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Tidbits From Your Board

Holiday Decorations —

You can put up your holiday decoration for this season after Thanksgiving. The judging for the decorating contest will be the night of December 14th at 6p. If you want to be included in the judging have your lights on and be ready to shine! All decorations must be down and removed by January 16, 2007.

ACC Volunteers —

We have a new ACC group that have been hard at work. At the suggestion of another homeowner, they have developed a list of plants that will be pre-approved by the ACC and the Board of Directors. Some the criteria considered to chose these plants included drought tolerance, color, insect attraction and growth size. Once final approval has been given by the board, this list will be posted on our community website. Look for good things to come!

C&B Landscaping —

It looks like our first phase of the fencing project is fast coming to an end. Please call or email me with any concerns you have regarding your new fence. I need any information you wish to share no later than the 15th of January, 2007. Otherwise, we will consider the matter closed and done and final payment will be issued.

Centex Homes —

We contacted Centex Homes to find out more details about the development that is planned for the land to the North of our community. They tell us that this

development has been put on hold pending the market conditions.

Meeting Reminder —

There is NO meeting in December due to the holidays. Remember that these meetings are one way for you as a homeowner to stay informed and aware of the happenings in your community. It's also your forum to voice any concerns that you may have.

Mailbox Keys —

I still have several mailbox keys for homeowners. I can only guess that those units are empty or the homeowner receives the mail somewhere else. Even if you receive your mail at a different location, those mailboxes are yours and it is your responsibility to pick up the keys. What you do with them after that is your business.

2006 Christmas Carriage Parade —

The Town of Parker and the Colorado Driving Society will present the 2006 Christmas Carriage Parade and it will be held on Saturday, December 9th, 2006. The parade will be followed by festivities for the whole family, including live music, a petting zoo, pony rides and a reindeer viewing at O'Brien Park. Santa and a holiday craft show will be at the Mainstreet Center. The finale will be music, free cookies and hot chocolate at the Mayor's Tree lighting in O'Brien Park at 5pm. Please remember that Mainstreet will be closed as well



as Victorian Drive shortly before, during and shortly after the parade. If you need or want more information, please contact Jennifer Miner at 303.805.3253 or jminer@ci.parker.co.us or visit their website at www.parkeronline.org.

Parker Chamber of Commerce —

The Parker Chamber of Commerce have announced changes for 3 of the Chamber's Signature Events.

The Parker Country Festival will be relocating to the Burt Automotive Plaza at Lincoln Avenue and 20 Mile Road for 2007. The other 2 changes involve the Parker Community Expo and the Taste of Parker. Both of these events will be moving to The Wildlife Experience Museum.

They give several reasons for their decisions but the major reason stated is the lack of space. As the development of downtown Parker continues, the empty space is becoming scarce as the development of the empty parcels continues.

Watch for more information from the Chamber regarding all of these changes.

Death by Poop!!!

By Sharon Roybal

Here we are again on the subject of Dog Poop. Seems it is a never ending topic of conversation. Why, I ask, is it so hard to pick up after our dogs? I've been harping on this for 4 years. The kids play on the yards, sometimes they can fall or walk through the nasty stuff. It gets tracked into our homes. Dog poop can be deadly!!!

Let me tell you a 'heart rendering story'. Recently my dog had 6 puppies (and they were really cute, I might add!). The runt of the litter was a cute, tiny, little thing. Because he was the runt, the mama

dog kind of ignored him so to ensure his health and well-being, I bottle fed him every time he was hungry. I carried him with me anytime I could to make sure she didn't harm him because he was the weakest. It was like having a newborn baby. I had to get up in the middle of the night, make sure that I planned my activities around his schedule, etc. He was the sweetest little thing and I adored him (*needless to say, he was my favorite!*). When they were old enough to go outside, I let them play on the lawn we all share. I picked up after everyone of them both times a day when I took them out. Well,

when they turned 6 weeks old, I had them outside in the yard playing. My little runt was out there rooting around at some stuff in the yard (which all dogs do). He got a bacterial infection in his intestines and I had to have him put to sleep. I can't tell you the heartache I had holding him as he took his last breathe! It was horrible and so painful for my puppy. And more over, painful for my heart! Please pick up after your dogs. It is part of your responsibility as a pet owner. Also, as a reminder!!!! There is a fine if we catch people not picking up after their pets.

Let's Keep It In Bounds

By Cyrus Schoonover

As we all know, trash day can get pretty messy with over 500 units. Each member of our community creates about thirty pounds of trash per week. That means over 30,000 pounds of trash are collected from our neighborhood every Wednesday. That can be overwhelming to any trash removal service, and I commend the men who do it for us. And, they do it with almost no complaints.

The only thing I ever hear is the men groaning when they have to carry a heavy trash can up to fifty feet to dump it in their truck. This takes extra time for them and increased the likelihood of a spill. Our regulations state that our trash must be placed no more than five feet away from the curb and there can be no obstructions between our trash and the curb. This means it has to be on the 'curbside' of any transformers, IREA, phone or cable pedestals. This is something that many of us have been getting very careless about.

The rule is in place for the convenience of the men who work very hard

every Wednesday morning for our community. They want to pick up our trash as fast as possible, just like we want them to. The easier it is for them to pick up the trash and the less time they have to spend chasing it, the more likely it is we can keep down the costs of our contract. And the less time our trash spends on the corner, the nicer our neighborhood looks.

There are a couple of other issues that we need to keep in mind. The trash removal company will take large items but you need to make prior arrangements with them rather than just piling them outside. They need to make sure that they have the space and time to pick up these large items. You also need to contact them if you have odd things

such as construction debris. If you don't contact them, they won't pick it up. You can't just pile all that stuff outside and it just takes a little common courtesy!! And one last issue — according to our rules and regs, you may NOT place your trash out before 7pm on Tuesday night and your trash cans should be picked up no later than Thursday. We will take the trash can if you leave it out there. If you are unavailable to bring it in, ask one of your neighbors to help you out.

In the near future, the trash disposal company will be painting a line five feet away from the curb. All of our trash should be NEATLY placed on the curbside of this line. The garbage company has told us that we will be fined for any item that is not placed within the specified parameters. I can assure you that these fines will be passed on to the guilty party.

Honestly though, things should not go that far if we all just take the extra couple of steps and get our trash 'in bounds'!!

"A man is not old until regrets start taking place of dreams."

- Anonymous

Parking Problems and Pumpkin Pie

By Larry Poffenberger

WHOA... What's that??? Well Folks, Read On.... At the HOA meeting Thursday the 16th of November "Miss Laura" said she needed articles for the HOA newsletter. One of the topics of discussion involved Parking Issues. Congestion at various corners and parking areas makes it difficult for nearby residents to maneuver their cars to get out. Whatever!

After a few "would ya, could ya, Please!!!! And I need it no later than Monday", I said yes. Keep in mind this article is written by a man who hasn't even written a letter in over twenty years, let alone a newsletter article! So here's the way I see it!

SITUATION:

1. Chances are you are already late to get to where you were going. Anything in your way is a source of irritation! Right??? O. K.
2. There is probably a reason for the cluster of vehicles. Think o fit this way; a) Is it normally this

way? B) Is there a Party, Family reunion or something out of the ordinary. In other words, is something special happening?

REMEDY:

Get to know your Neighbors

Communication is the secret. Know and call them by their first names, smile and mean it. Who knows, you may find out you have similar interests, hobbies, opinions, etc. Maybe you will even exchange recipes in honor of the holiday season. (Keep in mind the Pumpkin Pie I mentioned).

Now that you "know" you neighbor, they may or may not tell you when there is a 'big' family get together at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Birthdays, etc. At least you may find out what is going on. Plus, you'll feel better about the parking situation. Understanding goes a long ways!

Show empathy for the family who are descended upon by a 'boat load' of friends, relatives, etc. at the same time. Lord only knows, they have spent days sprucing up the place to

'standing tall' for company, only to be 'rearranged' in five minutes flat upon their arrival. You thought 'parking' was a problem. Think of those poor folks.

IN CONCLUSION:

Instead of being irritated by having to thread your way through vehicles, grab a bottle of carpet spot remover, cleaning supplies and head for your neighbors the following day. You may become friends for life. Who knows, at least they won't forget you!

Oh, about the pumpkin pie.... If the recipe calls for "2" cans of evaporated milk, use only "1" can and substitute the same amount of 1/2 and 1/2 for the other can. The pumpkin pie taste will not be so strong and a slice is so nice and light, it almost floats off the plate.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. Have a safe and special holiday season!

(As an after note, I tried the 1/2 and 1/2 at Thanksgiving. It's WONDERFUL!! - Laura)

Parker Police Department

By Dave McKnab

Members of the board met with Dave King, Parker's Interim Chief of Police, on Thursday, November 16. The police department requested the meeting to evaluate their performance and relationship with the Town and Country Village community. In addition, Mr. King asked for any recommendations or requests the board might have to improve either the service or relationship.

Interestingly, the police department employs a crime analyst to evaluate criminal and law en-

forcement activity in any given area in Parker. They prepared an analysis of Town and Country Village evaluating all police activity in our community from January 1, 2006 to November 15, 2006.

The analysis demonstrated that we live in a very safe community. The bulk of the police activity related traffic offenses. There were a few automobile break-ins, etc., but only two arrests and no violent crimes.

As a board, we appreciate the quality of life we have in Town

and Country Village and the proactive approach taken by the police department to maintain that quality of life. We asked that the department continue to be as visible as possible, especially when school busses unload and during town sponsored events.

We urge all who live in the village to be vigilant and aware of any unusual, dangerous or criminal activity. If you are concerned about any activity, please call the Parker Police Department at 303-841-9800.



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

By Kris Sutton

Town & Country Village HOA recently changed our insurance coverage to American Family. American Family Insurance did come out and inspect the property to determine what would be adequate coverage for the property. We did save quite a bit on the annual premium due to the property being in

great shape. There was a time when the property needed roofs and painting is was difficult to get insurance and it was expensive due to the condition of the property at that time. In that it is the homeowner's responsibility to insure their property from the studs in, it might be a good idea to have your insurance carrier review your HO6 coverage to insure you have adequate coverage. If you have American Family Homeowner's insurance, there may be a deductible benefit to you.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF YOU!!!!

MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE FILLED THE BEST TIMES AND MEMORIES AND MAY EACH OF YOU BE BLESSED!!!

TOWN & COUNTRY VILLAGE HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LAURA

2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	MONTHLY BOARD MEETING	SPECIAL EVENTS
NOVEMBER	16	Monthly Board Meetings are held at Parker Senior Center, at 7PM, 10675 Longs Way, Parker CO <i>Holiday Decorations may go up after Thanksgiving</i>
DECEMBER	—	<i>No monthly meeting due to the Holidays—Holiday Light Contest</i>