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From the Mayor



It is my privilege to present this 2021 Annual Report for Cherry Hills Village. Our Council, Commissions, Committees, and Boards are committed to preserving our history and tradition as a semi-rural oasis of repose. Our job is to continue to preserve 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'm delighted to highlight multiple accomplishments in 2021:

Public Safety. 2021 brought closure to a case involving injuries suffered by Officer Cory Sack in the line of duty. On October 11, 2021, Angelo Alstead was sentenced to 44 years for attempted murder and aggravated robbery. Our Village again ranked as the safest city in Denver metropolitan area, and one of the safest cities in Colorado. The Village website contains links to LexisNexis Community Crime Map that shows the locations of reported criminal activity in the Village, and NotifyMe allows residents to sign-up to receive news and alerts from the Police Department. In 2021 the Police Department began working to meet the requirements of Senate Bill 20-217 regarding body cameras.

Chief Michelle Tovrea Retirement. Chief Michelle Tovrea announced her retirement in October 2021, with her last day in early 2022. Chief Tovrea has been with the Police Department since April of 2012. The City issued an RFP for Police Recruitment Services in order to find a new Chief of Police.

Cherry Hills Village Police Foundation. A new independent 501(c)(3) Cherry Hills Village Police Foundation was formed in 2021. Village resident and former City Council member Mark Griffin conceived, organized, and championed the Foundation, along with fellow board members Jan Harrison Griffin and Jeremy Abelson. The Foundation is a private non-profit tax-exempt entity funded solely from private donations. The purpose is to support the CHVPD with resources to help ensure the health, safety, and welfare of Village residents by providing upgraded equipment, body cameras, training, and other resources and assistance for unbudgeted needs.

Cherry Hills Village Master Plan Update. State law requires cities to adopt a master plan and our municipal code requires the Planning and Zoning Commission to review the master plan no less frequently than once every ten years. For this project, Village residents formed a Citizens Advisory Taskforce (CAT) to provide advice and direction. The Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z), which is responsible under our Charter for the master plan, has held many public meetings and conducted surveys throughout the community. The CAT and P&Z explored issues such as multi-modal improvements, exterior lighting, public safety, the High Line Canal, and city-wide drainage improvements. Citizen comments and other information from the public meetings and surveys has been posted at chvillagevision.com. Council is scheduled to approve a final master plan update in late 2022.

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From the Mayor cont'd

Quincy Farm. The Village extended requests for proposals to area non-government organizations with interest in partnering with the City in Quincy Farm's operation, maintenance, and preservation. The Cherry Hills Land Preserve, Inc., a local 501(c)(3) organization, responded with a proposal to assist in the operation and financial support of the property, the use of which is restricted by conservation easement held by Colorado Open Lands.

High Line Canal Stormwater Master Plan. The City met with fourteen neighboring jurisdictions to agree on a plan to transform the High Line Canal from a water delivery utility to a 78 mile-long stormwater detention facility and linear park. As a result of those conversations, the Village signed an inter-governmental agreement creating the High Line Canal Collaborative. The Village will commission an engineering study of the four-mile stretch of the Canal in Cherry Hills Village to understand the cost to the Village to construct storm water gates and overflow locations in 2022.

Quincy Avenue Utility Lines. Work continued in 2021 on the undergrounding of Quincy Avenue utility lines from Happy Canyon Road to Holly Street, using the 1% Xcel undergrounding fund. This project implemented the recommendation of the 2015 CHV Citizens Utility Line Undergrounding Study Committee.

Sanitary Sewer Consolidation. The Village Master Plan identifies as a priority the consolidation and eventual transfer of City-owned sewer districts. In 2014 the Village imposed a fee increase for residents in City-owned districts and developed a plan to repair and rehabilitate Village-owned sewer systems. The second phase of this work is scheduled for completion in 2022.

High Line Canal Underpass. This multi-year, multi-jurisdiction project allows trail users to safely cross beneath state highway. A grand opening celebration was held on June 3, 2021. This long-planned joint \$7 million project creates a safe route to walk, run, and cycle the High Line Canal trail north from our Village. While most of the cost was carried by Denver and Arapahoe County, the Village contributed money to extend the High Line Canal trail from its existing location north of Hampden to the new underpass.

John Meade Park. This summer the Village celebrated the completion of an award-winning \$3.1 million reconstruction of John Meade Park. Arapahoe County, through its Open Space and Trails Advisory Board grant program, contributed \$500,000 for the project. 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.

75th Anniversary Event. The City of Cherry Hills Village turned 75 in 2020, but like many other activities the event was put on hold due to COVID-19. Over 150 residents gathered to celebrate at John Meade Park on August 28, 2021. Special thanks to the 75th Anniversary Committee for planning this event as well as creating a historic hallway display and several articles in the Village Crier and Villager Newspaper.

Public Affairs Consultant. In 2021 City Council conducted an RFP process and hired a public affairs consultant to look at several potential ballot issues for the November 2022 election.

COVID-19. 2020 and 2021 will long be remembered for the COVID-19 pandemic. Police, fire, and essential staff continued working in person, while other employees transitioned to remote work. Council and Commission meetings were held remotely and live streamed to allow for citizen participation, and video recorded for later viewing. Residents collaborated with the Food Bank of the Rockies to set up a virtual food drive for those suffering job loss because of the pandemic. The High Line Canal enjoyed its greatest use ever, as cooped-up Village residents sought fresh air and exercise.

Cherry Hills Village is almost entirely residential and depends on property and limited 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 possibilities, poses many opportunities to preserve, protect, and improve the best place to live in America.

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 53 full-time employees and 6 part-time/
seasonal employees.

City Manager - Chris Cramer

Human Resources Manager - Kathryn Ducharme

Deputy City Manager & Public Works Director - Jay Goldie

Parks Operations Supervisor - Jeff Roberts

Parks and Recreation Coordinator - Emily Black

Public Works Project & Operations Manager - Ryan Berninzoni

Street Supervisor - Greg Munson

Public Works and Parks Administrative Assistant - Pamela Broyles

Finance & Administration Director - Doug Farmen

City Clerk - Laura Gillespie

Municipal Court Clerk - Lindsey White

Community Development Director - Chris Cramer

Planning Manager - Paul Workman

Planning and Building Permit Technician - Jan Peciak

Chief of Police - Jason Lyons

Commander - Patrick Weathers

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.

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!

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

Jennifer Allen, **Vice Chair**

John Love

Tom Smith

Walter Kelly

Rebecca Vogel

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

Christina Fedorowicz

The Art Commission meetings are held on the last Monday of every month at 10 a.m.

Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission

Fred Wolfe, **Chair**

Aron Grodinsky, **Vice Chair**

Stephanie Dahl

Tory Leviton

Robert Eber

Kate Murphy

Chelsea Scott

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

Bill Lucas, **Chair**

Earl Hoellen, **Vice Chair**

Mike LaMair

Jennifer Miller

Doris Kaplan

Britta Miles

David C. P. Wyman

The Planning and Zoning Commission meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m.

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.

2021 Fiscal Highlights Include:

1

The assets of the City of Cherry Hills Village exceeded its liabilities at the close of fiscal year 2021 by \$46.4 million (net position). Of this amount, \$21.9 million (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

2

At the 2021 year-end, the City of Cherry Hills Village governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$24.4 million, an increase of \$3.4 million in comparison to the prior year. Approximately 74% or \$18.0 million is available for spending at the government's discretion (unassigned fund balance).

3

Also at the 2021 year-end, the fund balance for the General Fund was \$19.2 million, of which \$.7 million was committed to capital expenditures.

4

General Fund actual revenues exceeded budgeted revenue by \$2.3 million for the fiscal year 2021 and actual expenditures were \$.8 million less than budgeted expenditures.

In September 2021, the City of Cherry Hills Village Finance Department was awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the City's 2021 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 2021 budget was developed by first assigning revenues to support City operating costs before more discretionary expenditures, such as capital improvements, were included. In 2021, budgeted expenditures for all funds decreased approximately 5% to \$11.8 million compared to the 2020 adopted budget of \$12.4 million. The decrease was primarily due to the completion of the Hampden Avenue underpass, near completion of the sewer project, and decreased Capital Fund expenditures.

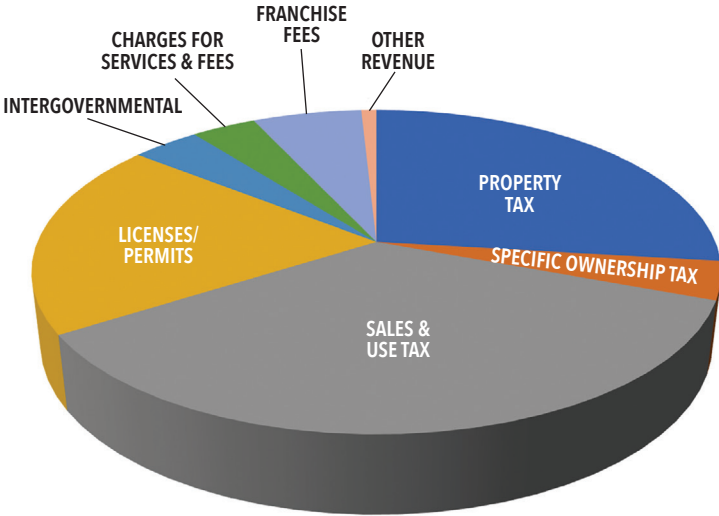
Financials cont'd

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 2021, actual General Fund revenue, combined with actual Capital Fund revenue, was over \$9.7 million and exceeded budgeted revenue by \$2.3 million. The major revenue source for the General Fund is property tax, incurred a slight increase in 2021 as compared to 2020.

General Fund and Capital Fund Revenues

Property Tax:	\$2.6 million	27%
Sales & Use Tax	\$3.4 million	35%
Intergovernmental:	\$370,188	4%
Franchise Fees:	\$597,032	6%
Specific Ownership Tax	\$371,854	4%
Licenses/Permits:	\$1.9 million	20%
Charges for Services & Fees:	\$352,577	3%
Other Revenue:	\$82,694	1%

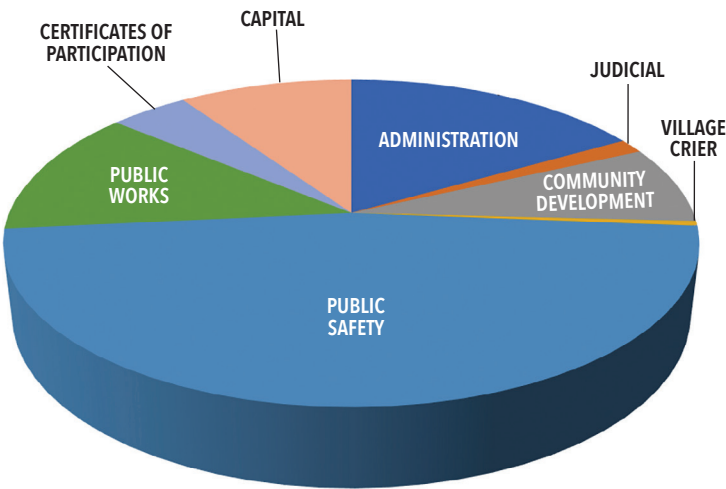


General Fund and Capital Fund Expenditures

Total General Fund and Capital Fund actual expenditures were \$7.6 million in 2021. Actual General Fund and Capital Fund expenditures were \$.8 million less than budgeted expenditures. Capital Fund expenditures included a police vehicle, parks equipment, a public works vehicle, and chip seal replacement.

General Fund and Capital Fund Expenditures

Administration:	\$1.3 million	17%
Community Development:	\$587,617	8%
Public Safety:	\$3.6 million	47%
Certificates of Participation:	\$333,557	4%
Judicial:	\$109,063	1%
Village Crier:	\$35,518	0%
Public Works:	\$1 million	13%
Capital:	\$7 million	10%

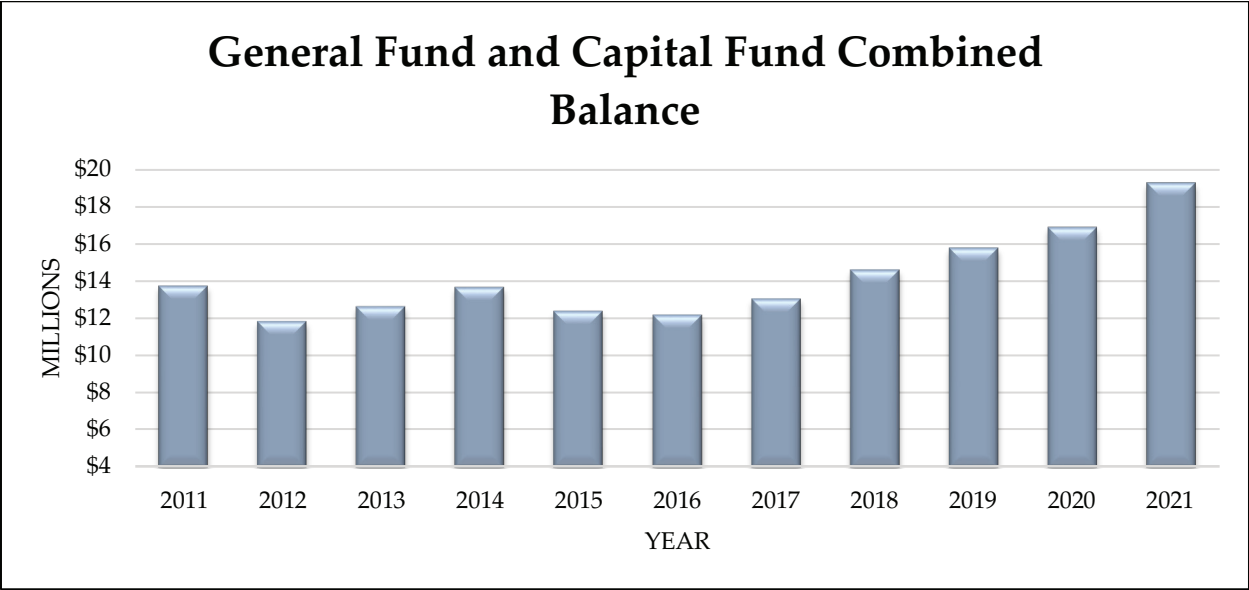


Financials cont'd

General Fund and Capital Fund Combined Fund Balance

A healthy fund balance is important to the fiscal strength of the City. The 2021 combined ending fund balance for the General Fund and Capital Fund was \$19.2 million.

2021 Ending General Fund Balance



The 2021 audited financial statements and the budget document can be found on the City's website at 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 2021, this mission continued to be carried out with three main expectations to include 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 their actions. Communication with community members is essential to our success and it helps to strengthen the relationships with those we serve.

The City of Cherry Hills Village was once again considered one of the safest cities in Colorado. In 2021, the five year analysis of statistical data indicated that property crimes increased particularly in the areas of fraud related crimes, incidents of theft and theft from motor vehicles. It is difficult to determine an exact cause; however, many agencies in the Denver Metro area have experienced 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, locking all doors to homes, and activating alarms systems. 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 U.S. 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 cautious regarding suspicious activities related to any financial transactions or persons unknown to you inquiring about personal information.

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 2021, included Legal Update provided by the City Attorney's staff, hate crimes, courtroom testimony, and interacting with mentally ill individuals. In addition to POST requirements, the Department maintained all compliance regulations mandated by the State of Colorado. In 2021, employees of the Department completed approximately 1935 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 mutual aid calls to provide additional resources when needed. The Police Department strives to connect with our community members and works with other City departments to accomplish activities.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic most community outreach events were cancelled. The City, and the Police Department look forward to re-establishing these activities in 2022.

Police Department cont'd

Notable investigations include:

1

Arrest of a subject for a vehicular homicide who was responsible for the death of a motorist driving in Cherry Hills Village.

2

Arrest of a serial burglar suspect who was responsible for breaking in several residences over two-month period.

3

Arrest of a subject for a vehicular assault who was driving a stolen car and crashed into two separate vehicles and then fled the area. He was taken into custody a few blocks from the collision scene.

4

Arrest of a subject who was stalking and harassing his pregnant ex-girlfriend whose family relocated her to a safehouse in the city.

5

Arrest of subject who stole and forged several checks from an at-risk adult who hired him for a home improvement project.

6

Arrest of a subject for vehicular assault who was driving at a high rate of speed, lost control of his car and rolled his automobile causing serious bodily injury to his lone passenger.

**Participation in 2021 State Seat Belt grant “CLICK IT OR TICKET”
Seat Belt Enforcement Campaign.**

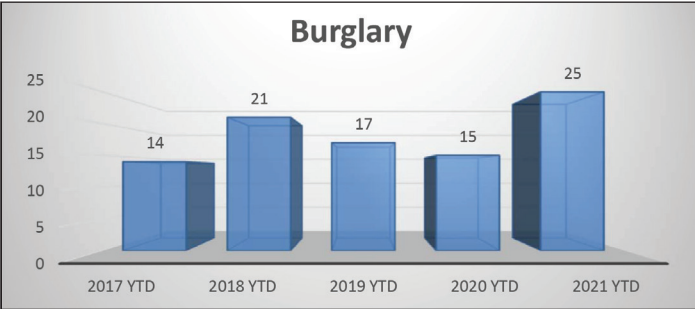
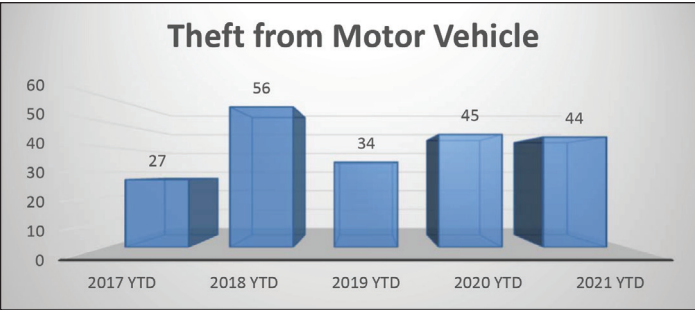
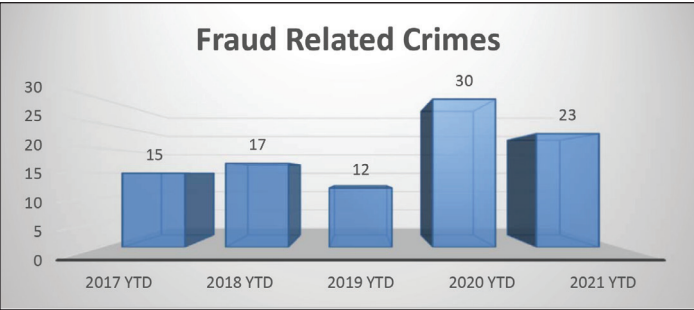
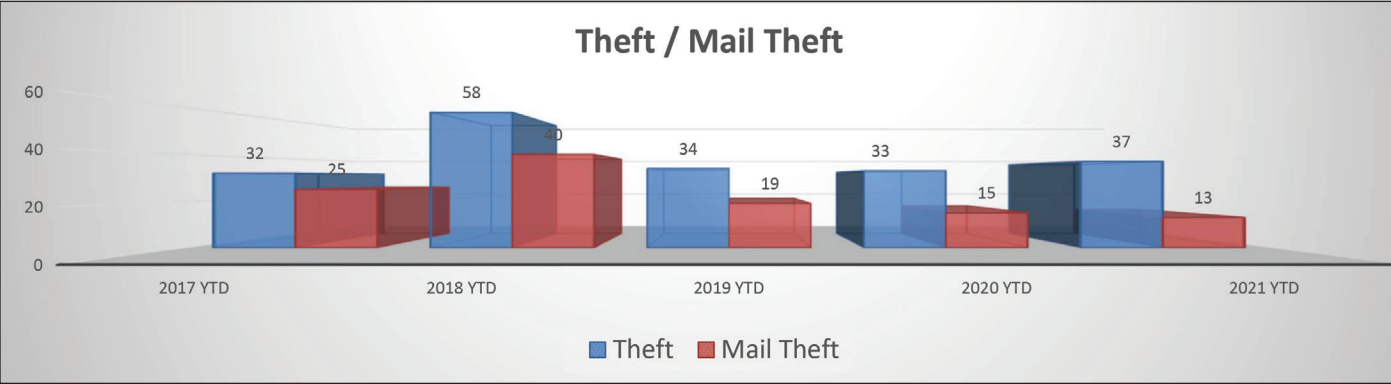
**D.E.A. sponsored DRUG TAKE BACK DAY:
October 2021: 238 Pounds**

**ASSISTED WITH FUNERAL SERVICE OPERATIONS
for two line-of-duty deaths** for the South Metro Fire Department
and Denver Fire Department held at the Denver First Church.

Police Department cont'd

Cherry Hills Village Crime Statistics

Year-To-Date Through December (2017-2021)



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 Code 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 such as 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 such as 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 2021, the Community Development Department processed 995 building permits, including the submittal of 22 permits for new homes.

Building Permit Submittals 2020 and 2021 Comparison

PERMIT TYPE	2020*	2021*
TOTAL PERMITS	806	995
New Single-Family Home	14	22
Additions, Remodels and Alterations	113	151
Accessory and Recreational Structures	59	85
Other Permits (Fences, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, etc.)	620	737
TOTAL BUILDING PERMIT FEES COLLECTED	\$1,044,597	\$1,583,932

* 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 13 land use applications submitted to the Community Development Department in 2021. The number one application type submitted was for subdivision amendments to help facilitate existing home expansion or new construction.

Community Development

Land Use Application Submittals 2020 and 2021 Comparison

APPLICATION TYPE	2020	2021
Appeal	0	0
Approval Extension	0	1
Conditional Use	1	0
Site Plan/Site Plan Amendment	2	1
Floodplain Development Permit	0	0
Floodplain Variance	2	2
Major Event Permit	0	0
Nonconforming Certificate	1	0
Subdivision/Subdivision Amendment	1	5
Rezoning	1	2
Variance	0	0
Wireless Communication	4	2
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	12	13

Department Projects

The Department officially restarted the effort to update the City's Master Plan. The initial stage of public outreach occurred and drafting of the document started in 2021. This year marked the five-year in-depth audit from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to determine the City's Community Rating System (CRS) score. Staff successfully demonstrated that the Village continues to maintain a CRS Rating of 7. Due to the lingering impacts of COVID-19, staff took the opportunity to update forms and handouts to make them more user friendly.

Department Personnel

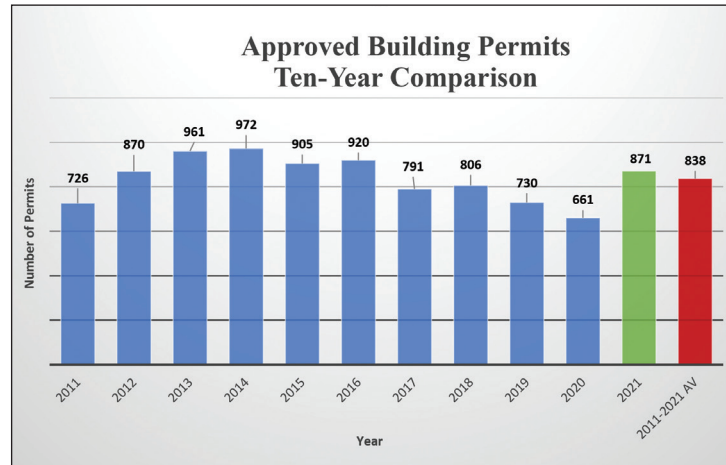
The Community Development Department has three full time staff members. The City Manager is also the Community Development Director, and they oversee department operations. The Planning Manager is the primary contact for the review of land use applications and building permits. The Community Development 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 2021 With 10-Year Comparison

2011	726
2012	870
2013	961
2014	972
2015	905
2016	920
2017	791
2018	806
2019	730
2020	661
2021	871
2011-2021 Avg.	838

*Ten Year Comparison for Approved Building Permits

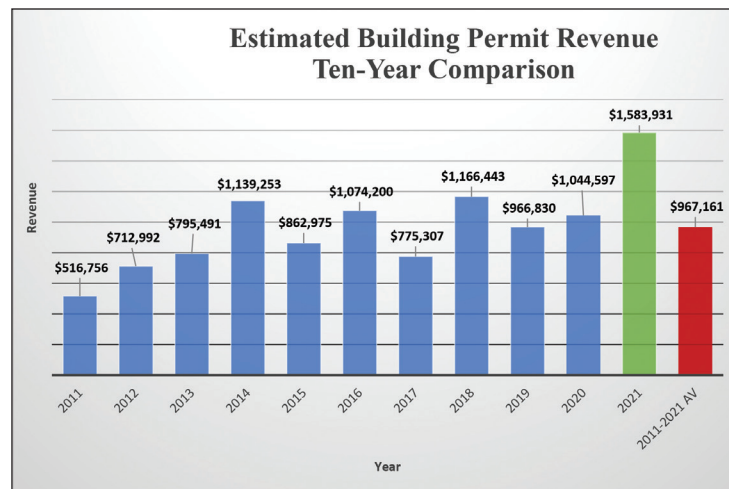


* Please note that the permits in this table reflect the number of permits approved in that year regardless of when they were submitted.

Estimated Revenue from all Building Permits in 2021 With 10-Year Comparison

2011	\$516,756
2012	\$712,992
2013	\$795,491
2014	\$1,139,253
2015	\$862,975
2016	\$1,074,200
2017	\$775,307
2018	\$1,167,142
2019	\$966,830
2020	\$1,044,597
2021	\$1,583,931
2011-2021 Avg.	\$967,161

Ten Year Comparison for Estimated Revenue for Building Permits



Public Works



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.

In 2021 the Public Works Department completed the projects and events below:

- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) included replacing 127 cubic yards of concrete at a cost of \$79,200, and 32,234 square yards of chipseal at a cost of \$235,882.
- Snow removal operations were completed utilizing staff from both the Streets and Parks Division. The streets crew was deployed 56 times for snow and ice removal and 213 tons of Ice Slicer (salt) and 8 tons of sand was applied. The City is mostly 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 187 tons of asphalt before the chip seal operations were completed by Vance Brothers. The street sweeper operation removed approximately 430 tons of material from the City streets.
- The Streets crew installed approximately 18,090 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 2021 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 and recycling day collected approximately 11,000 pounds of paper, 3,973 pounds of latex paint, 1,140 pounds of oil based paint, 8,018 pounds of electronics and 349 pounds of other chemicals/batteries at a cost of \$12,323.09.
- Gravel road maintenance and repair was performed with the installation of 12,750 gallons of mag chloride and 5,350 gallons of water for dust suppression. The Crew applied 452 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.

2021 PUBLIC WORKS RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS	2021
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	157
Utility Work	86
Driveway Install/Repair	25
Vehicle Tracking Pad / Construction Access Pad	29
Occupancy Permits	14
Parks or Trail Permits	1
Landscape Permits	1
Major Jobs	1
TOTAL RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT FEES COLLECTED	\$64,970

- Through the City's street paving program, Manor Drive was converted from gravel to pavement. The program requires residents to fund the initial paving costs and once completed the City will maintain and repair the road.
- The Parks Division continued 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 is receiving positive feedback and will be completed in 2022.
- The City completed construction on a footbridge and connecting path for the High Line Canal Trail to meet the new underpass under Hampden Avenue. The project allows trail users to safely cross beneath the state highway rather than at-grade. A grand opening celebration was held on June 3, 2021.
- The City delivered 34 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 95 split rail fence posts and 112 fence rails on bridle paths and in parks.
- Parks crew planted 21 new trees in entry features and open space parks.
- Parks crew installed approximately 4,700 pounds of crack sealant on City trails.
- City Council selected a nonprofit, the Cherry Hills Land Preserve, to partner with for programming and planning for Quincy Farm Parks staff continues to maintain the 17-acre property.
- The annual Outdoor Movie Night was held on August 21st with approximately 150 guests enjoying free popcorn and ice cream.
- The City held its annual Exotic Car Show on October 2nd. The event was a huge success with approximately 300 visitors.
- The annual Winter Celebration was cancelled due to COVID-19 cases.
- 75th Anniversary Celebration – After a year delay due to COVID-19, 150 residents gathered to celebrate the City's 75th (+1) Anniversary at John Meade Park on August 28th. The event included musical performances by local groups, a raptor exhibition, and a visit from the Arapahoe County Mounted Patrol.
- John Meade Park Grand Opening – On June 26th, over 200 people celebrated the Grand Opening of the newly redeveloped John Meade Park and Alan Hutto Memorial Commons. Kids enjoyed a scavenger hunt through the new park and playground, and a magic show and puppet show as well!