



# CPW News

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## Website Update

Have you checked out the new CPW website yet? Visit **[cpwhoa.org](http://cpwhoa.org)** to find current news, history, documents and other information relating to our association and the surrounding areas. There are several public domain areas on the site, along with a secured area for homeowners only; the username is **cpw**; the password is **niwot** (case sensitive). You can even sign up for the email distribution list, allowing you to receive important messages and notices via email. Contact Sharon at **[manager@cpwhoa.org](mailto:manager@cpwhoa.org)**. Please remember that the site is still a work in progress. Board member Fred Thiele is the brainchild behind this site and hopes you'll offer your input and suggestions by emailing him at **[webguy@cpwhoa.org](mailto:webguy@cpwhoa.org)**.



## Complaint Protocol

Occasionally, the board or manager receive a complaint from another resident. And while no complaint will be ignored, anonymous complaints don't carry the same weight as those that are signed. Not only does a "signature" allow us to verify the complaint, but it also helps the board monitor whether multiple complaints are, in fact, from multiple residents or just one resident with a busy pen.

Be assured, however, that if the complaint is against another resident or homeowner, rarely will the complainants name be shared with anyone except the manager and board members.

Additionally, if you have a complaint about a neighbor, whether it be due to a barking dog, parking issue, noise, weeds, etc., please consider trying the neighborly approach and talk to your neighbor before issuing an official complaint. Often, the offender is not even aware of the problem and will be more than receptive to your concerns. Of course, if that doesn't work or you're not comfortable approaching your neighbor, then certainly contact the appropriate people to help with a resolution.

## Input Wanted

This is YOUR homeowner's association and through the board of directors you're letting a handful of people represent you. Make sure they are representing you and your views properly. Don't be shy about sending feedback their way. You can always leave a note in the black mailbox by the bulletin board, or visit the website at **[cpwhoa.org](http://cpwhoa.org)** and click the feedback link.

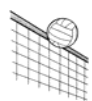
**1st quarter dues of \$58  
must be paid by March 25  
to avoid a late fee.**



## Social Committee Gearing Up



Anyone interested in organizing a “social” or “activities” committee in Cottonwood Park West is invited to the first meeting which will be held at Carol Wissink’s home, 7750 Manila Place, on Sunday, March 11 at 4:00 p.m. At that meeting, we will discuss any and all ideas—bridge and other card groups, volleyball, garage sale, book club, etc.—and see what we can accomplish. We can also explore alternative days and times for future meetings.



Remember, a neighborhood of strangers can become a neighborhood of friends and that is good for all of us. Contact Carol at 303-652-2347.

## Exterior Changes

We’ve gotten some feedback but we want more! Several homeowners have expressed interest in changing the exterior finish of their homes from the current old siding to stucco, vinyl siding, aluminum siding, stone, etc. Obviously this would change the common look of our homes. How do you feel about that? Do you like the idea of change? If the board decides to allow changes of this type, the changes would still need board approval prior to starting. Please leave a note in the black mailbox by the bulletin board or on the feedback link on the website and let the board know what you think. If we don’t hear from you we’ll assume you don’t care one way or another.



## Who’s Driving that Car?

Lately there have been a number of reckless driving incidents in our neighborhood, including purposeful reckless driving on the snow and ice. This is especially dangerous when so many people have had to use the streets for walking because sidewalks are not clear. Many of these incidents have involved young drivers. As such, attached to this newsletter is a copy of the E.S.G. (Encourage Safe Driving) form, a universal proce-



cedure for both rewarding responsible driving and reporting behaviors of concern. Check it out and use it as the need arises. And adults need to remember that they are role models for the younger drivers, so please do a better job of setting a good example.

## Attention Dog Walkers

Apparently all the snow lately has resulted in dog walkers becoming very lazy. Evidence of dogs can be found everywhere along the sidewalks and in the open areas. Just because there is snow on the ground does not give you permission to leave your dog poop out for the world to see and step in. Simply put, it’s just gross! Even if you forget to bring your own bag, you can always find one in the Mutt Mitt dispensers strategically placed along the pathways and in the parks, courtesy of Left Paw Pantry (303-652-6060).



And remember that not every dog is friendly towards other dogs. Help keep everyone safe by making sure your dog is always **under your control**.



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## Planting the Seeds for Spring

Although the snow and cold weather makes it seem otherwise, spring is just around the corner which means the planting season is near. We’d love to hear from anyone who might be interested in helping prepare and plant the various flower beds. Additionally, if your gardens are abundant with flowers and you’d like to donate some clippings, bulbs, etc. to the association, it would be greatly appreciated.



## Ad Space Available

Help offset the costs of producing this newsletter by purchasing a business card size ad. Costs are \$10/issue. Contact Sharon at 303-652-2537.

## Shovelers Needed

As mentioned last month, there are some residents who are not able to do their own snow shoveling and are interested in finding someone to hire at a reasonable rate when the need arises. If you are available for hire, please let Sharon know. At the same time, if you are someone looking for someone to hire, Sharon needs to hear from you as well. Then, it's matchmaker time!



**Social Committee Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 11, 4:00**  
**7750 Manila Place**  
**Contact Carol Wissink**  
**303-652-2347**



## Community Spirit

In the words of M. Scott Peck, M.D., author of *The Different Drum, Community Making and Peace*, "A group becomes a community in somewhat the same way that a stone becomes a gem—through a process of cutting and polishing. Once cut and polished, it is something beautiful." He further states, "There is no such thing as instant community under ordinary circumstances. It takes a great deal of work for a group of strangers to achieve the safety of true community." The CPW Board of Directors hopes that over the past few months, you have started to feel a sense of community and that the feeling will continue to grow. Only with the involvement and support of the members of this association will our neighborhood become a real community. We thank everyone who is already involved and those of you who have made offers to help when help is needed. And we look forward to hearing from others interested in participating in our association. "Community making is always an adventure!"

## Complaints, Concerns and What's Up With That?

*(Forms can be left in the black mailbox at the bulletin board, given directly to the manager or any board member, or mailed to P.O. Box 421, Niwot, CO 80544.*

Date:

Name of person submitting form:

Address and phone #:

Complaint, concern or comment:

Action Requested: