



VOICE From the Neighborhood

Cameron McDonnell, LHHA President

Happy New Year, everyone! The Liberty Hill HOA would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year! Last month was our annual Holiday Light Display contest, and we had quite a few entries. This year's winner was the Palmer household over on Grape Street. They did an excellent job of decorating their home. We were quite impressed with the number of homes that decorated this year, as they really added to the spirit of the holidays. As a reminder, please take down your lights and decorations before January 22. Last year we had a couple homes that still had their lights up in May! Please take them down as soon as possible; your neighbors will appreciate it.

With the weather getting colder and snow becoming more frequent, we have had a few complaints about residents not shoveling their sidewalks. Please shovel your sidewalks as soon as you can after a snow storm, since kids need to be able to get to the bus stops.

Also with the beginning of a new year, it is time to pay our HOA dues. Please send in your checks as soon as you can with the enclosed envelopes. We use the dues money for our events, such as Dumpster Day twice a year, pool parties, and ice cream socials to help make our neighborhood a great place to live. The dues are still only \$15 for 2012.

In April, we will be holding elections for positions available on our HOA Board. For the past two years, I have enjoyed being the HOA President, but now it is time for me to step down. I will still be a part of the Board, but I do not have as much time to devote to the Board as I used to. We need people to come and join us and fill the many vacant positions we have on the Board. Most positions take very little time and are actually quite fun.

Everyone knows how great it is to live in our neighborhood and that is partly because of all the people involved in keeping it a great place. If you would like this neighborhood to continue to be a great place, come help us out as the more people that are involved, the better we can be! Please come attend our meetings and be involved, as your participation makes a difference! We meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. at the South Holly Baptist Church on Easter and Holly. Everyone is welcome to attend. ★

New County Election Precinct Map

Arapahoe County

New voting precincts and boundaries in Arapahoe County that reflect changes in the state's congressional and legislative districts were approved January 3 by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder's Office was charged with redrawing the election precinct map following the reapportionment of Colorado's senatorial and representative districts and the County's commissioner districts. Nearly all of these districts changed as a result of population changes in the 2010 Census.

"As a result of the redistricting, the majority of Arapahoe County's voters will see a change in their precinct number and/or their Congressional, State Senate or House and Commissioner Districts," said Clerk and Recorder Nancy A. Doty. "Voters will receive information cards within a couple of weeks advising them of these changes."

By law, a precinct should be established for every 1,500 active voters, or up to 2,000 by Board approval. Each precinct must fall within the boundaries of a legislative and congressional district.

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New County Election Precinct Map (cont.)

In order to accommodate district changes on its precinct map, Arapahoe County adjusted the boundaries of 51 precincts, combining some neighboring precincts while creating new precincts elsewhere. These changes resulted in a net increase of 12 precincts, from 369 to 381.

The changes in precincts will not affect where voters can cast a ballot in General and Coordinated Elections because Arapahoe County is using Vote Centers, which replace precinct polling places.

The 2012 Primary Election in June will be conducted by mail-in ballot only. The 2012 General Election in November will be a Vote Center election, which means registered voters can vote early, vote by mail, or cast a ballot at one of approximately 30 Vote Centers on Election Day, November 6, regardless of where they live in the County.

Printed precinct maps are available for purchase from the Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder's Office at 5334 South Prince St. in Littleton. For more information on elections in Arapahoe County or to update your voting preferences, please call 303-795-4511 or visit www.arapahoevotes.com. ★

Upcoming LHHA Events

Mark your calendars for the upcoming LHHA events:

- January HOA Meeting—Wednesday, 1/18
- February HOA Meeting—Wednesday, 2/15
- March HOA Meeting—Wednesday, 3/21

Get involved in your neighborhood with these informative events. HOA meetings are held at South Holly Baptist Church at 6:30 P.M. and last about 30 minutes, with discussion of affairs and issues that affect homeowners. All LHHA residents are welcome! ★

Newsletter Editor Wanted

Do you have an interest in editing and desktop publishing? Joel George, current editor of the *Liberty Hill News*, is looking for a replacement and welcomes inquiries via phone (720-962-4855) or email (news@libertyhillhoa.org).

The HOA owns a license to Microsoft Publisher, and all advertising records will be provided. Duties each month include gathering content, editing for correct grammar and usage, emailing the newsletter to the printer, picking it up, stuffing inserts, dropping off the finished newsletters for distribution, and billing advertisers. The editor receives a monthly stipend from the HOA for his/her services. ★

LHHA Board

LHHA Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the South Holly Baptist Church.

Everyone is welcome!

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LHMD meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the South Holly Baptist Church.

Website: LibertyHillMetroDistrict.org
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The *Liberty Hill News* is published monthly to inform residents of news concerning homeownership in the Liberty Hill Area and to provide a forum for opinions and ideas.

Deadline for submission of articles, letters, and advertisements is the 20th of the month.

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Centennial City Council News

By Keith Gardener, District 2 Councilman



I hope everyone is off to a good start to 2012.

A special thanks goes out to our Sheriff's Office and our community for making Centennial, for the seventh consecutive year, the safest city in Colorado with a population of more than 75,000. Centennial also ranks 16th safest of 400 cities, in the United States, for similar size.

In December, Council passed an ordinance prohibiting any objects to be located within the public right-of-way. For the safety of residents, all sidewalks and streets, which are public right-of-way, should remain clear at all times. Any obstructions which impede pedestrian and vehicular traffic are now unlawful. This is in response to a 2009 a citizen survey, in which the majority (68%) of survey participants stated they would support an ordinance requiring property owners to remove and prevents obstructions within the public right-of-way.

Recently, the City of Centennial and other regional partners, such as Lone Tree, Littleton, and Douglas and Arapahoe Counties started a working group to look at alternatives for making improvements to C-470. While this group has only had an initial meeting, some options include creating four lanes in each direction, adding HOV lanes, creating a toll lane, and creating multiple toll lanes.

To help support Littleton Public Schools and parents, I wanted to remind everyone that registration for kindergarten will begin soon. Please keep an eye out for signs that will be posted. Registering your children in a timely manner will ensure proper funding for our schools.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about our City, please let me know. I can be reached by phone at (303) 754-3359 or by email at kgardner@centennialcolorado.com. ★

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Liberty Hill Metro District News

By Joel George, LHMD Board Member

If you have not yet viewed the responses from the 2011 Survey, please visit the Liberty Hill Metro District website (www.libertyhillmetrodistrict.org). A number of respondents indicated that they would like to be more involved as the Perimeter Update Plan continues to mature. The LHMD will be in contact with you to get your help in moving ahead.

The upcoming LHMD meeting on January 18 at 7:00 P.M., at the South Holly Baptist Church, will start a key stretch of meetings relating to the Perimeter Update plan. The Board agreed last month that it needs to make progress in finalizing the Perimeter Update master plans. The design of the fence and funding the overall project will be important topics that require careful thought and the input of many people. The involvement of all LHHA residents is requested and encouraged.

In addition, several LHMD Board positions will be up for election in 2012. This is a pivotal time to get involved in the Metro District, as the decisions made by the next Board will further the start that has been made on the Perimeter Update plan and will impact the Liberty Hill neighborhood for years to come. We invite all LHHA residents to become involved in the activities of the Metro District! ★



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HOME FIRE SAFETY



These articles are by Leanne Smith, from the website www.GoArticles.com. Though written for audiences in the United Kingdom, they have relevance to Liberty Hill, as well.

Organizing a Plan for Home Fire Safety

Fires are a challenge to predict, and occasionally a combination of underlying factors lead to total loss of your own home and property. It's just like that old saying: "a lack of planning on your part, does not constitute an emergency on my part." Unfortunately, despite the efforts of courageous firefighters, situations might not end on a positive note. You could lose everything you own.

There are three things you need if you want to protect yourself and minimize the threat to your loved ones and your personal property. Fires will destroy indiscriminately, and in just a blink of your eye everything you love own could be destroyed. Remember: you need to prevent, suppress, and escape. These are three things to remember. The thing is that a lot of people who already know of just how dangerous fires are still fail to plan properly.

To keep yourself, your family, and your assets safe, remember the three steps of protection. Hopefully, you will try to establish a prevention, fire suppression and escape plan after reading the suggestions stated here. This might just save your life.

Fire prevention

- Keep the cigarettes out of the house.
- Wires can cause fires, too. Check your cords and make sure you don't have intricate multiple wirings.
- Reed diffusers are better than scented candles. Don't ever sleep without putting out the candles. In fact, don't leave the room without blowing them out. They're cute and posh, but scented candles can be dangerous.
- Stay focused when cooking. Don't just leave and forget what you're doing.
- Don't let children get their hands on hazardous materials.

Fire suppression

Remember these next items should a fire break out:

- Get out of the house. If you've been properly trained and it's a relatively small fire, go for it. Otherwise, it would be wiser to just escape.
- Learn how to handle a fire extinguisher as part of your fire suppression system. Practice, practice, practice. This is something you need to learn beforehand, as most people won't be able to get it right the first time. Read the manual or ask an expert.
- Install sprinklers and fire alarms.
- Ask for assistance when buying a fire suppression system. You will have to read up before heading to the shops.
- Call the emergency hotline. It's still a lot safer to rely on a professional.

Escape plan

Finally, you will need an escape plan. First of all, create a diagram of your home with special attention to the exits - include remarks on the direction that your doors swing to. Those who live in high-rise buildings should look for the fire exits on their floor. Apart from that, check that the ladder is actually in place, as otherwise the fire exit is useless.

You can even have routine fire escape drills with your family to make certain that they know what to do. Teach everyone the basics of escape, i.e., crawling rather than standing up to evade the toxic smoke.

Finally, it's better to have a proper "escape" bag that will contain all your valuables. Include your important papers. You won't have time to linger trying to look for things to rescue during a fire.

A Primer on Fire Extinguishers

Fire is not something to take lightly. Every person needs to play a part to ensure that fire is prevented and that lives are protected. A lot of people probably do not give fire suppression systems a second thought. The thing to consider about mishaps is that they do not distinguish, they are immediate, and suppression is not consistently victorious. Unfortunately, individuals who live in multi-level residences typically place confidence in the prevention and suppression systems that their landlords have set up, feeling that this would keep all of them safe enough. In reality, such a lazy attitude is what causes considerable destruction and loss of life every day. As such, it's a good idea to be prepared; always have a strategy in place. Needless to say, the best thing to do is to prevent fires to begin with, but nothing is ever a hundred per cent fool proof.

Because of this, possessing a fire suppression system is critical. Whether it's for your home or business premises, fire suppression is a requisite you can't dodge. When planning your prevention and suppression systems, it's best to work with a professional who will guide your preferences and help you pick the best systems for your needs. It's not as straightforward as running off to a store and choosing the first extinguisher you notice.

To start with, what you need to know is that not all extinguishers are the same. There are currently four primary fire extinguishers for home use in the United Kingdom; each has a distinctive material that works on special fires. Every one of these extinguishers work diversely in different situations, which is why finding specialized assistance, is more advantageous as time passes.

1. Water-based fire extinguisher. Everyone knows that water beats fire, which is why this variety of fire extinguisher continues to be the most common. Water extinguishers are widely used on Class A fires, meaning those that were caused by paper or wood. The issue is that utilizing water fire extinguishers on electrical or oil-based fires can only worsen things (water is a conductor), and should therefore be bypassed. Additionally it leaves major damage in the premises, so anticipate to lose your belongings to water damage instead of fire.
2. Powder extinguisher. These extinguishers can work on Class A, B, and C fires, except it doesn't actually soak through and thus the fire might reignite any time. Powder extinguishers are more economical, but the powder residue can be deadly and cause harmful side effects. Also, powder requires intense clean up after the fire.
3. Foam-based fire extinguisher. This fire suppression system is a bit more flexible, as the foam works easily in decreasing electrical fires without causing further damage. It can be used on burning liquids also. Just like the water-based fire extinguisher, foam could damage the area immediate the fire.
4. Carbon dioxide-based fire extinguisher is a reasonable option for locations that have a lot of electronics. It can be used as a fire suppression system for burning liquids, but should not be used on hot oil (as in professional kitchens). A less well-known fire suppression system that uses wet chemicals should be utilized in case of fire in a professional kitchen scenario. Thankfully, CO2 doesn't damage the gadgets as it's simply pressurized gas. ★

About the Author: [Fire Suppression Systems](http://www.goarticles.com) on www.goarticles.com

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