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"One Vendor, One Day" Trash Consolidation Update

We are still working on the proposal to consolidate trash/recycling pick-up for Tiffany. The poll results from March were very positive. We feel confident that we will soon be able to offer those who choose to participate a discount on their waste removal services. The committee's next step is to obtain final bids from the primary vendors who serve our area and determine which vendor to recommend for Tiffany. This decision will be based on cost, pick-up day and other service requirements that

Tiffany residents indicated are important to them. After choosing a vendor, members of the committee will obtain final sign-ups from those residents interested in participating in this program.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY**

Karen Dunne is moving out of the area, so please direct any questions or comments regarding the consolidation issue to **Roberta Allen** (303-779-0361) or **Bonnie Dodd-Bensen** (303-713-9067). Thanks for your interest and your patience!

—Karen, Roberta and Bonnie

Please, We Need Your Input...

Main Entry: **treasur-er** Function: *noun* an officer entrusted with the receipt, care, and disbursement of funds

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It's **all** about fiscal responsibility! It's **your** money! For those of you who haven't made it down to our park, I need to let you know we have two tennis courts. Apparently, these courts have been consuming between \$1200-\$2100 a year of THOA funds to annually repair the cracks caused by moisture freezing and thawing.

I know nothing about tennis courts. I don't even play tennis. But I have made inquiries of a couple tennis court repair and maintenance and tennis court building companies, and this is what I have learned. The annual cost to maintain an older tennis court in Colorado ranges from \$1000-\$2000 per year depending on the size of the cracks. For \$25k we can resurface the court with a product that will last between 5-7 years without having to deal with cracks. Or, we can rebuild the court for \$80k with a crack-resistant product

that will be maintenance free for 30-40 years. So I am turning to the neighborhood. After all, it's **your** money. Our asset reserve fund has about \$80k. Enclosed in this newsletter is a survey to get a sense of what you would like to have done with **your** money and **your** tennis courts. I am asking every family to return this survey, so we get an accurate picture of the neighborhoods' real needs and desires regarding our park and tennis courts. Feel free to visit the park and tennis courts, walk around them, and consider the options below. Please return this survey by Friday,

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Document Review Committee Meetings

The Document Review Committee meets **every Monday at 2:00 p.m.** at the home of David Shulman,
7445 S. Milwaukee Way.
Volunteers are always welcome to attend.

Two THOA Board Positions Available

We recently accepted the resignations of **Frank Croshal** and **Dwight Faylor** from the Tiffany HOA board. We are very sad to see them go because they have worked so hard for this community. We thank them greatly for their service! As a result, we now have two positions available. In order to fill these positions, the board is still discussing how these positions will be filled. However, we need some volunteers who are interested and excited to make some positive changes in the neighborhood. This will be a fun and exciting way to get involved in this community. All who are interested are strongly encouraged to contact any current board member.

Thank You!

Our deepest thanks to **Bonnie Dodd-Bensen** and **Joan Davis** whose collaborative efforts resulted in the Tiffany directory you should have received within the past month. If someone did not receive a copy of the directory, please email either **Sheldon** (shel@viawest.net) or **Kim** (kkcaster@comcast.net), and we will gladly get you one.



Next Board Meeting

Thursday, June 28th
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

SOUTHGLENN LIBRARY

Tiffany Ladies' Night Out Group

This group meets the third Thursday of every month throughout the year, except in May, August and December. Activities include potluck dinners, Bunko, card games and some plays and concerts. Please contact **Idette Hunt** at **303-770-6954** for more information.

2007 Schedule

3rd Thursday of the Month

- June - Englewood Outdoor Concert

Everyone is always welcome -- please contact **Idette Hunt** at **303-770-6954** for information on the calling list and/or to RSVP for a specific month to join in.

Your Input, continued from front page

June 15, 2007 to the box on my porch at 7456 S. Milwaukee Way, or you can email me your comments. You can find the survey at www.Tiffanyhoa.org or www.neighborhoodlink.com/centennial/tiffany/ and email it to me at shel@viawest.net.

Since we are talking about **your** money, the snow this winter caused extensive damage to the fence along Dry Creek. We have received two quotes from fence companies that estimate repairs would cost between \$6k and \$10k. Both say that they don't recommend such repairs as "when an older fence has portions removed and then re-attached it weakens the wood even more." This same company goes on to give us quotes of \$38,895, \$43,440 and \$68,141 to remove and install a new fence using different materials. We must remember that they would love to sell us a new fence.

I am asking our insurance carrier to come out and assess the damage. Perhaps (if we are lucky!) they just might declare our fence a total (or near total) loss and that just might provide us a third option. I'll keep you apprised as to what they have to say.

—**Sheldon Spiegelman**
THOA Treasurer

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Policy Statement of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Tiffany Homeowners Associations (THOA) enforces the covenants, restrictions and by-laws of the THOA. The assessment fee paid to THOA is used for common ground maintenance, asset replacement and activities for our homeowners. In order to maintain our high neighborhood standards, all major landscaping or exterior changes to the homes must first be approved by the Architectural Control Committee. If you have any questions in regard to the covenants or other neighborhood business, please contact any Board member.

Contact the Board

If you have anything you want brought to the Board's attention, please put it in writing and mail it to Tiffany Board of Directors, P.O. Box 3392, Centennial, CO 80161. Depending on the item, and when it was received, it will either be addressed at the Board meeting following the Board's reception of your letter or at the next Board meeting.

This allows us to stay focused on current business, to continue making progress on the projects at hand, and to give the subject you are bringing up appropriate time and attention.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Volunteerism is Alive and Well

We have had a lot of turn over in the management of the Tiffany Homeowners Association, and it is truly refreshing to see new people stepping forward and volunteering! Each new committee that has been formed has had new volunteers from the documents committee, trash committee, directory committee, roofing committee to the fence committee. We could also not do without those who consistently volunteer; thank you! Looking for something to contribute? Contact a committee chairperson to see how you can get involved. It is homeowners who make Tiffany all it can be.

Documents Committee: **Carole Klutho**,
carolecarolee@yahoo.com

Fence Committee: **Russ Davis**, wrkn4par@aol.com

Trash Committee: **Bonnie Dodd-Benson**,
Doddbeny@comcast.net

Events Committee: **Kelly Urban**, kellyurb@yahoo.com

Projects Need ACC Approval

As a continuing reminder, we again list the primary types of projects requiring ACC approval prior to initiation of work or construction:

1. Fences and screens anywhere on your property
2. Exterior painting
3. Structure change
4. Structure addition
5. Freestanding structure
6. Landscaping
7. Roofing change
8. Any other improvement that impacts on the general environment that you share with your neighbors.

As you formulate your plans, review the above list to see if you must file an ACC project review request. If you don't find the specific change or addition you have in mind — or are still unsure of the need to file — call and check, or file a request. The proper forms are available from any one of the ACC members, may be downloaded via email, faxed, mailed or picked up in person. The committee will continue to attempt to provide prompt disposition of all requests.

Thanks to all neighbors for your good cooperation in keeping the neighborhood looking great! —ACC

Peach Melba

Here's a recipe for this summertime treat:

- 1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream
- 3 peaches, skins removed

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- 2 cups fresh raspberries
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon corn starch
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

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- 1 cup almond slices, toasted

In saucepan, mash down raspberries and mix with the sugar, corn starch, and lemon juice. Cook on medium heat, stirring constantly until sugar dissolves and berries are cooked—3 to 5 minutes.

In a bowl, place one or two peach halves, a scoop of vanilla ice cream, and top with the raspberry sauce and sprinkle with almonds. Serves 6.



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- Have good locks on all doors and windows and use them.
- Ask a neighbor to watch the house while you're away. It's a good idea to leave your vacation address and telephone numbers with a neighbor so you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Never leave your house key hidden outside your home.
- Arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail, newspapers and packages.
- Teenagers old enough to stay at home alone while the parents are on vacation often innocently invite just a few friends over for a barbeque, etc. But then the few friends invite a few more of their friends and so on it goes, until there are 50-100 kids at your house. This is where we get called in on reports of under-age drinking, thefts of valuables and stolen cars. Make sure your teenager is discreet on who he or she invites over.
- Arrange for someone to maintain the yard to give the home a lived-in look.
- Use timers to turn lights, a radio or the television on and off.
- Don't announce your absence on answering machine messages.
- Leave your blinds, shades and curtains in a normal position. Don't close them unless that is what you do when you're home.

- Secure storage sheds, attic entrances and gates.
- Tell your local law enforcement you plan to be away. Patrol officers may have the opportunity to periodically check your home.
- Have a written record of all your important serial numbers, credit card numbers, etc. and keep them in a secure place, like a safe or safety deposit box.
- Be sure the garage doors are locked and electric door openers are unplugged. Vehicles in your garage should also be locked and the keys stored in a safe and discrete location.
- Be careful about who you tell of your vacation plans or who may be listening when you are discussing the plans with someone else. This includes being aware of who may be watching as you load your luggage into the car.

Swim Lessons are No Substitute for Supervision

While it's important to teach your children to swim, the American Academy of Pediatrics is concerned that professional lessons may lead to a false sense of security among parents, especially those of very young children. "Programs for infants and toddlers have not been shown to decrease the risk of drowning, and parents should not feel secure that their child is safe in water or safe from drowning after participating in such programs," the AAP says. "Young children should receive constant, close supervision by an adult while in and around water. Drowning is a leading cause of unintentional injury and death among children ages one and two."

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Garden Color Theory

Ever wonder why you like some gardens better than others? Color is the key. If you are passionate, use reds, dark evergreens, walls, and enthusiastic design. Yellow is considered a good combining color with the reds and blues. Yellow is the color for friends, imagination, and intelligence. White is clean, innocent, and simple. If you have clashing colors, or want any one color to pop, use white. It's good for borders or in front of a dark area or evergreens. Blue is relaxing, speaking to caution, sensitivity, and conservative opinion. Blue blends easily with pink, yellow, and white. Pink hints of charm, warmth, and is more calming than red. Pink best blends with yellows and pale blues. When describing a garden, most people describe color first.

Consider bright and bold colors if you want your garden to stand out, appear close, or in active areas. Blues and greens are cool colors, pull back into the background, and used in areas where you want to rest or linger. Pastels are for spring, bright vibrant colors for summer, deep warm colors for fall, and washed out shades or evergreens for winter. If you want a continuous blooming garden, plant alternating areas of different seasons or repeats on a theme pulling a whole yard together. Blending colors creates relaxation themes, whereas clashing colors are used for accent or to draw attention to an area.

Buffers between colors can include the greens, grays, or whites. Consider the size and color of your structure, height of the building areas as well as the height of the plants. Whether you prefer mixes or masses of color, one will suit your needs. Color can help you cool or warm any area, make it appear larger or smaller, give depth to a narrow area, or draw attention to your favorite spot. Have fun trying different things in different years, until you get the look and feel for the colors you enjoy the best in each area. When the right plants are chosen, it's not as much work as you think.

—Y. Smith

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A Quiz

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—Sheldon Spiegelman

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?

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6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "dw" and they are all common words. Name two of them.

7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?

8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.

9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter "S."

- Answers:
1. Boxing
 2. Niagara Falls (The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.)
 3. Asparagus and rhubarb
 4. Strawberry
 5. It grew inside the bottle. (The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.)
 6. Dwarf, dwell and dwindle
 7. Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation marks, brackets, parentheses, braces, and ellipses
 8. Lettuce
 9. Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts

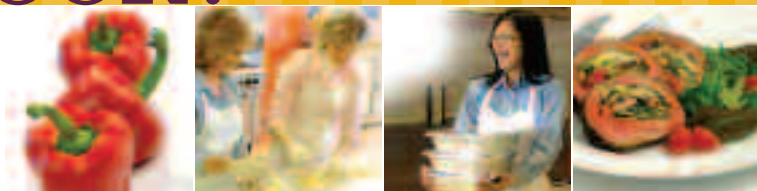
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