Cheesman Tower West

Newsletter - October 2017

First E-Newsletter

Introducing our first electronic newsletter! Our Board suggested we go this direction to save time and effort, and if you prefer a printed copy let Bridget know and she'll make one for you. Bear with us as we learn what tools and formats will work best for us

Winter is Coming!

The heat is on and we've had our first snow, so that means winter is really on its way. Time to winterize the car, change out the closets, and maybe drive up to the mountains to catch the last of the autumn glory. And then start looking forward to the holidays!

How Our Garden Grows

It will soon be time to "put the garden to bed" for the winter. This means cutting back the smaller flowers, but not the bushes yet, and mulching around the plants to hold in moisture and insulate the roots against the coming cold. The good news is that all our plants are perennials. So they will all be blooming again in the spring—spreading more and getting bigger every year.

This year there was an abundance of the pretty butterflies known as "Painted Ladies" as they migrated through Denver. Our garden played host to them, as did lots of others around the city.

Reminders

Stranger Danger: Give the ***back door entry code*** only to those who really need it – and remind them not to share with others. We don't want unauthorized people entering the building. Security is always a top priority.

Where are all the carts? The grocery carts are available for everyone to use. If you leave one outside your door (or worse, inside your door), there's one fewer for somebody else. One of these days, the person who needs a cart and can't find one is bound to be you. Please, take the extra two minutes to return the cart to the area from which you got it.

The next ***Board of Directors meeting*** will be held Friday, October 27th at 4 pm in the Community Room. If you attend, you'll know more about what's going on in the building.

If you have contributions or other ***suggestions for future newsletters***, please send or bring them to Bridget in the office.

Hey, Ray, what's up with the pool?

When our pool is closed, everybody takes notice. A chemical imbalance in the water, caused by pinholes in the pool water supply, turned into a detective story for Ray. He, along with experts in our pool maintenance company, had to do some serious sleuthing when the water started looking "icky" and swimmers with light hair and beards began displaying the Smurf effect; that is, turning blue.

After thorough water testing, the experts found copper in the filter and in the water. The combination of copper and chlorine was producing a film on top of the water and causing the blue tint. Apparently the pinholes resulted from repairs done last August to the 12th Avenue and north side garages, and copper in the pipes was leaching into the pool.

Once the problem was identified, correction began immediately. Ray added large quantities of sodium bicarbonate, Metal-Out, PhPlus, and calcium to the water. Then they "shocked" the pool by adding pure chlorine, and finally vacuumed it back to life. Obviously, nobody should have been swimming while all that treatment was taking place, hence the pool closure.

Ray tested the water through all phases. Now the pool is fit for swimmers again. No more Bluebeards!

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