

# Sanctuary Sentinel

May 1, 2025



## Welcome the new Sanctuary on the Park Ave 1 "Community Manager"

Chaillot (pronounced Shy-Yo) Lockley. She lives in Castle Rock but enjoys coming to Centennial to work with our Executive Board because we have "such a beautiful community" and "a great board." Ms. Lockley has been in the community management field for about 6 years, and she has multiple undergraduate certificates/degrees (CMCA and AMS). She is currently working toward a master's level Professional Community Association Management (PCAM) degree. On a more personal level, she is a mom to 2 grown daughters. While we can interact with Avenue 1 on-line, we can also talk to her directly about any of the following: payments, requests, landscaping concerns, irrigation issues, snow removal policies, and trash collection questions. She can be reached at 303-804-9800 or [closkley@ave1properties.com](mailto:closkley@ave1properties.com)

Submitted by neighbor Joan Liebchen

## Flowers and Mowing and Weeds, oh MY ....

- ~ Grab those gardening gloves and come to the Spring Clean-Up Day – Saturday, May 17th
- ~ Meet at 8 a.m. in the driveway of Martie Grubenhoff at 14111 E. Maplewood. Enjoy yummy breakfast treats and beverages by the Social Committee.
- ~ 9:00 presentations by South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR) and the new Cherry Creek State Park manager. Schedule a free fire risk assessment of your property with SMFR.
- ~ Neighborhood Clean-up will follow. Join your neighbors in helping to prettify our neighborhood.



ACWWA and our HOA management company are again working together to help homeowners conserve water and save on water bills by changing your irrigation controller. Look for an email from Avenue 1 Property for information on how to take advantage of this 100% reimbursement measure for your property.

Ash trees are subject to insect infestation will be treated this spring to prevent Ash Bore and other diseases. Tree-leaf development and local climate conditions will determine when spraying will be most effective. Flowers in common areas will be planted when there's no threat of frost. The Grounds Committee will focus on more drought-hardy perennials and xeriscaping in the future.

Submitted by Betsy Jeffery, Neighbor and Grounds Committee Member

## When in Doubt, Throw it Out .... Simplified Recycling Tips from Republic Services

Simple as 1-2-3. What to recycle and what to throw in the garbage.

1. Know what to recycle: paper, metal cans, plastic and glass containers.
2. Only clean and dry

3. Never Bag recyclables
4. If not sure, throw it in the trash i.e., plastic bags (or take them to Target's bins), food waste, Styrofoam, diapers and anything that is contaminated.

**In the next newsletter:** Watch for ideas of how to get rid of extra stuff!

Want a jump start on downsizing this summer? Swedish artist, painter, and author, Margareta Magnusson, introduced the world to an instructive Swedish tradition and practice in her book, *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning*. Magnusson, her husband and seven children lived an adventuresome and colorful life around the world. After her husband passed, she began downsizing her space and possessions with each decade.

The philosophy of Swedish Death Cleaning challenges the American practice of leaving a "mountain of stuff behind for others to clean up" once the owner is gone, e.g., the house, a lifetime of acquisitions, business affairs. Describing herself as being between 80 – 100 years old, Magnusson's very candid, but often humorous, approach asks readers why family and friends would want to take time out of their busy lives to clean out someone else's stuff? Arriving later in life with things well downsized, she shares that the possessions that now surround her have greatly simplified her existence. She says, "I can actually see my life now that there is less mental and physical clutter."

woman owned composting company in Aurora, already has individual customers in the Sanctuary. In addition to compostable food waste, they will take one lawn bag of plant matter each time for no extra charge. At each pick-up, the bucket's contents are weighed and reported back to the customer. If you are not sure you have enough compostable items, share a container with a neighbor but you may just be surprised liked with recycling how much can be composted.

Pick-up is every two weeks, coincidentally they currently align with Republic's recycling pick-up. For more information check out [www.wompostcoop.com](http://www.wompostcoop.com) or call 720.446.8948. Consider using compostable trash bags for regular trash items reducing plastics in landfills.

**A Bonus to Composting:** Wompost does all of the work and individual customers can order up to 60 gallons (approximately two wheelbarrows full) of FREE compost (if they deliver there is a modest delivery charge) in the spring and/or fall. Compost can be used for indoor and outdoor plantings.



Over 200,000 Little Free Libraries are currently found in 128 countries. In 2017, Denver received the City of Distinction Award for leading in Little Free Libraries.

The Off-Jordan Road Book Club donated a Little Free Library that was installed at The Sanctuary On The Park in 2021.

### 2024-2025 Reads from the Off-Jordan Road Book Club

\*The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhorn                      Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston  
\*An Unfinished Love Story by Doris Kearns Goodwin                      *Gilded Mountain* by Kate Manning  
Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir                      Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting by Clare Pooley  
Silent Spring by Rachel Carson                      Silent Spring Revolution by Douglas Brinkley  
Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmer                      Coming of Age in Mississippi by Anne Moody  
Master Slave Husband Wife by Ilyon Woo                      All That She Carried by Tyia Mills  
James: A Novel by Percival Everett                      Tell Me Everything by Elizabeth Strout

The Book Group meets the second Tuesday of the month September through June.

**\*Group Favorites!**

#### ITS FOR THE BIRDS...

As we are approaching spring our thoughts are about the birds that we have in our community. Some of the ones that we can see fairly often are the American Goldfinch, House Finch, the Northern Flicker, Magpie, Mourning Dove, Red-tailed Hawk, the Western Meadowlark, Robins and the Bullocks Oriole. The Bullocks Oriole is beautifully orange and ironically loves oranges. With the exception of the Magpie, we welcome the others who provide both song, color, and visual soaring in the sky. The Magpie is prevalent in our neighborhood. Unpleasant noisy birds to have around, they are carnivorous and will kill and eat the nestlings of other birds. They also build large nests and are quite

loud when nearby. Two homes on Maplewood have successfully gotten rid of nests before they had eggs in them but the persistence of the homeowners was necessary.

The Bird Committee, now chaired by Cindy Hartsfield, will be sending out articles in future newsletters about the common area bird houses, their upkeep, and locations. Meanwhile, if you have been feeding birds over the winter now is the time to clean out feeders to insure the health of our little birds. Peanuts, sunflower seeds, flat bird feeders attract large birds in early spring that will discourage nesting of the smaller song birds. Small bird feed includes nyjer, the No-Mess seed brand, and some others that the local bird stores carry. You may go back to your regular seed after the nesting and fledging are done about the end of June. If you would like to participate on the Bird Committee please call Cindy. 303-929-6865.



**March 25, 2025 HOA Board Meeting:**

Those in attendance for the Zoom Board Meeting were mostly committee chairs and members with a few homeowners. A total of 12 people participated. The main topic of discussion was Voles – interesting little critters, rather cute in the pictures, but not wanted in peoples' yards. They like areas with snow coverage where they can tunnel under and eat roots of plants. The Grounds Committee will pursue these little varmints and decide what their future will be.

Good news for our roads, which are in pretty good shape and we may be able to push out replacement for another few years. Clean Up Day will be May 17<sup>th</sup> and will include speakers from the park and Fire Department. An event not to be missed. The new representative from Ave 1 was

introduced. We look forward to in-person Board Meetings in the future and encourage homeowners to attend. This will be a good way for us to get to know our neighbors and attract more residents to actively participate in the activities of running a successful HOA.

Observations by neighbor Carol Race

**Tuesday, June 17th at 6:00 p.m.**

**Quarterly Zoom HOA Board Meeting**

**If you have questions or information for the good of the Sanctuary Community, please email it any time before August 10<sup>st</sup> for the next issue Labor Day weekend.**

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**Or Peggy Harrison at [jeffpegholmes@aol.com](mailto:jeffpegholmes@aol.com)**

- **Pictures must be labeled as to the object, time, and place.**
- **Homeowner names will be included in the newsletter with submitted questions, information and photos.**
  - **Send all HOA inquiries to the respective committee chairs or Board Members!**

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