

CHEESMAN TOWER WEST NEWSLETTER

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Pool Closed for Repairs

The pool will be closed on October 14th for repairs and will remain closed for approximately 2 weeks. While the pool is closed, crews will sand off the sealant coating on the tile surround, re-grout certain areas and reapply a new sealant to the tile grout. We estimate that the pool will reopen on 10/28. We apologize in advance for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience while these repairs are made.

Power Outage

As most residents know, CTW and much of the block experienced a partial and, eventually complete power outage on the evening of September 13th and into the early morning hours of September 14th. Per Xcel Energy, a nearby transformer was damaged and was repaired. Please remember to keep flashlights and emergency lights handy in case of a power outage. Here are two products that CTW residents have liked:

- Energizer Weather Ready LED Nightlight – This lantern requires 4 D batteries and has 3 brightness settings, with an estimated 1 ½ month run time on one set of batteries. The lantern can be folded out for 360-degree light. You can purchase this lantern at sears.com or overstock.com for roughly \$25- \$28.
- Durofix Emergency Standby Lights – Keep these lights plugged into your electrical outlets. When the power goes off, the lights will be charged and will automatically come on. The lights have up to 8 hours of continuous use time. You can purchase these lights in packs of 2 at Costco or on Amazon.com for roughly \$40.

Emergency Action Plan

The CTW Board of Directors and Staff are working to update our Emergency Action Plan. Once the plan is approved by the Denver Fire Department, each resident will receive a copy. We expect to hold a meeting or two with residents to go over emergency procedures; meeting date(s) to be determined. Additionally, if you have not provided your cell phone number to the CTW office, please do so. In the event of a building evacuation, cell phones may be the only way to communicate with residents who have already left their units.

Elevator Emergency Call Buttons

Each elevator has an emergency call button. Once pushed, it automatically sends a call to Otis Elevator. Often these calls are “no voice calls,” typically resulting from a passenger accidentally or curiously pushing the call button. If you (or a child you are riding with) do accidentally or curiously push the call button, please wait in the elevator until the call is answered and then tell the Otis representative that the button was pushed accidentally and there is no emergency. You don’t need to give your name, and you will be doing a good deed by saving staff, service people, or Board members from responding only to find out there is no emergency.



Patio Survey

A big thank you to the residents who responded to the patio survey! The Board has reviewed the survey results and plans to include participants’ input when discussing design options with the landscape architect.

Exterior Painting

Expect a flurry of activity on the building exterior in mid-October! The exterior panels and metalwork on the 3rd and 4th floor balconies will be painted. In addition, rusted metal panel brackets will be replaced (this should help to reduce the rust problem), and areas on the 1st and 2nd floor balconies that are showing rust again will be touched up.

Save the Date

Please join us on Sunday, December 4th, for the Annual CTW Holiday Potluck. Invitations to all residents will go out in November. This event is a great opportunity to come together as a community and to celebrate the holiday season with your neighbors.

The Heat Is On

The boilers have been turned on for the season. The AC will remain on as long as temperatures permit. Here are a few tips:

- While both systems are on, it can be tricky to regulate temperature with your thermostat. If you turn your thermostat down, you will turn on your AC; if you turn your thermostat up, you will turn on your baseboard heat. To limit your AC, turn your closet fan off.
- Now is a good time to replace your air filter. A new filter can be purchased from the CTW office for \$5.00.

Rock 'n' Roll Denver Marathon

The Rock 'n' Roll Denver Marathon is on Sunday, October 9th. This year's race course has been adjusted and thankfully, Humboldt Street will NOT be part of the course. However, many streets in Capitol Hill and surrounding neighborhoods will be closed on the day of the race. Please go to competitor.com/community for a complete list of road closures and times, no parking and transit information, and to view the course map.

Cheesman Park Maintenance

Many advocates of the park have written Neighbors and Friends for Cheesman Park expressing concerns about the contractors not finishing details around the park perimeter. Cheesman Park maintenance has now been handed off to Cheesman Park staff after many months of contractor-performed maintenance. Cheesman's maintenance staff will tackle advocate concerns and have set the following maintenance goals:

- Weed control and over-seeding throughout the rest of the year;
- Trimming shrubs and weeding mulch areas;
- Spraying a ring area around trees to cut down on string trimming next to trees;
- Rose garden renovation by an additional horticulturist;
- Working with the community to provide training for volunteers who want to support maintenance work.

Although some changes will take some time, it is the intent of Cheesman's maintenance staff to work diligently to improve the unsightly conditions in the park as quickly as possible.



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