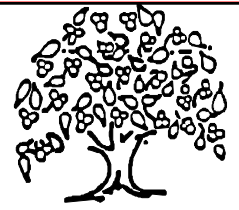


The Cherry Pickins

June/July 2010



Winter home prep already? Now's the perfect time.

Although the weather has been wonderful, now is a perfect time to prep your house for the cold weather.

Here are some tips on taking care of air leakage, attic insulation, attics, windows, doors and lighting

Air leakage is the number one energy problem in most homes. Air-sealing improvements are some of the most cost effective ones you can perform. I recommend:

- *Plug gaps around pipes, ducts, and wiring that go through walls with expanding foam.
- *Caulk around window and door trim.
- *Add weather-stripping to doors.
- *Weather strip the opening of the attic hatch with rubberized or closed cell foam weather stripping.
- *Seal all framing connections above foundation wall with expanding foam.
- *Seal gap between the metal bathroom fan enclosure and drywall (remove fan grille first).
- *Insert foam gaskets behind the outlets and install childproof plugs.
- *For gaps ¼" or less, use caulk. For larger gaps, use spray foam.

Caulk around the window sill/frame and trim, and any place you see cracks or holes. Seal all gaps around wood-grain trim with clear caulk.

Install **insulated window coverings** such as thermal blinds or warm window quilts on all windows. In the wintertime, close them at night to insulate the room, and open them up during the day to improve solar heat gain.

Add **weather-stripping** to all exterior doors. Add **weather-stripping** to doors between the garage and the house to block air leakage and infiltration of carbon monoxide and other

pollutants from vehicles.
Caulk between the threshold and floor.

Retrofit existing recessed lights with new airtight trim packages and use CFL or LED bulbs if possible. The cone-shaped airtight trim inserts/kits seem to work best and are usually relatively easy to install.

Any recessed lights that will not accept an airtight trim package can be hand sealed with foil tape.

Contact EXCEL ENERGY for a Home Energy Audit Report

*****HAPPY LABOR DAY*****

**Enjoy the long weekend with family and friends.
Be safe and have fun.**

Spring Yard Competition

It's never too early to start thinking about Spring gardening and here is a little incentive.

The Cherry Park Homeowner's Association will be having a **Yard of the Month** competition. The competition will run from May to September 2010 honoring one homeowner a month. The winner will get the Yard of the Month recognition sign placed in their front yard for the month and will be rewarded with a gift card to a nearby nursery.

The Yard of the Month is a fun way to recognize and reward great looking yards in our neighborhood.



Use Extreme Caution in the Open Space

Just when you thought we were up to speed on all of the wild animals in the Open Space, it has come to our attention that we now have another predator to deal with.

During the past few weeks, there have been a few daytime sightings of a large creature in the Open Space, causing concern throughout Cherry Park. The descriptions have been inconsistent and rarely believable.

It seems this creature has now decided to roam the streets of our community, attacking whatever crosses its path.

We strongly suggest you take extreme caution if you come face-to-face with this beast and call the authorities if there is a sighting.

Thanks to a brave and quick-minded neighbor, we now have an accurate description of the beast. The neighbor who took this picture was unharmed and is on a mission to capture the Cherry Park Sasquatch.



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The Space Therapist:

Home Office Organizing: Managing Paper Clutter
(part two)

In the last issue, I provided a list of which paper documents to keep and for how long. When I first learned about what to keep, I was pleasantly surprised at how much I could throw away! Now that you have an idea of what needs to be kept, here are some ideas on how to maintain a clutter-free office.

Desktops, Filing, and Paperwork Tips

Paper:

When you first pick up a piece of paper, do one of the following:

1. Discard it if it is neither important nor urgent (be ruthless!)
2. Act on it now (if it is both important and urgent)
- Act on it later (if it is important but not urgent)
4. File it if it needs to be kept for reference.

Daily Organizers/ Day planners are a great way to keep information centralized. Here's how to make the most of yours:

1. Write all key information in it.
2. Tailor it to how you work.
3. Stick to your system.
4. Keep your "to do" list in the organizer, which includes commitments, activities, tasks and projects.
5. Periodically transfer information like important notes and contacts to your computer.

Desktops:

Clean up your desk at the end of every work session! This makes it much easier to begin work the next time you return.

Minimize the amount of items on your desk at one time. Only

let your daily organizer, laptop, and the papers for the current project be on your desk in order to avoid distraction.

Keep loose paper off the desk, because it's distracting. Try to keep all information in your daily organizer including loose message slips and notes, or keep one notebook with all information in it- phone numbers, notes, ideas- when you get to the end of the notebook, important information can be transferred to a computer or filed for reference.

Don't let paper and piles stack up. Process each paper as it comes in, and get it off your desk. Make it a rule to always refile things. You can establish a special place (such as a desktop standing file) for current projects, but otherwise put everything away.

Keep your desk free of clutter. It may tempt your eyes to roam, making time at your desk less effective.

Put loose papers to deal with later in clearly labeled files ("Tasks," "To Read," "Correspondence," etc.) These can be kept in your desk drawer or a desktop file holder.

Current Project Files: Use your desk drawer or a small desktop file holder to store current project files for easy access.

General Filing:

Design an efficient system of filing in order to minimize the time spent looking for and retrieving information.

File papers in the right place immediately. Do not let "to-file" paperwork build up.

Filing cabinets should only be used for completed paperwork or reference paperwork.

Go through and clean out your filing cabinet periodically; usually every 3-6 months. It's amazing how much you'll find to get rid of!

thanks to my sources: Clear Simple Living by Heidi De-Croix, Clear Your Desk by Declan Treacy, and Clear Your Clutter with Feng Shui by Karen Kingston. all great books!

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Denver Bronco 2101 Schedule

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Sun. Sept. 19 SEATTLE
Sun. Sept. 26 INDIANAPOLIS
Sun. Oct. 3 at Tennessee
Sun. Oct. 10 at Baltimore
Sun. Oct. 17 N.Y. JETS
Sun. Oct. 24 OAKLAND
Sun. Oct. 31 at San Francisco Wembley Stadium
BYE
Sun. Nov. 14 KANSAS CITY
Mon. Nov. 22 at San Diego)
Sun. Nov. 28 ST. LOUIS
Sun. Dec. 5 at Kansas City
Sun. Dec. 12 at Arizona
Sun. Dec. 19 at Oakland

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CPOA MEETINGS

Koelbel Library
(meeting room A or B)

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From the Cherry Park HOA Board

Owner's Association Prevails in Covenant Enforcement.

As you should be aware, the Cherry Park Owners Association, Inc. ("CPOA") is charged with the enforcement of the Cherry Park and El Vista Restrictive Covenants ("Covenants"). These covenants are established to help maintain the beauty and cleanliness of Cherry Park, preserve property values and make Cherry Park a more desirable place to live. Unfortunately, the CPOA was recently required to file a covenant enforcement lawsuit against a Cherry Park homeowner. The lawsuit resulted in the Arapahoe County Court ("Court") awarding judgment in favor of the CPOA in July of 2009, order the homeowner to remove certain recreational vehicles from driveway storage. The Court held that storage of recreational vehicles or other property in public view violates the Covenants. The homeowner appealed the Court's verdict; however, the appeals court upheld the original verdict. In addition to prohibiting the storage of recreational vehicles, the Court ordered the homeowner to pay CPOA's attorneys fees and cost, which may exceed \$15,000. The CPOA takes its enforcement duties very seriously, but strives to use litigation as a last resort. Fortunately, over the last 10 years or so, the CPOA has only had to take 3 homeowners to court, and was awarded judgment in favor of the CPOA in each of these lawsuits. Nevertheless, please know that the CPOA is working to preserve the desirability of our neighborhood. Please help the CPOA by reporting covenant violations to cherrypark-info@juno.com, and paying your annual dues, which are used to fund covenant enforcement efforts, community events and other CPOA activities which help make Cherry Park the great community in which we live. The annual **\$50** dues may be submitted to the CPOA, c/o Paul Urtz, Treasurer, 5928 E. Weaver Circle, Centennial, CO 80111.

Critic's Corner

As we all know, there are numerous place to take you vehicle in for an oil change. Some are fine with the quick service and some want more attention given to their cars.

Local business, **Fast Traxx** on Yosemite and Arapahoe Road offers the best of both worlds. John Hart, owner, goes the extra mile to make sure you understand the services performed and what is needed for your ride. Thumbs up for **Fast Traxx**.

October 1 deadline for Holiday Home Tour

Time is running out for those wanting to participate in the 2010 version of the Heritage Place and Cherry Park Holiday Home Tour. In order for the event to be successful and meet the community expectations we are in need of planning committee members, volunteers and homeowners. Due to time limitations the planning committee will have to be in place by October 1st with commitments from homeowners in place by November 1. The tentative dates for the home tour are December 11th and 12th.

This biennial event has maintained its success through the hard work and dedication of volunteers and it will continue to take volunteers to ensure its continued success. The following volunteers are need for this event.

Planning committee – A minimum of 5 residents from Heritage Place and Cherry Park. Members of this committee will be responsible for all details of this event. It would be helpful if one or two members of this committee have worked on previous home tours.

Volunteers – These events are nothing without volunteers. Volunteers will be needed to assist in posting flyers, signs and helping at the homes that are part of the tour.

Homeowners – Have you recently completed home improvements and want to show off your great work?

Anyone interested in volunteering with this years home tour are encouraged to contact Ted Conti, VP of the Heritage Place HOA at tedconti@comcast.net or call him directly at 303-804-0120.

