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Quarterly Newsletter for the Highline Club of Denver ★ Volume 2 ★ November 2014

Welcome

New Neighbors
Unit 10: Tom Watson
Unit 56: Eric Leonardo

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Vacation Reminders & Tips

Highline Club Board

Taking a great vacation or wintering in a summery climate? If so, the members of the Highline Club Board encourage you to please take note of the following tips to prepare your home for its stay-cation.

- ★ Turn off main water shutoff valve and drain pipes, if possible. This valve is located in your furnace or water heater room and shutting it off will help minimize damage if your pipes leak, freeze or break.
- ★ Disconnect all exterior hoses from faucets.
- ★ Check smoke and fire detector batteries. Your neighbors will thank you.
- ★ Have your furnace checked by a professional if not using it for a long period.
- ★ Roll up your awning(s).
- ★ Cancel your newspaper.
- ★ Arrange for mail collection
- ★ Have a neighbor or friend check your home for leaks, etc. They can report leaks to the Board.
- ★ Turn off water heater including pilot flame and gas supply.
- ★ Turn off pilot flame and gas supply in gas fireplace.
- ★ Leave a key with a neighbor in case of emergency.
- ★ Report anything that needs attention to Ricardo Lases, Weststar Management: 720.941.9200

125-2525 Sunday, October 14, 1984

SAVE UP TO \$20,000 ON NINE SPECIALLY DISCOUNTED TOWNHOMES
Discounts Available thru October 31

Discover Highline Club On The Canal.
In A Class By Itself.
From the \$120's



A luxury townhome community nestled in the serene surroundings of the Highline Canal. With bicycle and jogging paths, an all-season pool, tennis courts and a complete recreation center.

At Highline Club you will experience majestic fireplaces, luxurious master suites, sumptuous tubs, and outdoor decks with private views. Two and three bedroom homes with a quiet elegance in a class by itself.

Highline Club

3% Broker Co-op

A development of The Thomas Group.

Turn north on Yosemite at Hamden to Cherry Creek South Drive. Open 10-6 daily. 337-9624.

Days of Our Highline Lives

Like sands through the hourglass, Terry Searles (Unit 18) has been a part of the Highline Club since the early days -- all 30 years! He knows the Highline history and drama of our homes' evolution.

The community survived a couple building developers and suffered bankruptcy, inexperience, the Savings and Loan crisis, architectural changes and a plethora of building changes and upgrades...even a name change.

From Terry's accounts, the original units for sale were Units 1-5 and were the show models responsible for selling the rest of the community. Although gray now, the first four buildings were painted four different pastel colors and did not include awnings. The blue awnings were added a year later to "spice up the gray look."

Additionally, the builder stockpiled many cottonwoods for planting along the trail, but only 2 or 3 survived. (Thankfully, the landscape committees have created an oasis to make up for the lost trees.)

Finally, the Highline Club was called The Sanctuary, and a large marble sign denoting the name stood at the entrance. However, it was decided that the marble sign/name was "more appropriate for a cemetery" than a housing community.

The creation of The Highline Club started out a little messy and melodramatic, but with rewrites, careful scripting and the respect we show for our homes and the environment around, we can all take a bow.

Winter & Holiday Festivities

Although the leaves have fallen and it's cold, don't hibernate! Denver is abuzz with entertainment throughout the winter and holiday season. For the most in depth lists, check out the Westword website at www.westword.com or denver.org. Below is a smattering of the happenings in town.

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Ice Rinks

Southwest Rink at Skyline Park, Denver
The Rink at Belmar, Lakewood
WinterSkate, Historic Downtown Louisville

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Brew/Wine Festivals

Denver International Wine Festival, Broomfield
12/19-21/14: www.denverwinefest.com
Denver Beer Festivus, Denver
12/13/14: www.denverbeerfestivus.com
Winter Brew Fest, Denver
1/23-24/15: www.denverbrewfest.com

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Other Entertainment

Denver Christkindl Market, Skyline Park
11/21-
12/23/14: www.denverchristkindlmarket.com
Traveling the Silk Road, DMNS
9/21-5/3/15: www.dmns.org
9/20-12/4/15: www.historycolorado.org
Cartier in the 20th c. Exhibit, Denver Art Museum
11/16-3/15/15: www.denverartmuseum.org

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Smoke and CO Detector Safety *by Rick Moss, Unit 25*

Our smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are like a mini insurance policy and from time to time we have to review the policy to make sure we're protected. To ensure our safety from smoke and fire we must install and maintain them properly.

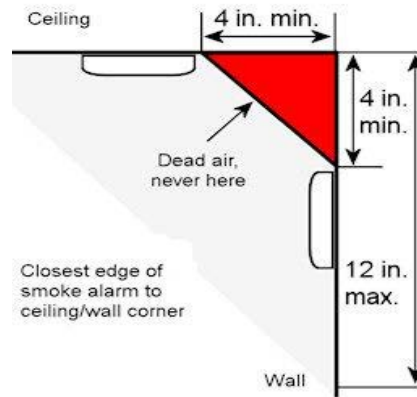
A typical room can be completely engulfed in flames in as little as 2-1/2 minutes from ignition, so where we locate our SDs is important. We should test SD batteries regularly, but if the detectors are installed in "dead air" areas, it's more likely they won't sense the smoke in time for you to escape safely, as one minute can pass before the smoke detector alarm sounds. Many bedrooms have only one way out, and if your smoke detector is in a "dead air" space, you may have just 30 seconds to safely exit your home.

The majority of smoke detectors have a lifetime of approximately 10 years with a failure rate of an estimated 3% per year. Most new smoke detectors now have a ten-year non-replaceable battery. You'll know it's time to change your detector when you hear that familiar and annoying chirp. Follow these tips to stay safe.

- ★ *Clean the dust from the sensing chamber with a vacuum*
- ★ *Test the detector's functionality by pressing the "test" button once a month.*
- ★ *If you have a whole house security and fire alarm system, have your provider replace the smoke detectors at least every ten years.*
- ★ *Install visual alarm devices that provide a strobe warning in addition to the audible alarm, if a household member is hearing impaired.*

And ... Don't forget the CO detectors!

Because we have gas-fired appliances in our homes, including furnaces, water heaters, ranges and fireplaces, it is important to have carbon monoxide detectors in the house, especially in sleeping areas. Some residential building codes require a CO detector in every sleeping room or within a few feet of the sleeping room door. With our natural gas furnaces and attached garages, it's a good idea to have additional CO detectors near the garage door and furnace room door. Risks include the inadvertent engine running in the garage (especially if you have a remote starting system in your car), a crack in the furnace heat exchanger or a clogged furnace, water heater or fireplace flue. CO detectors also have lifetimes shorter than SD lifetimes and thus need to be tested regularly and replaced in shorter cycles.



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Be There December 14th!

Highline Club Annual Holiday Dinner

This is a great way to celebrate the season, connect with neighbors and tour other HC homes. The potluck feast begins at 5 p.m. in one unit and progresses to the next and the next through dessert. A sign-up sheet to share your most delicious dish will be at the mailbox kiosk.

**Appetizers at the Ingemarsons, Unit 48
Main Course at the Rappaports, Unit 6
Dessert at Rick Moss' Unit 25**

See you soon!!

(As in 5 p.m. on December 14th)

We give special thanks to the generosity of our hosts for opening their hearts and homes. Thank you to the Ingemarsons, the Rappaports and Jackie Havel.



Let the Good Times Roll (And Bounce)

Hooray! Our new recreation sport courts are ready for play thanks to the investment and support of all Highline Club homeowners and the on-going management of our volunteer Board. As a community we should be incredibly proud to have come together and supported this transformation. The courts add immeasurable value to our community in so many ways including real-estate appeal, meeting neighbors and of course...FUN!

The recreational court area is open every day. For those interested in trying their hand at Pickle-ball, the community has a set of 2 paddles and 2 balls in a bag hanging on the fence court-side. A reservation box hangs on the fence where people can reserve a court. Please note: court shoes with non-marking soles are required (i.e., black soles will leave marks on court), and please, no pets or glass containers on the courts. Enjoy!!