
VILLAGE VOICE

A message from the President

Owners might be wondering why they received a mail-in ballot after the Annual Meeting. Recent legislation at the state level involving HOAs included wording about elections.

Uncontested elections — those with the same number of candidates as positions being voted on — can be carried out in-person. Contested elections — those with more candidates than positions — now must be carried out using a mail-in ballot election.

Ballots must be received no later than 5:00 pm on February 20, 2023.

RMVE has applied to Jeffco for a permit to properly rewire the workshop in Genesee. Until this work has been completed, the workshop and game room are closed to residents.

It is important for residents to remove the ice and snow from their decks. Buildup causes both a safety issue and a structural issue causing decks to rot in the past. You may ask an RMVE Maintenance Team member to shovel during their working hours. Tips are appreciated. Maintenance Team members reserve the right to refuse service.

— Pete MacKay

Meet the Adamowskis



Gil and Mimi Adamowski have been together for a long time, just having celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December. They met officially at a Sadie Hawkins dance — at the recommendation of Mimi’s father — the summer before heading to college. But they learned upon their engagement that they’d appeared in a picture together at age two, fighting over a toy!

Their parents knew each other in the Polish community where they lived on the north side of Chicago; and they married right out of college at age 22. She graduated from Loyola, he from DePaul.

Those who grew up in Chicago know there’s a North Side and a South Side, and the point of demarcation is often defined by which baseball team a person roots for — the Cubs or the White Sox. Intermarriage might be characterized by a White Sox fan from the South Side who marries someone from the North Side like Mimi’s parents.

Gil’s career was in administration for Shell Oil, which took the family all over the country and back again — Wayne, NJ; Houston; Philadelphia; West Orange, NJ; and then to Evergreen in 1991. “We left children around the country,” Mimi quips and then adds “but now they are all here

Basics from Brac

Security cameras are being installed the first week of February to better protect outside entries and garages.

It is important to keep the external doors closed — please do not prop them open. There are reasons for concern about strangers slipping past and gaining entry without permission.

Please welcome Skyler Burford as a new maintenance employee in Genesee. Skyler will be taking over part of my former job to free up more time to enable me to focus on managing.

Thanks to Helena Roberts (G-209) for taking on the redo and upkeep of our website! You'll find contact info for residents as well as birthdays, a calendar of events, and copies of recent newsletters. To make corrections or to add your email address to the listing, send me an email or leave a written message.

Reminders from Brittany at KCA

Ballots have been sent, and it is important for instructions to be followed thoroughly to ensure your vote is counted. Owners must be current on payments to have their votes counted; if in doubt, contact KC and Associates at 303-634-2872 to inquire.

WELCOME

- Nancy Stiehl • Genesee 219
- Cynthia Hillegass • Bergen 302

in Colorado.” The couple had six children and now have nine grandchildren.

“I was the financial guy for the cleanup at the arsenal,” Gil says, explaining that Shell was making pest strips there before people paid attention to dumping of toxic waste.

Editorial note: For those readers who didn't live in Colorado when the Rocky Mountain Arsenal made the news on a daily basis for a decade or more because of contamination, the 17,000-acre arsenal was established in 1942 to produce chemical weapons such as mustard gas and chlorine gas as war-time deterrents for WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. In the 1940s, 589 captured German soldiers were housed there — one of more than 30 internment camps in Colorado; after the war private industry manufactured agricultural chemicals on the grounds. Rocket fuel propellant for Apollo 11 was also produced there. In the 1960s liquid waste was injected into a 12,000-foot-deep well until earthquake tremors caused this procedure to be halted. All production at the arsenal ceased in the 1980s; and through public pressure, environmental remediation and restoration began. Today, 15,000 acres of the area located in Commerce City is now a National Wildlife Refuge (one of the largest in the country), home to bald eagles, black-footed ferrets, and bison among other wildlife.

Both Gil and Mimi have been active with Christ the King Catholic Church during their 31+ years in Evergreen. Gil was Grand Knight with the Knights of Columbus “back when they wore the plumes,” he points out. He also served on the Fire Department in several of the places where they lived. Mimi taught elementary school in Chicago, middle school in Texas, then elementary school in Evergreen (Wilmot and West Jeff) and substituted in Clear Creek schools.

Both were scout leaders in New Jersey while they had kids in school. Gil took a troop to the National Jamboree in Virginia when singer Lee Greenwood introduced his famous song “God Bless the USA.”

Mimi's memories of scouts include an ecumenical program and being the cookie organizer, which included having 100 boxes of Girl Scout cookies in their living room. Scouting helped the family get acquainted, as did church. “Now we're getting to know people because our grandkids are in school here.”

Mimi's hobbies include crocheting and sewing, making pumpkins, snowmen, and baby sweaters. She likes decorating and doing crafts and hopes to get more involved at RMVE “when a few things settle out.”

The Adamowskis moved into Bergen House toward the end of 2022.

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