



# Cottonwood West Homeowners Association

## Newsletter Spring 2012

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### Annual Meeting

Be sure to mark your calendar to attend the annual meeting of the Homeowners Association. It will be held this year on April 25, 2012 at the St Joan of Arc Orleans Hall, 12735 W 58th



Avenue from 7:00 pm and ending by 9:00 pm. Simply come into the doors for the main hall in the west wing of the building and there will be signs directing you to the room we are using. Special thanks to our community neighbor St Joan's for providing this meeting space free of charge. As a thank-you to them we are promoting their Wine Tasting fundraiser at the end of this newsletter.

### Community Garage Sale

Your HOA will advertise and promote a neighborhood Community Garage Sale for Saturday May 5.

Traditionally such community sales are more well-attended as people can review several sales without needing to travel much. It is suggested that those who wish to participate have your items out by 8:00 AM as buyers tend to arrive early.



### All-For-Fun Block Party

Your HOA Board has accepted the suggestion that we host a Cottonwood West Block Party. This will happen June 23rd around dinnertime and we are still working out the finer details. It will likely involve grilled hot dogs and hamburgers along with beverages. Since there is food to buy we ask you let us know if you are coming by June 13. Send an email to:

[board@cottonwoodwesthoa.org](mailto:board@cottonwoodwesthoa.org)

and tell us how many in your family will attend. This will be an excellent chance to meet your neighbors (some new folks are moving in) in a casual atmosphere. More details will follow by email, but if you'd like to attend, let us know and save the date!



### Dumpsters

The very popular dumpster program is back this year with dates you can plan on. The Spring dumpsters will arrive May 25, just before Memorial Day Weekend (always a time when many of our members are out cleaning up from winter). The Fall dumpsters will arrive just before Labor Day weekend, with actual dates promoted in the Summer/Fall Newsletter.



### 2012 Homeowner Dues



We still have some homeowners that have not paid their 2012 homeowners dues. If you have not paid the \$165.00 annual dues, please send your payment to:

**Cottonwood West HOA**  
**PO Box 840**  
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### Safety Fair

The Jeffco District Attorney's Community Safety Day is Saturday, August 25, 2012 from 9:00 - 1:00 PM at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Don't miss this extraordinary safety event!

Sponsored by the Jefferson County District Attorney this event is the first of its kind with a complete range of safety services. Free document shredding, recycling of small electronics, credit reports printed on-site by DA staff and consultation with bank officers. Bicycle rodeo with free helmets for kids, free 911 cell phones for seniors, and lots of activities for kids and the entire family. 80 booths with demonstrations, valuable information and giveaways.



### Wine Tasting



As mentioned earlier, **St Joan of Arc Early Learning Center** is hosting a fundraising event for the school April 14 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM in the Orleans Hall. Gourmet Hors D'Ovres, 30 different wines, beer and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by calling 303-422-4949.



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### Fall Dumpsters Available Sept. 1st

The Board has ordered two dumpsters for your use over the weekend of Labor Day and the week to follow. They can be found in the same areas as the last few years; one near the Cul de Sac at the intersection of 57th Drive and Xenon Court, and one near the intersection of 56th Place and Youngfield Street.



The dumpsters will remain until they are filled, and we expect to do this again in the spring. There are some restrictions as to what can be tossed into the dumpsters - for specifics, go to:

### Back Yard Weeds

There are many reasons why large back yard weeds might develop. Some homeowners have decided to not use water resources to keep the back lawn watered, others may be planning to remodel by adding a patio or new landscaping and see no good reason to maintain the current yard.



Either of these reasons might seem logical, but the fact that a yard develops large, unsightly (and contagious!) weeds is not supported by any reasoning. There is a way to conserve water resources or not maintain in anticipation of remodeling and still not send weed seeds to your neighbors for cultivation.

A process of mitigation involves the spraying of a weed (but not grass) killer like Spectracide every 6 to 8 weeks in the Spring and Summer. Mowing any weeds and grasses that crop up every two weeks should also be a ritual. If one follows this path in Colorado, with no water (other than what falls from the sky) a natural Colorado Prairie Grass will result, a grass that stays mostly green and without constant watering.

It is **critical** for the health of your neighbor's landscaping that a process like this be followed and weeds be kept under control.

### Welcome New Board Member

Virlie Walker, board Vice President has decided to retire from the board. Virlie has served Cottonwood West HOA for many years.

Taking her place will be **Maggie Wenc**, who has been in the neighborhood about a year now. Besides Maggie, your current board members are Arnold Farley, Janell Frisk, Kathy Tipton and Bernie Murray.



Our sincerest thanks to Virlie Walker for her outstanding service to our HOA community!

### Snip snip, trim trim



With the dumpsters comes an opportunity for all of us to take a look at our landscaping to see what may need some trimming now that the growth season is winding down. We have heard from residents that some sidewalks are hard to traverse due to overgrowth blocking the way. For the safety of our children and our adults, let's not force them out into the street. Please be sure your walks are clear of landscape overgrowth.

### Front Lawn Green

The board asks that you faithfully maintain the appearance of your front yard. Our community is judged and our home value established by the over-all look of our homes, and that is most present in our lawns and landscaping. Stressed areas need extra water, *perhaps by hand* to chase away the brown. The covenants say front yards shall be "maintained in a clean and attractive manner free of weeds." We have a terrific group of homeowners here, let's honor them by all doing our part to keep Cottonwood West looking great.

### ACC Forms

Just a reminder if you are thinking of painting, staining a different color, or doing any exterior work on your home, it is a good idea to submit an ACC form to the Board.

[www.cottonwoodwesthoa.org](http://www.cottonwoodwesthoa.org)

Then fill it out, scan and send it as a PDF to [board@cottonwoodwesthoa.org](mailto:board@cottonwoodwesthoa.org) or drop it off at 12727 West 57th Drive or with any Board Member.



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### Annual Meeting Time Again!

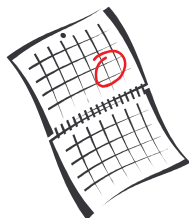
Be sure to mark your calendar to attend the annual meeting of the Homeowners Association. It will be held this year on April 19, 2011 across from Cottonwood West at St Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 12735 W. 58th Avenue from 7:15 pm and ending by 9:00 pm. This is a fabulous opportunity for you to meet your current board members and learn more about what goes on with your HOA. Some items up for discussion: a new stone sign for the entrance to our development and some thoughts on the possibility of a Party Room/Clubhouse on the property where our sign sits now (don't get excited or depressed; just exploring!).



 Detailed directions to the room we will use will follow with a map by email the weekend before the meeting. Be prepared to enter at the back (North Side) of the church and follow the posted signage.

### Dumpster Dates

With spring comes the desire to improve and upgrade your landscaping and get rid of what will not grow. Your HOA board supports and encourages this as it helps the general look of our neighborhood plus it increases and protects our property values. To aid in this process we have decided to once again arrange for dumpsters to be placed at 2 locations in our area; near the intersections of 57th Drive & Xenon Court and 56th Place & Youngfield Street (essentially the same as last year). They will be in place by **the week of May 2** (spring) and **the week of September 6** (fall). Depending on their fill rate, we may have them emptied once and brought back during this time. We will send a notice by email if this is the case.



### Recycling

Some people have expressed concern that the items they are putting out to recycle are being collected in the same sort of truck (albeit a *different* truck) as the ones used for our trash collection.



**Do not be alarmed!** Total Disposal is using "Single Stream" Recycling. This means all the items are collected together and sorted at the Recycling Center. For a list of the types of items they will take for recycling,

visit our website at [CottonwoodWesthoa.org](http://CottonwoodWesthoa.org) and click on the "Documents" link. This takes you to a page that has a link marked Total Disposal Guidelines. This document explains trash pickup and recycling in detail.

### 2011 Homeowner Dues

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This money is used for trash pickup, dumpsters, and other business of the HOA.

### Overgrowth...

..And speaking of landscaping, it is of particular importance for all of us to keep our bushes, trees and shrubs neatly trimmed and in order. Front yards must have their landscaping maintained for the good of



everyone here. We have on average two to three homes for sale in Cottonwood West at any given time, and out of respect for our neighbors we owe it to each of them to see that the neighborhood makes a good impression!





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### LOCATION CHANGE

Be sure to mark your calendar to attend the annual meeting of the homeowners Association. It will be held this year on April 20, 2010 at the **Saint Joan of Arc Church, Durrie Reception Hall, 12737 W. 58th Ave, North/Rear Entrance** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. You will hear the "State of The HOA", annual treasurer's report, and have an opportunity to voice any ideas or concerns.



### Welcome to New Board Members

In November we asked for volunteers to come forward to serve on the HOA board to fill

two recent vacancies. Two people stepped forward, **Janell Frisk** and **Kathy Tipton**. We welcome them to the board and invite you to meet them at our Annual Meeting in April.

### New Trash Company, New Trash Day

Beginning March 29th, we will have a different trash disposal company picking up our household trash and recyclable items.

The new collection schedule for regular household trash will be each **Monday morning**.

Recyclable items will be picked up the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month beginning April 12th and then April 26th, and thereafter on every 2nd and 4th Monday.



We are also planning to obtain large roll-off trash dumpsters for the neighborhood similar to what we had last Spring. These will be provided by the same company collecting our weekly trash. Advance notice will be provided prior to ordering these dumpsters.



### 2010 Homeowner Dues

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Homeowner dues cover the regular weekly trash service, special dumpsters at various times of the year, and any legal expenses related to covenant interpretation and enforcement. For 2010, we have encountered increases in most costs and that has resulted in the small (\$7) increase in the annual homeowners dues, an increase approved by the board in January 2010.

To review how the Association's funds are budgeted for 2010, go to the Web site: [www.CottonwoodWestHOA.org](http://www.CottonwoodWestHOA.org) and select the "Documents" tab at the top.

### Suggested Color Palette

Please take some time to once again review our suggested Architectural Color Guidelines posted on our website. It has been developed to make your choice easier when selecting a color scheme for a home in Cottonwood West. This does not mean that other colors cannot be considered, just that these colors would be easily approved. The color key also includes color numbers for Sherwin-Williams and Benjamin-Moore paints, color numbers that Lowes and Home Depot can also translate into their proprietary paint brands.



It is posted under the site's subheading "Documents". We will be voting soon on implementing it. Please take a look and tell us what you think by sending an email to [board@cottonwoodwesthoa.org](mailto:board@cottonwoodwesthoa.org)