

# Cottonwood Park West Homeowner's Association



## CPW News

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### Neighborhood Gatherings

Things are really hopping here at CPW. April marked the first social event of the season—the Wine and



Cheese FAC was a surprising success with over 35 people attending. Because of weather concerns the party was moved from Manila Park to Carol and Darwin Wissink's house and we cannot thank them enough for opening their doors to us all, especially at the last minute.

In early May, over 40 people, including many of the newer residents in our community, gathered in Central Park for a Spring Social. It was great to see so many new faces! Everyone brought a dish to share and boy, were there some creative and yummy offerings! It truly was an enjoyable and relaxing evening and everyone really enjoyed re-acquainting with one another as well as meeting so many new people.

And you certainly couldn't help but notice the neighborhood garage sale at the end of May.

Over 30 households participated. Goods were sold, traded, donated...whatever it took to get rid of stuff! And like last year, several of the younger entrepreneurs had their own sales going; hot dogs, snacks, refreshing beverages...you gotta love it! Based on the feedback from the neighborhood, there will likely be a 3rd Annual Garage Sale next year, though probably later in the summer when folks aren't distracted with the end of the school year and beginning of summer. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event a definite success. (Be sure to check out the fun photos down at the bulletin board from these events and thanks to Leslie and Sharon for playing photographer.)

Next up, June 20th Summer Solstice Soirée in Manila Park from 5:30 to 7:30. **Bring Your Own Beverage** and a snack to share. And while you're relaxing with friends and neighbors, be sure to look for the information sheet on future fun activities. If you need more information, call Carol at 303-652-2347.

## Newsletter Schedule

It's been two years since the introduction of *CPW News* and up until now there hasn't been a regular publication schedule, which has made it tough for anyone who was interested in contributing news articles or advertisements. So, starting with this issue, the newsletter will generally be published and distributed four times a year: December/January, March, June and September. The deadline for each issue will be the 23rd of the previous month (February 23, May 23, etc.) If you have anything to contribute (which would be much appreciated), contact Sharon at [greenelally@juno.com](mailto:greenelally@juno.com) or call 303-652-2537. Advertising is available for as little as \$10/issue and offers a great way to get your word out to over 150 people (all residents and off-site owners).



## Rumor Control—No Pop-Ups!

Rumors come and rumors go so let's put a stop to this rumor right away. Popping the tops of the houses in our neighborhood **is not** permitted. So you're thinking "But what about the few houses on Totara that have 2nd levels?" Those houses were built that way back in the 70s, which the builder immediately regretted and that's why there are only those few. The board's reasoning behind not allowing pop-ups is that the houses in CPW are already very close together, and allowing pop-ups would basically eliminate what little privacy we currently have.

Please remember, however, that the restrictions on exterior improvements and changes have been dramatically reduced. The board is happy to review requests for not only new paint colors, fences, decks, windows, etc, but also siding options that were previously unacceptable. So if you're thinking of making a change, the board would love to hear from you. Just don't plan on popping the top!



## Annual Totara Block Party/Potluck Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, August 31

5:00 p.m. to ???  
Totara Drive

Live music by Niwot's own Kevin Dooley!!!

Pot Luck

Piñata

Fun for one, or for the whole family!

This party is a long standing annual tradition and everyone in the neighborhood is invited. The organizers do an outstanding job of making this a great event and are always looking for volunteer help and moreso, donations towards the music. It's never too early to send or drop a check off to Leslie Drennen, 6926 Totara, Niwot 80503

For questions or info on the Block Party please contact Kathleen at 303-652-3307 or Molly at 303-652-2461.

Send summer off with a blast and please plan to be there.



## Dues Reminder

**2nd quarter dues of \$79 must be paid by June 25, 2008, otherwise a \$15 late fee will be assessed. Either mail your payment or simply drop a check into the black mailbox at the lovely new bulletin board.**

## Annual Meeting Update

As mentioned previously, the annual meeting of CPWHOA is scheduled for Sunday, July 20. We'll gather in Central Park at 4:30 p.m. for a pot luck, followed by the meeting itself. CPWHOA will provide drinks if everyone else will bring a dish to share, such as entrees, salads and other sides, chips, desserts, etc. Please bring blankets or lawn chairs.

The focus of this year's meeting will be planning for the future and the maintenance and upkeep of our neighborhood. The financial status of the Association will be presented along with a budget for the new fiscal year. The board members and manager will be on-hand and available to answer any questions and look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting. If you'd like to help with the organization of this meeting, please let Sharon or any board member know.

## More Email Addresses Needed

The HOA office is still waiting to hear from many of you with your email addresses. Once again, there are several good reasons for us to have your contact information:



1. You'll get dues payment reminders before the late fee is imposed.

2. You'll get announcements about upcoming events, such as garage sales, homeowner meetings, weed spraying, etc.
3. When necessary, you'll get notifications about any problems in the neighborhood that might affect you.

Rest assured, your email information will be kept confidential. Send your email to *manager@cpwhoa.org*.

## Good Guys Award

Have you noticed that the flower bed at the entrance on Niwot Rd. has a new look? Many thanks to the garden



club participates who helped with this facelift, including Leslie, Tucker, Jeff, Sharon, Kathy, Molly, Kathleen, Joe, Denise and Ben. And keep your eyes peeled in Central Park for a revamp of that flower bed as well. Plus, don't forget that this group, as well as the others in the neighborhood, are always looking for more participants. For more info, contact Sharon at the HOA office.

## Mark your Calendars!



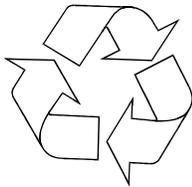
### CPW Pot Luck and Annual Meeting

Sunday, July 20th—  
starting at 4:30 p.m.  
Central Park

If you need any information, call Sharon  
at 303-652-2537

### Attention Trash Disposal Customers

Sometime in 2008, Boulder County is changing their recycling regulations. The County Recycle Center has ordered equipment for processing single-stream materials. This means that recyclers will no longer have to separate their items and can instead use one container for all recyclables. When the single stream process begins, Boulder County also plans to institute new trash and recycling regulations that will require *all* hauling companies in unincorporated Boulder County to bundle the cost of recycling services with the rate for trash service. Recycling will no longer be an optional subscription service; the cost of recycling must be included in the monthly rate for trash and recycling. So, whether you use the service or not, you will be billed for recycling so you might as well do it. But again, no longer will you have to separate paper from plastic from glass, etc. This new program comes from Boulder County, not your garbage hauling company so regardless of what company you use, it *will* affect you. Keep your eyes open for additional information from Boulder County as this change grows closer.



### Meet the Board



#### Treasurer, Fred Thiele—

Fred is an information security consultant and co-founder of Laconic Security, a security consulting firm based in Boulder. Fred has been a Colorado resident since 1989 and has traveled the state and the four corners area extensively. The Thiele family has lived in Niwot since 2005.

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It's your link to information on CPWHOA news, current events, and documents, as well as any neighborhood issues and problems. To access the homeowner-only areas, you need a case sensitive username (**cpw**) and password (**niwot**). If you have suggestions on ways the site could serve you better, send a message to [webguy@cpwhoa.org](mailto:webguy@cpwhoa.org).

### Connecting with Neighbors

The next meeting of the Connection Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 5:00 p.m. at Lori Eller's house; 7720 Manila. This committee meets monthly (usually the 3rd Thursday) to discuss various activities and events and welcomes all participants. They are especially interested in connecting with some of the newer residents in CPW, to say welcome and help familiarize them with the neighborhood. Contact Carol at 303-652-2347.