

# CELEBRATING *sixty years*

Greenwood Village will be celebrating its 60th anniversary as a city on September 8, 2010. To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Village, the *Newsletter* will look back at some of the people, issues, and events that are part of the heritage of this special place. The hard work and service, and the joys and struggles contributed by people the past 60 years have created our legacy, our quality of life in Greenwood Village.

## GREENWOOD VILLAGE CITY HALL CIVIC PRIDE IN THE COMMUNITY

Beginning with the Village's incorporation in 1950, the Greenwood Village Board of Trustees conducted their meetings at Curtis School located on South University Boulevard and Orchard Road (known today as the Curtis Arts & Humanities Center). At the time, finances were limited so there was no City Hall in those days. In addition, Belleview Avenue was a dirt road and University Boulevard was paved only as far south as Belleview Avenue.

From 1963 to 1969, Village government moved its meetings down the road from Curtis School. The

Board of Trustees met at the fire station on South University Boulevard. Fire alarms at the fire station caused disruption to the point that Village officials began searching for another place to conduct their meetings.

Greenwood Village leased a Quonset hut in 1969 located at 5788 South Ulster Street to be used as City Hall. At that time, the Village had a City Clerk, a Public Works Director, and a Chief of Police.

The Village had faced financial challenges throughout its first two decades until annexation of commercial development came along to pay the bills and provide an enhanced meeting place for Village leaders to conduct business.

From 1972 to 1976, Greenwood Village leased office space at 5660

South Syracuse Circle (known today as 5660 South Greenwood Plaza Boulevard). The building stands today and is part of the Triad in Greenwood Plaza. The Village had 25 employees in 1973.

Additional annexations contributed to a larger service area and more staff. The need for increased office space for administration and Police caused Village officials to move City Hall to a free-standing building at 7965 East Prentice Avenue, in the Denver Technological Center.

By 1978, Greenwood Village had 35 employees and was leasing 5,000 square feet of office space in the Denver Technological Center. The City Council asked voters to approve a \$900,000 general obligation bond issue to build a two-structure complex

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*Former Mayor John Calkins' barn was used as the Village Maintenance Department in the 1950s.*



*Today's Greenwood Village City Hall.*

# TAKE *note*

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at 6060 South Quebec Street on approximately five acres. One building would provide facilities for the administration, courts, police, council chambers, and meeting rooms. The second building would be a Maintenance Facility. The new Greenwood Village City Hall was dedicated on November 30, 1979, and the Village moved into its new home of 28,000 square feet in December, 1979.

In 1986, the Police Department expansion/wing was added, as well as the maintenance building, with general building improvements occurring at that time. The current Maintenance Facility, located at 10001 East Costilla Avenue, was completed in February 1995.

Due to the relocation of maintenance functions to the off-site facility, current space needs, anticipated growth within some of the municipal departments, adhere to building codes, and to be high customer service oriented, the City Council considered various options for improvements to City Hall.

In the summer of 1996, construction/renovation began on City Hall which was completed in May 1997. The size of City Hall is approximately 45,000 square feet. The remodeled Annex building, which provides evidence storage for the Police Department is approximately 5,000 square feet. City Hall has five conference rooms, an enlarged Council Chambers, plus a new Community Room which is available to the public for use. The entry lobby and customer service counters provide direct access to every department in City Hall.

Today, all official government business is conducted at Greenwood Village City Hall. This building with a striking two-story clock tower is a customer service landmark and a visible symbol of civic pride for the community. *gv*

## *Operation Lock Up*

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— place a nail in the hole to secure the window.

### **Alarms:**

- An alarm system is excellent for home security. It provides peace of mind to homeowners, especially while on vacation. There is a wide variety of alarm systems on the market.
- Make several inquiries to different companies for the best security system available to you.

### **If Your Home Is Broken Into:**

If you come home to find an unexplained open/broken window or door:

- Do not enter — the perpetrator may still be inside.
- Use your cell phone or a neighbor's phone to call the Police Department.
- Do not touch anything or clean up until the police have inspected for evidence.
- Write down the license plate numbers of any suspicious vehicles.
- Note the descriptions of any suspicious persons.

### **Other Precautions**

#### **You Should Take:**

- Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes or other "secret" hiding places — burglars know where to look for hidden keys.
- Never post a status on a social media site that you will be out of town. By alerting your friends that you are going on vacation, you are alerting criminals that your house will be unattended

for a period of time.

- Keep a detailed inventory of your valuable possessions, including a description of the items, date of purchase and original value, and serial numbers, and keep a copy in a safe place away from home — this is a good precaution in case of fires or other disasters. Make a photographic or video record of valuable objects, heirlooms and antiques. Your insurance company can provide assistance in making and keeping your inventory.
- Trim your shrubbery around your home to reduce cover for burglars.
- Be a good neighbor. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call the police immediately.
- Use an engraver to mark your valuables with your driver's license number. Marked items are harder for a burglar to dispose of and easier for police to recover.
- If you are going on vacation or will be away from your home for a long period of time, contact the Greenwood Village Police Department and request a Vacation Watch. An officer will be assigned to watch your home and patrol your street more frequently while you are away.

For more information on crime prevention, please call the Greenwood Village Police Department at 303-773-2525. *gv*