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**2020**



City of Cherry Hills Village



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# From the Mayor



It is my privilege to present this 2020 Annual Report for Cherry Hills Village. Our Council, Commissions, Committees, and Boards are committed to preserving our history and tradition as a safe, peaceful semi-rural oasis. The Village preserves its unique character – a pleasant, single family residential community inside a vibrant Denver metropolis. Our Village has been rated by the Wall Street Journal as the best suburb to live in America and deservedly so.

## ***I'd like to highlight several achievements and changes in 2020:***

**COVID-19.** 2020 will long be remembered for the COVID-19 pandemic, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus and its variants. Residents, in collaboration with the Food Bank of the Rockies, set up a virtual food drive for those who lost jobs because of the virus. Police, fire, and other essential operations remained fully staffed, while other employees transitioned to remote work. Council and Commission meetings were live streamed to allow for remote citizen participation, and video recorded for later viewing. It was a remarkable year, thanks and gratitude to City staff for managing the challenges with dedication and good humor.

**New City Manager.** City Manager Jim Thorsen retired in August 2020. The Village conveys sincere gratitude to Jim for his outstanding service in ably managing three major construction projects — City Hall, Public Works Facility, and John Meade Park. After an extensive search and careful interview process, the Village welcomed Chris Cramer,

formerly the Community Development Director for Commerce City, as the new City Manager.

**Public Safety.** In 2020, the Village once again ranked as one of the safest cities in Colorado and the safest city in the Denver metropolitan area. Property crimes, particularly fraud-related crimes, increased slightly, as they did in other surrounding cities. The Village experienced very few crimes of violence. In January 2020 the Police Department partnered with Metro Crime Stoppers to explore the possibility of pursuing DNA matching for leads on the 1981 cold case homicide of Sylvia Quayle. The Village continues public safety transparency with the LexisNexis Community Crime Map — now operational on the Village website —which shows the locations of criminal activity in the Village and surrounding jurisdictions.

**John Meade Park.** In September 2020 the Village completed a \$3.1 million major reconstruction of John Meade Park. Arapahoe County, through its Open Space and Trails Advisory Board grant program, contributed \$500,000. The old fire station was demolished, the ponds dredged, and shelters and walks constructed. John Meade Park now takes its place alongside the City Hall and the Joint Public Safety Facility as the final piece of the central Village Center campus envisioned by the Citizen's City Center Committee (CCCC) in 2007.

**High Line Canal Underpass.** Planning continued for a \$7 million project to construct pedestrian and cycling tunnels under Colorado Boulevard and Hampden to enhance safety and connectivity of the High Line Canal trail. Construction

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# From the Mayor cont'd

will be completed in 2021. Partners in this project include Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Arapahoe County and the City and County of Denver. Seventy-five percent of the project will occur in Denver, who will cover most of the total project cost. The Village contributed money to design and construct an extension of the High Line Canal trail from its existing location north of Hampden to the Hampden tunnel.

**Sanitary Sewer Consolidation.** Work commenced in 2020 on repair and rehabilitation of Village-owned sewer systems, with the goal of transferring the refurbished and consolidated systems to an established sanitation district. This work is being funded by a fee on affected residents imposed in 2014. The work, primarily in Districts 1 and 2, is planned for completion in 2021.

**Quincy Avenue Utility Lines.** In 2020 work commenced on undergrounding utility lines along Quincy Avenue from Happy Canyon Road to Holly Street. This project implements the recommendation of the 2015 Citizens Utility Line Undergrounding Committee, which prioritized Quincy Avenue because of the damage caused by Xcel tree trimming and is anticipated to be completed in 2021. Money from the project is provided by a fee paid by all Cherry Hills Village Xcel customers.

**The High Line Canal Collaborative.** During 2020 the Village participated in the High Line Canal Collaborative, which was comprised of the Canal Collaborative Forum (CCF); the Canal Collaborative Leadership Team (CCLT) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Denver Water will retain ownership of the Canal. Local jurisdictions will retain all regulatory and land use authority. Money dedicated by local jurisdictions will be spent only in those jurisdictions. The High Line Canal Framework Plan will provide the long-term vision and private money raised by the High

Line Conservancy will be used for improvements and maintenance.

**Bellevue Median Improvements.** Greenwood Village and Cherry Hills Village completed a joint project in 2020 for improvements to ten Bellevue Avenue medians from University to Monaco. The Village will contribute not more than \$60,000 annually for the next five years to pay for irrigation and maintenance costs of the new low-water plantings.

**Budget.** At the close of 2020 the Village General Fund Revenues were \$9.1 million, and expenditures were \$7.8 million. Revenue from property tax decreased slightly, while revenue from sales and use taxes increased. The Village continues regular payments, to be made through 2042, on the Certificates of Participation used to finance construction of the new City Hall, Public Works Facility, and John Meade Park facilities. The largest operating expense, 43% of the General Fund, or \$3.4 million was expended on Public Safety. Congratulations to Jessica Sager and the Finance Department, which in November 2020 was awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association, the highest recognition for municipal budget work.

Cherry Hills Village depends primarily on property and sales taxes to pay for services, maintenance, and improvements. Preserving the City's sound financial condition while negotiating intergovernmental agreements, public/private partnerships, and grant funding, will continue to pose substantial challenges and opportunities for Council and City staff.

*Russell Stewart*  
Mayor

# City Staff

The City staff is organized into several different departments. Those departments are:

- City Manager's Office
- Community Development Department
- Department of Finance & Administration
- Police Department
- Public Works Department and the Parks Division

There are currently 52 full-time employees and 6 part-time/seasonal employees.

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**City Manager** – Chris Cramer

**Deputy City Manager & Public Works Director** - Jay Goldie

**Parks Operations Supervisor** - Jeff Roberts

**Parks and Recreation Coordinator** – Emily Black

**Public Works Project & Right-of-Way Manager** - Ralph Mason

**Public Works and Parks Administrative Assistant** - Pamela Broyles

**Finance & Administration Director** – Jessica Sager

**City Clerk** - Laura Gillespie

**Human Resource Analyst** - Kathryn Ducharme

**Municipal Court Clerk** – Jason Johnson

**Community Development Director** – Chris Cramer

**Community Development Clerk** – Ethen Westbrook

**Senior Planner** – Paul Workman

**Chief of Police** - Michelle Tovrea

**Commander** - Patrick Weathers

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City Hall is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located at:  
2450 East Quincy Avenue. The Joint Public Safety Facility is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located at:  
2460 East Quincy Avenue.  
The City website is [www.cherryhillsvillage.com](http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com).

# Boards, Commissions & Committees

Many thanks to the members of the Village who have volunteered their time and efforts to staff the various boards and commissions!

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## City Council

**Mayor:** Russell Stewart

**District 1:** Randy Weil

**District 2:** Afshin Safavi

**District 3:** Al Blum

**District 4:** Mike Gallagher

**District 5:** Dan Sheldon

**District 6:** Katy Brown (Mayor Pro Tem)

*Cherry Hills Village City Council meetings are generally held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.*

## Board of Adjustment and Appeals

Kerry Sullivan, **Chair**

Jennifer Allen, **Vice Chair**

John Love

Bill Rapson

Randy Weil (Council Liaison)

*The Board of Adjustment and Appeals meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.*

## Cherry Hills Village Art Commission

Dave Schmidt, **Co-Chair**

Pamela Hall, **Co-Chair**

Sarah Anderson

Ann Marie Morrow

Kristen Moore

Della Patteson

Shenley Smith

*The Public Art Commission meetings are held on the last Monday of every month at 9:30 a.m.*

## Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission

Stephanie Dahl, **Chair**

Tory Leviton, **Vice Chair**

Robert Eber

Aron Grodinsky

Tory Leviton

Kate Murphy

Chelsea Scott

Fred Wolfe

*The Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m.*

## Planning and Zoning Commission

Mike LaMair, **Chair**

Jennifer Miller, **Vice-Chair**

Earl Hoellen

Doris Kaplan

Bill Lucas

Britta Miles

David C. P. Wyman

*The Planning and Zoning Commission meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.*

## 75th Anniversary Committee

Thomas Barry, **Co-Chair**

Dino Maniatis, **Co-Chair**

Laura Christman

Michael Robb

Doug Tisdale

Nancy Wyman

*The 75th Anniversary Committee meetings are held on an as needed basis in order to plan 75th Anniversary related events.*

# Financials

IT IS THE GOAL OF THE CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE TO PROVIDE CITY SERVICES AT THE MAXIMUM LEVEL POSSIBLE, WHILE MAINTAINING FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE PRACTICES. THE CITY HAS BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL THROUGH CONTINUED MONITORING OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES, ALONG WITH DIRECTION AND SUPPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

## 2020 Fiscal Highlights Include:

1

The assets of the City of Cherry Hills Village exceeded its liabilities at the close of fiscal year 2020 by \$43.2 million (net position). Of this amount, \$18.8 million (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

2

At the close of fiscal year 2020, the City of Cherry Hills Village governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$20.9 million, an increase of \$558,501 in comparison to the prior year. Approximately 67% or \$14.0 million is available for spending at the government's discretion (unassigned fund balance).

3

At the end of the fiscal year 2020, the fund balance for the General Fund was \$17.0 million, of which \$2.6 million was committed to capital expenditures.

4

General Fund actual revenues exceeded budgeted revenue by \$1 million for the fiscal year 2020 and actual expenditures were \$1.5 less than budgeted expenditures.

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**In November 2020**, the City of Cherry Hills Village Finance Department was awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the City's 2020 budget by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). Director of Finance & Administration, Jessica Sager, worked on the budget document for over six months following a strict set of guidelines governed by the GFOA. Once the budget document was submitted, a panel of independent reviewers completed an examination to determine if the document met the budget award requirements. The document had to be rated "proficient" in four categories and fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories in order to receive the award. The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and its attainment represents a significant achievement by the Finance Department.

**In 2011**, City Council established a Capital Fund to be used for items that cost more than \$5,000 that have a useful life greater than one year. As the City entered a period of decreasing revenues, it became important for Council to prioritize the use of the City's financial resources. The 2020 budget was developed by first assigning revenues to support City operating costs before more discretionary expenditures, such as capital improvements, were included.

**In 2020**, budgeted expenditures for all funds decreased approximately 3% compared to the 2019 adopted budget. The decrease was primarily due to expenditure of funds for the three major capital projects that had been included with the 2019 budget and personnel salary changes.

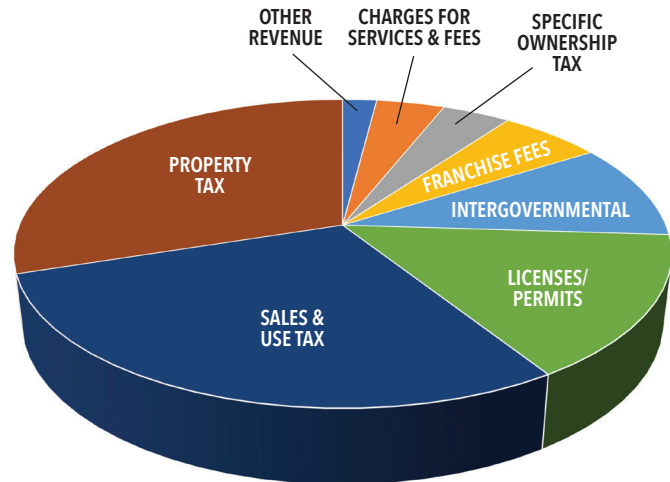
# Financials cont'd

## General Fund and Capital Fund Revenues

The **General Fund and Capital Fund** are the primary operating funds for the City of Cherry Hills Village. In 2020, actual General Fund revenue, combined with actual Capital Fund revenue, was \$9,101,027 and exceeded budgeted revenue by \$1.2 million. The major revenue source for the General Fund is property tax, which saw a decrease from 2019 to 2020 of less than 1%.

## General Fund and Capital Fund Revenues

Property Tax: .....	\$2.6 million	29%
Specific Ownership Tax .....	\$378,583	4%
Sales & Use Tax .....	\$2.7 million	30%
Licenses/Permits: .....	\$1.3 million	15%
Intergovernmental: .....	\$946,115	10%
Franchise Fees: .....	\$540,959	6%
Charges for Services & Fees: .....	\$358,504	4%
Other Revenue: .....	\$166,084	2%

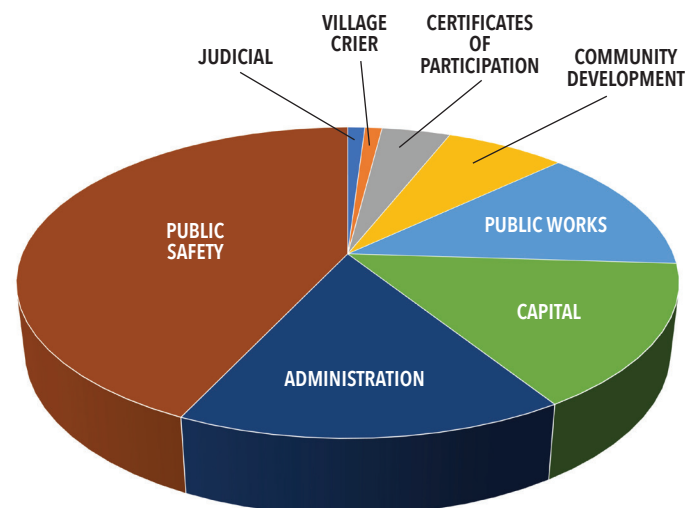


## General Fund and Capital Fund Expenditures

**Total General Fund and Capital Fund actual expenditures in 2020** were \$7,880,048. Actual General Fund and Capital Fund expenditures were \$1.5 million less than budgeted expenditures. Expenditures in the Capital Fund included a replacement patrol car and motorcycle and new patrol vehicle video and mobile data system for the Police Department. Budgeted expenditures in the Capital Fund for 2020 also included various equipment for the Public Works Department and Parks Division and a chip seal replacement plan.

## General Fund and Capital Fund Expenditures

Administration: .....	\$1.2 million	16%
Judicial: .....	\$81,826	1%
Community Development: .....	\$568,147	7%
Village Crier: .....	\$33,707	1%
Public Safety: .....	\$3.4 million	43%
Public Works: .....	\$1 million	13%
Certificates of Participation: .....	\$333,024	4%
Capital: .....	\$1.1 million	15%



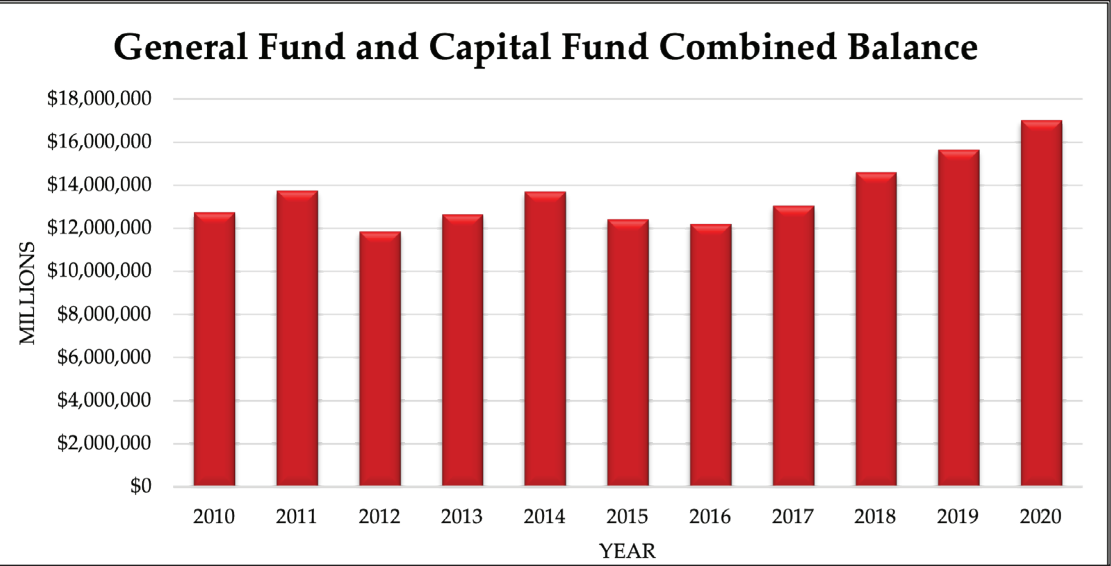


# Financials cont'd

## General Fund-Fund Balance

A healthy fund balance is important to the fiscal strength of the City.  
The 2020 combined ending fund balance for the General Fund and Capital Fund were \$17 million.

### 2020 Ending General Fund Balance



The 2020 audited financial statements and the budget document can be found on the City’s website at [www.cherryhillsvillage.com](http://www.cherryhillsvillage.com).

# Police Department

**The mission of the Cherry Hills Village Police Department (CHVPD)** is to promote strong community partnerships while providing courteous, professional and ethical police services. In 2020, this mission continued to be carried out with three main expectations in mind, including: providing exceptional service to our community, facilitating and providing procedural justice to any member of the community we contact, and lastly, expecting each member of the Department to be held accountable for our actions. Communication with community members is essential to our success and it also helps to strengthen the bond with those we serve.

The City of Cherry Hills Village was once again considered one of the safest cities in Colorado. In 2020, the five year analysis of statistical data indicated that property crimes increased particularly in the areas of fraud related crimes, theft from motor vehicles and criminal mischief. It is difficult to determine an exact cause, however, many agencies in the Denver area observed increases in property crimes. CHVPD consistently encourages our citizens to employ crime prevention techniques to include being vigilant with respect to locking car doors and removing valuables and keys, locking all doors to homes and activating alarms systems regularly. Additionally, the Department asked residents to recognize that many fraud incidents begin with the theft of mail. We encouraged residents to utilize a locking mailbox for incoming mail and to take outgoing mail to a postal service facility or drop it in a secure postal service mailbox. We also recommended that residents instruct shipping agencies and companies to not leave packages unattended, but rather require a signature upon delivery. To help prevent fraud related crimes, we asked residents to be observant with regard to suspicious activities related to any financial transactions or persons unknown to you inquiring about personal information.

The CHVPD was not immune from dealing with the COVID pandemic during 2020. The Department instituted some service modifications with regard to responding to non-emergency calls for service to keep both citizens and officers safe. In addition, on a daily basis all officers were equipped with additional personal protection equipment and plans were identified to control any potential issues. As vaccinations became available, Department personnel responded and 86% of the staff chose to be vaccinated.



The Colorado Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) requires certified officers to complete 24 hours of in-service training annually. Of the required hours of training, staff must attend 12 hours of perishable skills training including firearms, arrest control and emergency driving. Training is a fundamental part of law enforcement. Other in-service training in 2020, which was completed virtually, included usage of the in car camera system, e-citation devices, motorcycle updates, school resource officer certification, investigations, House Bill 217, Taser, leadership and armorer certifications. In addition to POST requirements, the Department has many certifications to maintain. In 2020, employees of the Department completed approximately 1699 hours of training.

The Police Department is very proud of the relationships and partnerships we have with other law enforcement agencies and the community. We actively participate in training with other agencies and assist with promotional processes with our neighboring law enforcement agencies. The Police Department strives to connect with our community members and works with other City departments to accomplish activities.

# Police Department cont'd

Unfortunately due to the COVID pandemic all of our community outreach was canceled.

The City and the Police Department look forward to reestablishing these activities in 2021.

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Notable investigations include:

1

In January of 2020, the Department entered into a partnership with Metro Crime Stoppers and United Data Connect to examine the possibility of finding a DNA match for the 1981 cold case homicide of Cherry Hills Village resident Sylvia Quayle. The investigation continued throughout the year.

2

Arrest of a subject for burglary who had been a part of a domestic incident.

3

Arrest of a felony criminal mischief suspect within 2 hours of the event who had purposely damaged several exterior lights at two different homes.

4

Arrest of a burglary suspect who had forced his way into a home with several juveniles inside. A teenage female was able to detain the suspect until officers arrived a short time later.

5

Arrest of a transient for trespassing after he made illegal entry into a local club. He was taken into custody on scene.

6

Arrest of a suspect for burglary. The suspect had attempted to pawn the golf clubs he stole from the garage in the Village.

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Participation in 2020 State Seat Belt grant "Click it or Ticket"

## DRUG TAKE BACK DAYS IN 2020:

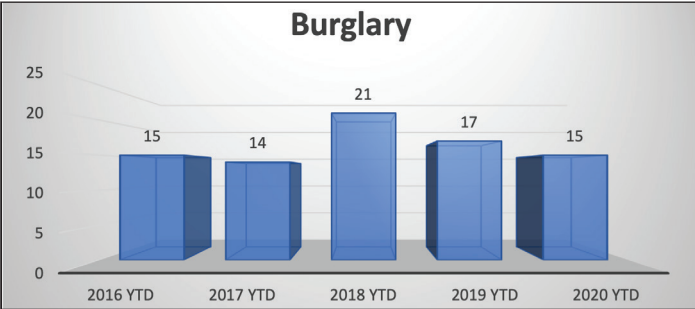
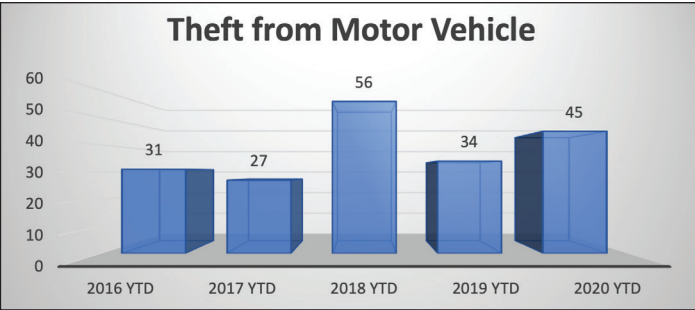
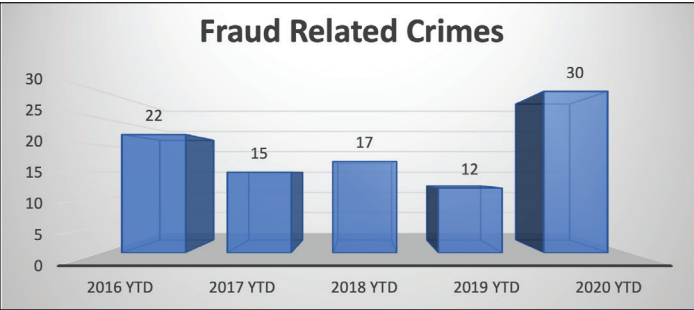
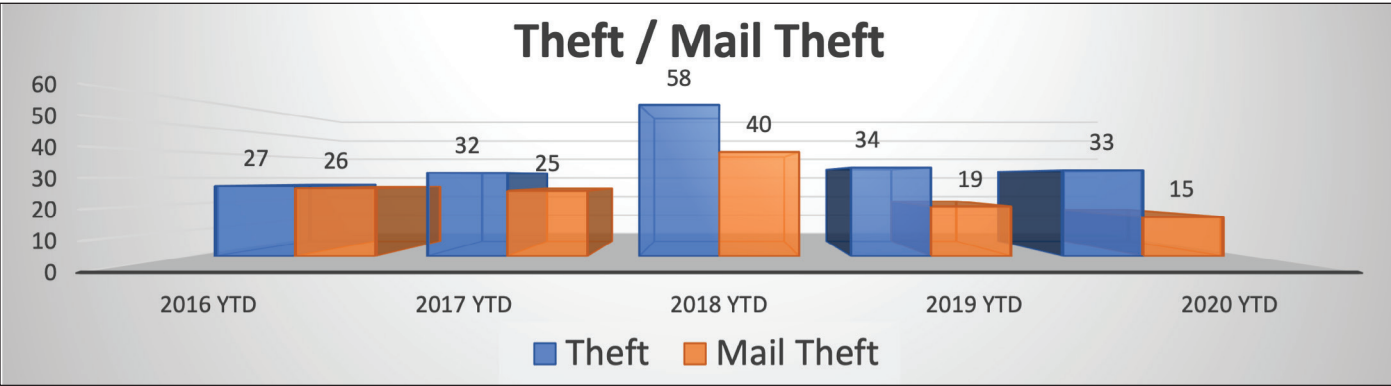
April 2020 Canceled due to COVID

October 2020: 139 Pounds

# Police Department cont'd

## Cherry Hills Village Crime Statistics

Year-To-Date Through December (2016-2020)





# Community Development

**The Community Development Department** strives to provide excellent customer service to residents, builders, contractors, and design professionals. The Department does this through its three Divisions; Planning, Building, and Engineering. The Department facilitates community engagement and input while also protecting the health, safety, and welfare of residents by ensuring that construction and land development meet the requirements of the City's Municipal Codes and are consistent with the City's Master Plan. The Department, led by the Building Division, is responsible for processing, reviewing, and issuing building permits as well as conducting inspections of construction and development. Additionally, the Planning Division is specifically tasked with creating and maintaining long-range planning projects, long-term policy documents, and the administration of land use applications. The Planning Division processes applications like variances to the zoning code, expansions to nonresidential structures, subdivisions or consolidations of property, and development in the floodplain. The Engineering Division reviews civil construction plans for compliance with things like drainage requirements, stormwater management, and development in the floodplain. They also support City staff with the review of land use and building permit applications as well as City initiated construction projects.

In addition to these responsibilities, Community Development staff provides support to the City Council, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

## Building Permit Activity

In 2020, the Community Development Department processed 806 building permits, including the submittal of 14 permits for new homes.

## Building Permit Submittals 2019 and 2020 Comparison

PERMIT TYPE	2019*	2020*
<b>TOTAL PERMITS</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>806</b>
New Single-Family Home	14	14
Additions, Remodels and Alterations	125	113
Accessory and Recreational Structures	45	59
Other Permits (Fences, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, etc.)	640	620
<b>TOTAL BUILDING PERMIT FEES COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$966,830</b>	<b>\$1,044,597</b>

\* Please note that the permits in this table do not reflect the number of permits approved in that year as the review of a permit can carry over from one year to another and some permits are withdrawn by the applicant.

## Development Review

There were 12 land use applications submitted to the Community Development Department in 2020. These submittals were highlighted by a Site Plan Amendment and a Conditional Use Permit submittal by the Cherry Hills Country Club for additions, renovations, and site improvements to their property. Also, the Denver First Church of the Nazarene submitted applications for a Site Plan Amendment, Rezoning, and Preliminary Plat in order to convert a portion of their parking lot into four residential lots which they intend to sell.

# Community Development

## Land Use Application Submittals 2019 and 2020 Comparison

APPLICATION TYPE	2019	2020
Appeal	0	0
Conditional Use	0	1
Site Plan/Site Plan Amendment	1	2
Floodplain Development Permit	0	0
Floodplain Variance	0	2
Major Event Permit	0	0
Nonconforming Certificate	0	1
Subdivision/Subdivision Amendment	3	1
Rezoning	0	1
Variance	2	0
Wireless Communication	2	4
<b>TOTAL APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>

## Department Projects

**Due to in-person restrictions related to the pandemic**, the Department temporarily suspended a comprehensive update to the City's Master Plan in 2020. However, a solid foundation has been laid and the project will recommence in 2021. With approval from City Council, the City updated to the 2018 International Building Codes to keep pace with new technology and knowledge related to construction practices. Staff worked with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office to complete the 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan to be eligible for State and Federal assistance. Additionally, the City continues to enforce the most updated version of the Arapahoe County Stormwater Management Manual.

## Department Personnel

**The Community Development Department has three full time staff members.** The City Manager is also the Community Development Director, and oversees department operations. The Senior Planner is the primary contact for the review of land use applications and building permits. The Community Development Clerk is responsible for day-to-day operations, the review of land use applications, and building permits. The Building Division and Engineering Division are contracted with Shums Coda Associates (formerly Colorado Code Consulting) and Kimley-Horn respectively.

# Community Development cont'd

## Total Number of Building Permits in 2020

With 10-Year Comparison

2010	743
2011	726
2012	870
2013	961
2014	972
2015	905
2016	920
2017	791
2018	806
2019	730
2020	661
2010-2020 Avg.	826

\*Ten Year Comparison for Approved Building Permits



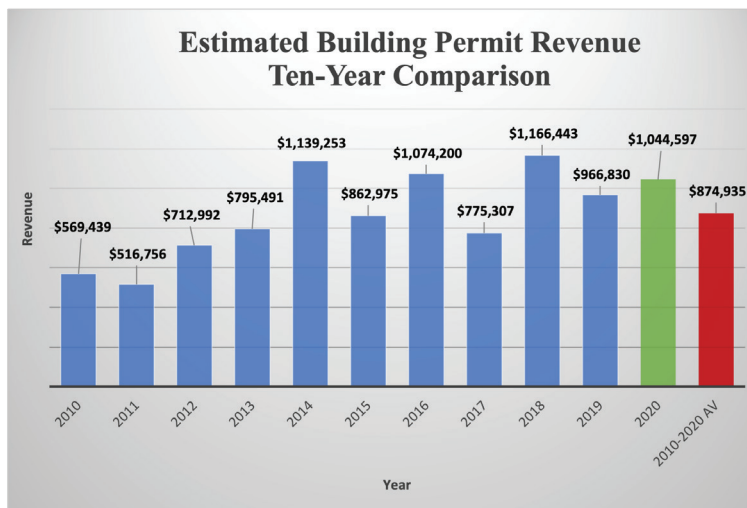
\* Please note that the permits in this table reflect the number of permits approved in that year regardless of when they were submitted.

## Estimated Revenue from all Building Permits in 2020

With 10-Year Comparison

2010	\$569,439
2011	\$516,756
2012	\$712,992
2013	\$795,491
2014	\$1,139,253
2015	\$862,975
2016	\$1,074,200
2017	\$775,307
2018	\$1,166,443
2019	\$966,830
2020	\$1,044,597
2010-2020 Avg.	\$874,935

Ten Year Comparison for Estimated Revenue for Building Permits



# Public Works

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**The Public Works Department Mission and Vision are:**

## Mission

The mission of the Cherry Hills Village Public Works Department is to provide a superior quality, safe and appropriate infrastructure and natural area for all residents. By establishing positive relationships with the community, the Department is able to provide effective, safe and well managed streets, parks and public facilities. The Public Works Department will be stewards of the environment and be fiscally responsible in all aspects of its operation. All Public Works employees will be highly qualified individuals and will be provided with the opportunity to continually increase their knowledge through education and training.

## Vision

To be a well-managed, highly effective department that responds to the current and future needs through creativity and innovation in order to maintain and enhance the community's essential infrastructure and natural resources.

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## In 2020 the Public Works Department completed the projects and events below:

- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) included replacing 160.10 cubic yards of concrete at a cost of \$69,096 and 162,043 square yards of chipseal at a cost of \$530,268.
- Snow removal operations were completed utilizing staff from both the Streets and Parks Division. The streets crew was deployed 51 times for snow and ice removal and 241 tons of ice slicer (salt) was applied. The City is using ice slicer instead of a sand mix. When applied on ice, the ice slicer melts the ice enough to break it up without causing major damage to the roads and wear on the equipment. It also minimizes the amount of sand and debris being hauled to the landfill resulting in cost savings of work hours, fuel costs and less maintenance on the equipment.
- City crews placed 519.5 tons of asphalt before the chip seal operations were completed by Vance Brothers. The street sweeper operation removed approximately 267 tons of material from the City streets.
- The Streets crew installed approximately 4,680 pounds of crack sealant on City streets as a preventative maintenance measure that will minimize the effects of water and ice damage on the surface and subsurface of the streets.
- The Streets and Parks Divisions experienced an accident and injury free year in 2020 due to their mandatory monthly safety trainings, annual customer service and ethics trainings, periodic OSHA training, defensive driving and flagger certification and worker's compensation trainings.
- The annual community shred day collected approximately 11,000 pounds of paper. The paint and electronics recycling portion of the event was canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Gravel road maintenance and repair was performed with the installation of 14,600 gallons of mag chloride and 19,500 gallons of water for dust suppression. The Crew applied 478 tons of road base on gravel roads and 50 tons was added to the road shoulders.



# Public Works cont'd

**Public Works issued 115 right-of-way permits and processed 203 work order requests.**

2020 PUBLIC WORKS RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS	2020
<b>TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED</b>	<b>157</b>
Utility Work	97
Driveway Install/Repair	18
Vehicle Tracking Pad / Construction Access Pad	26
Occupancy Permits	13
Parks or Trail Permits	1
Landscape Permits	1
Major Jobs	1
<b>TOTAL RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT FEES COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$60,275</b>

**The \$3.3M redevelopment project** at John Meade Park and Alan Hutto Memorial Commons that began in August 2019 was completed in September 2020. The construction includes a new natural play area, a boardwalk through the rehabilitated wetlands, fishing piers at both ponds, a picnic shelter with restrooms, and a performance area. A small ribbon cutting was held with Council members; a Grand Opening celebration for the public will be held in 2021.

**In 2019**, the Parks Division began a project with the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission to rename and replace signs on 20+ miles of City bridle trails. The existing numbering system will be phased out; a named "Village Trail" loop (about 7 miles) was the first phase. This project received positive feedback based on the first trail; it was put on hold in 2020 but is budgeted to continue in 2021.

**The City began construction** on a footbridge and connecting path for the High Line Canal Trail to meet the new underpass under Hampden Avenue. The project will be completed in 2021 and will allow trail users to safely cross beneath the state highway rather than at-grade.

**The City delivered** 41 trees at a reduced cost to residents for the annual tree planting program. This popular program continues to be a big success.

**Parks Division replaced** 101 split rail fence posts and 125 fence rails on bridle paths and in parks.

**Parks crew planted** 15 new trees in entry features and open space parks.

**Parks crew installed** approximately 5,625 pounds of crack sealant on City trails.

**The Quincy Farm Committee continued working** on a Master Plan for the future of Quincy Farm. City Council decided to pause that process and instead create a Request for Proposals for different entities to manage the property. Proposals will be due and evaluated in 2021. In the meantime, Parks staff continues to maintain the 17-acre property.

**The Annual Exotic Car Show**, Outdoor Movie Night, and Winter Celebration were canceled due to the COVID-19.