Mr. Marciniak, who attended the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, has worked for the City of Centennial since April 2015. Prior to that he worked for the City of Lakewood for seven years and for Jefferson County for two years. Mr. Marciniak will answer members' questions after his presentation.

Babysitting will be available at Willow Way Clubhouse. Reservations must be made with Elizabeth Fry eeaf@aol.com by3/13/16. Services provided by tutus & trucks babysitting company (http://tutusandtrucks.com/), owned by Willow Creek resident, Heidi Suri.

#### Willow Creek Spring Fling Egg Hunt

#### Saturday March 26th, 10:30-11:30, Jamison Clubhouse

Willow Creek Women is delighted to announce that Shelley Pesta, of Pesta Family Chiropractic (http://www.drpesta.com/) has volunteered once again to host our long time Willow Creek tradition, the Spring Fling Egg Hunt! Willow Creek Women support and thank Shelley for her generous offer and effort.

Join us for a morning of fun! There will be egg hunting for different age groups, crafts, snacks, bunny nose painting and professional photos with the Bunny. Please bring coins for a Children's Tumor Foundation donation game! Please bring your own baskets. Grandparents, bring your grandchildren! This is a great opportunity to visit with your neighbors! Ages toddler to 10 years only, please.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Shelley at shelleypesta@yahoo.com. (In the event of inclement weather on March 26th, the event will be cancelled).





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