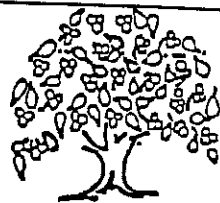


The Cherry Pickins

December 2010



Happy Holidays Cherry Park

I sat here thinking of an article for the final Pickens of 2010. And then it hit me. We've got something pretty special here in CP.

We are so fortunate to live in such an awesome community. Sure there are things we can do to improve our neighborhood but deep down, the people are what make this place special.

I look around at other neighborhoods and it makes me proud to live in Cherry Park.

We have kids running around and playing.

We have kids who go to school together and grow up together.

We have families getting together on a whim, just because they want to.

We have neighbors helping out neighbors.

We know our neighbors!

If you really think about it, what we have is rare.

Each year our community bond grows stronger and the list of memories gets longer.

For that, I thank you!

I wish you the best of Holidays and a Happy New Year. May you share it with family and friends, love and laughter.

Until 2011.....

The Mayor

Holiday Quotes

The best way to spread Christmas Cheer,
is singing loud for all to hear. Elf

"Christmas is awesome. First of all you get to spend time with people you love. Secondly, you can get drunk and no one can say anything. Third, you give presents.

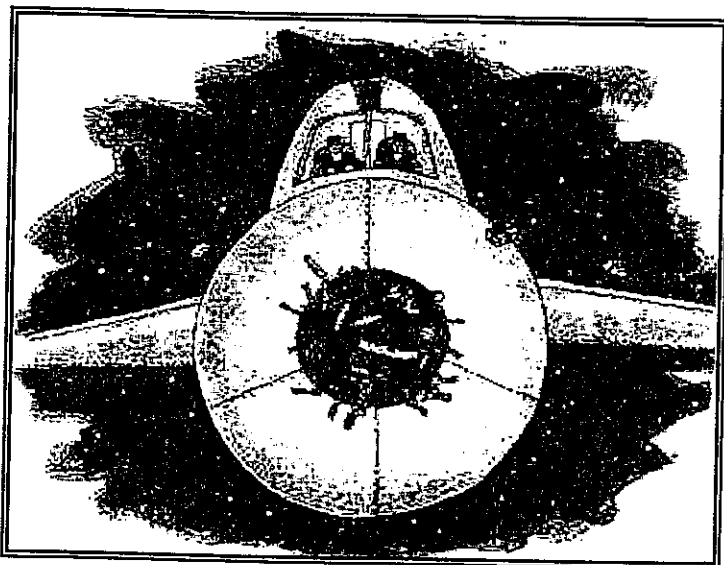
What's better than giving presents? And fourth, getting presents. So four things. Not bad for one day. It's really the greatest day of all time."

The Office, Michael

"Merry Christmas, movie house! Merry Christmas, Emporium! Merry Christmas, you wonderful old Building and Loan!"

It's A Wonderful Life

Hanukah is the festival of lights
Instead of one day of presents, we have
eight crazy nights. Adam Sandler



Cherry Park Trot a Huge Success

The third annual Cherry Park Trot brought out over 120 neighbors and friends. It turned out to be the perfect morning for the event; the sun was beaming and the weather actually warmed up.

This year Trot raised over \$1200 for three families during the holidays. Store gift cards will be purchased and delivered to the three lucky families.

It is incredible to see the generous support for this annual event in addition to seeing our awesome community come together.

Thank you to everyone who participated this year.

Happy Holidays.



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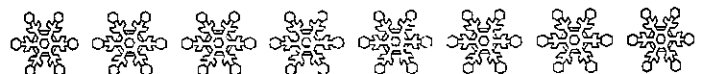
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 And your nights enhanced by holiday light.
 Enjoy your delectable holiday foods,
 As parties and gifts create holiday moods.
 Favorite people play a meaningful part,
 While treasured rituals warm your heart.
 You are special to us in many ways,
 So we wish you Happy Holidays!



**CPOA BOARD REQUEST FOR
SUGGESTIONS:
XCEL ENERGY SUBSTATION IMPROVEMENTS**

At the annual Cherry Park Owners Association ("CPOA") meeting on December 1, 2010, four representatives of Xcel Energy met with Cherry Park owners to discuss changes and additions to the Xcel Substation.

The homeowner participation was excellent and the room was packed. Homeowners asked thoughtful questions, and due to the homeowners' participation, Xcel better understands the Cherry Park homeowners' concerns about the significant impact the substation has upon our neighborhood.

To summarize Xcel's plans, Xcel will be adding a new transformer box, multiple (3-4) underground feeder lines and a 48ft. line support pole (to hold existing lines above existing transformer boxes). No additional aerial power lines will be added, but the substation's capacity will serve an additional 60,000 homes.

Construction is expected to begin in February 2011 and take approximately one year to complete. As part of the project, Xcel will also be adding a sidewalk along Holly St. adjacent to the substation. The CPOA Board of Directors and Cherry Park homeowners were given time to ask questions about the additions, clarify the planned changes, and discuss the additions' impact on our neighborhood.

The Xcel representatives explained that Xcel will also consider exterior improvements to the substation to improve the overall appearance of the substation. Xcel has agreed to accept proposals from the CPOA regarding these exterior improvements. At the meeting, a number of improvements were informally discussed - such as changes to the fencing, retaining wall, irrigation of landscaping, and improvement to the current landscaping.

CPOA Board meeting and for taking the time to submit thoughtful suggestions on how to improve the substation and the overall appearance of our community.

Before the CPOA Board creates a proposal to submit to Xcel, we need Cherry Park homeowners' input. Please provide your suggestions and ideas regarding how to improve the exterior of the substation.

Suggestions can be provided by e-mail to CherryPark-info@juno.com or in writing to: Cherry Park Owners Association, c/o Randy Earnest, 5835 E. Weaver Cir., Centennial, Colorado 80111. For your suggestions, please consider:

What is important to you?

What suggestions do you have to make the substation less conspicuous?

Please rank the importance of your suggestions.

Please be realistic. Xcel explained its budget would likely not permit 20ft. concrete walls, and definitely will not allow burying of the aerial power lines.

The Xcel substation is not going away, but your thoughtful suggestions may help make the substation more tolerable to live near. The CPOA needs to submit a proposal as soon as possible.

As a result, your suggestions are needed on or before **January 17, 2011**. Thank you for attending the December CPOA Board meeting and for taking the time to submit thoughtful suggestions on how to improve the substation and the overall appearance of our community.

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CPOA MEETING

Koelbel Library
(meeting room A or B)
December 1, 2010
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Members and Cherry Park residents are encouraged to attend.

Music Lessons

**Trumpet or
Beg/Intermediate Piano**

Contact Cherry Park resident

Roberta Goodall

Ph: 720-488-0473 / email: rmagtpt@msn.com

South Suburban News

South Suburban Parks and Recreation will recycle Christmas trees Dec. 26 through Jan. 13. Residents can drop off trees at the following locations: Willow Spring Service Center, 7100 S. Holly St.; and at Cornerstone Park's parking area, which can be accessed from Windermere Street south of Belleview Avenue.

Holiday Safety Tips

The holiday season can be one of the highest crime times of the year, please take the following precautions to ensure the safety of you and your family:

At Home

- ◆ Keep gifts hidden from view through outside windows.
- ◆ After opening gifts, break down cardboard boxes of expensive electronics and fancy stores and put them in plastic bags to hide the fact you have valuable items in your home.
- ◆ Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave your house or apartment, even for a few minutes.
- ◆ Be wary of solicitations for charitable donations. They may attempt to take advantage of people's generosity during the holidays. Ask for identification, how donated funds are used, if contributions are tax deductible. If you are suspicious about their behavior contact the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office or your local law enforcement agency.



Critic's Corner

Critics Corner will resume in 2011.



Holiday Cocktail Recipes

Peppermint Patty -

1 oz. Peppermint Schnapps
1/2 oz. Dark Crème De Cacao
1 tsp Crème de Menthe
8 oz. Hot Cocoa
Whipped Cream
Chocolate Shavings .

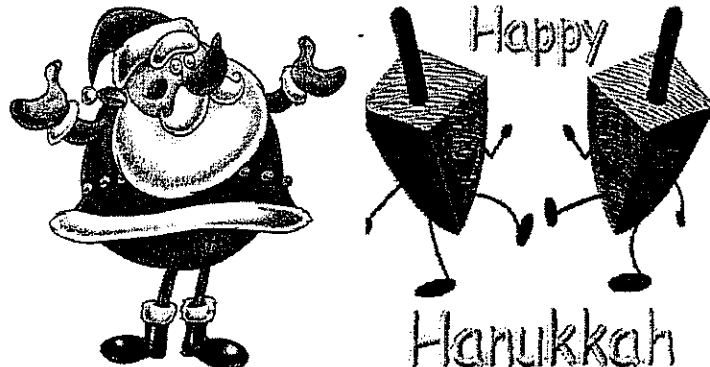
how to make a Peppermint Patty
Stir together the liqueurs and add the hot chocolate. Top with whipped cream and chocolate shavings.

Snickerdoodle

1oz Partida Resposado Tequila
3/4 oz Bailey's Irish Cream®
1/2 oz Butterscotch Schnapps
3/4 oz Cream

Splash of Cinnamon Schnapps
Combine all ingredients in a shaker and shake with ice. Strain into martini glass and garnish with a cinnamon stick.

Happy Wrapping.





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