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Celebrate July 4th in Montclair Park with HMCAI

WHEN: Friday, July 4th at Montclair Park

TIME: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Dixieland Express jazz band will be playing festive favorites from 10:30am-1:30 p.m.

WHAT: Festivities include a bike parade, games, live music, a fire truck, and food.

PHOTOS: Will be posted on our neighborhood website, HistoricMontclair.org, and on our Facebook page, "Historic Montclair Community."

BRING: A blanket & beverages for the family. It will be hot, bring more than you think you need! Reusable containers are encouraged, trash facilities are minimal.

EVENT SCHEDULE:

- 10:30 a.m.: Live music begins
- 11:00 a.m.: Bike parade for the little ones (ages 0-5)
- 11:15 a.m.: Bike parade for the bigger ones (ages 6-12)
- 11:30 a.m.: Food service begins
- 12:30 p.m.: Games begin/fire truck arrives
- 2:00 p.m.: Picnic ends

BIKE PARADE RULES: The Bike Parade is in two heats: one for children 0-5 and one for children 6-12. For everyone's safety, please have your child participate only with his or her age group. Parents are welcome to push/pull their smaller children as needed. Prizes will be awarded for uniquely decorated bikes! No motorized vehicles, please.

COST: If you are a current HMCAI member, your entire household attends for FREE. For those who have not joined HMCAI, the cost is \$5/adult (11+) and \$3/child (ages 3-10). Children under age 3 attend at no cost. You may join HMCAI at the picnic. The membership table will be under the trees at the west end of the park. The annual cost is \$20/family and \$10 for seniors. If you are unsure of your membership status, the current members list is published in this edition of The Montclarion. Membership in HMCAI includes many seasonal activities and the members-only adult wine and cocktail party in the fall.

******VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****** : We are in GREAT need of volunteers for this event! We need volunteers to help with set-up/clean-up, games, the bike parade, food service, and tickets/membership. Email jwdebrosse@hotmail.com or Valerie@valeriealford.com with your availability, or call Valerie's mobile # 303-641-6823. Please help your neighbors, friends and family enjoy this treasured community event.

WEATHER: Rain or shine, we hope to see you there!

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Log on and search for "Historic Montclair Community"



By Jamie DeBrosse

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

This spring, **Paddington Station Preschool**, located at 13th Avenue and Quebec Street, completed the rehabilitation and historical preservation of their 124-year old building, with the help of three grants from the State Historical Fund. The project took nearly four years to complete and included a new slate roof, rehabilitation of all the original wood windows and doors, and preservation of all the masonry and stone on the exterior of the building. Be sure to drive by and take a look at this beautiful neighborhood treasure, which was designated a Denver Landmark and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2007.

Block party, anyone? **Denver Days is August 2-10!** Mayor Hancock's initiative is in its second year, and encourages all Denver residents to make an increased effort to get involved with their communities and get to know their neighbors; because closer-knit neighborhoods leads to a stronger, safer city. Go to www.Denvergov.org/DenverDays for participation tips and ideas.

If you ever notice graffiti vandalism in our neighborhood, Denver **Partners Against Graffiti** encourages all of us to help keep Montclair clean and beautiful by reporting it right away. There is a city department dedicated to removal of graffiti, prevention and education. Find details on their website <https://www.denvergov.org/GraffitiPrevention>

A Mayfair resident is putting together a paint recycle event, **Splash of Paint!** It's currently scheduled for Saturday, June 21, from 11 am-2 pm behind Dependable Cleaners, 1430 Krameria St.

The **membership drive** for our neighborhood is ongoing this year. We must boost our membership! Thank you to those you have sent in your forms and dues. Keep them coming (see the back page of this newsletter).

Take the kids to visit the **Historic Montclair Community Garden** a few times this summer for a first-hand look at how food is grown. Visit historicmontclaircommunitygarden.info for background and information on the garden, which is located at Niagara St. at Colfax.

WELCOME, NEIGHBORS!

Big brother James, 2, (along with parents Stacy and Jim LeDuc) is proud to share that his baby sister **Helen Carmella LeDuc**, joined the family in April. James likes to help his mommy soothe Helen when she cries, and to kiss her head while she is sleeping. He can't wait until Helen is big enough to dance with him.

William Loren Lathan Eckelberry was born on June 19, 2013, and came home from the hospital with his adoptive family. Big sister Ivy and parents Courtney and John are overjoyed to announce that William's adoption into their family was finalized in December. Congratulations, Eckelberry family!

Derek and Abby Springer unpacked the moving boxes in their home on Oneida Street in March. After living in Denver for a number of years, the couple chose Montclair for the larger lot sizes, the sense of community, and because they simply fell in love with their home. The Springers are looking forward to meeting more neighbors and also to all of the future neighborhood events.

Oneida Street also welcomes **The Harberts** family! Parents Tom and Elizabeth appreciate the history of Montclair and the quality of life. Little Deven could not be more excited about living close to so many parks. And big brother Bergen likes that he can play tennis nearby, and that he can ride his bike or skateboard to so many places.

MEMORIES OF MONTCLAIR

Neighbor Sandy Corlett has lived in Montclair for 63 years. Sandy reminisced about summer breaks from Montclair Elementary when she was a child. Attending day camp with friends at Montclair Park and Molkerei is a special memory. And while no one she knew had air conditioning in their homes, Montclair was covered with large elm trees, which kept the houses cooler and gave plenty of shade for the neighborhood kids to play.

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President's Note: *Transitions*

Nancy Mucker, President HMCAI



I am someone who believes we have to adapt to change when it comes....but at the same time, I find great comfort in things staying the same. There's a nice coziness to routine. But time moves on and things evolve and change. I may have talked in prior columns that my elderly mother has been living with me for 13 years now. With the passage of time, her arthritis has gotten much worse and the early signs of Alzheimer have reared its ugly head about two years ago. So the planning began of what would come next. I had an appointment with a social worker to discuss admitting mom to a nursing home in early May. Just a few days before the meeting, and on mom's 94th birthday no less, she fell again. No bones broken, but a short stay in the hospital ensued and now we're in the throes of moving her from one nursing facility to another. Despite all my planning, and numerous bumps in the road, we're ending up where we need to be. Another transition in the cycle of life.

Life does that. Things change and folks can do new things while other people have to step away. Our HMCAI Board is going through changes like that as well. And it's a good thing. We have a newer Board member who has decided to jump in and help us with our advertising. We have been patching things together for a while and even with some temporary outside help, we've muddled things up a bit. So we're getting back on track. If you want to support our neighborhood as well as advertise in The Montclarion, please contact Jamie DeBrosse at jwdebrosse@hotmail.com.

Another Board member is able to slow down her career commitments and took on the Easter Egg Hunt. Not only was it a great success (as it was in past years thanks to Katy Saunders), there is now a Manual of Operations on how to shop for, organize and execute on an Easter Egg Hunt. Judy calls the manual a "MOO". So things will be easier going forward, no matter who handles the Egg Hunt. Another good transition.

And special thanks to Valerie Alford for taking on the challenge of the July 4th picnic this year. She and Christine Ralston will handle the games as well as the cookout. And another "MOO" is being developed as we speak. Oral traditions are great, but as our world and even our little neighborhood becomes more complex, we need to be more organized as we move forward. If you love our July 4th picnic and see it as one of our great neighborhood traditions, please volunteer to help. Many folks pitching in even for 30 minutes or an hour make the event more enjoyable for all of us. Plus you get to meet your neighbors and make new friends. Reach out to Valerie at Valerie@valeriealford.com and sign up!

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The Hunt was On!

By Judy Baxter

Did you know that the Easter Bunny poops jelly beans? If you were at the HMCAI Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th you would have learned this important bit of Easter trivia. At least 150 children, their parents and grandparents gathered in the park, festooned in best dress and with the most remarkable selection of baskets. They gathered the 1500 laid eggs and hunted for the well hidden special glitter eggs to be redeemed for prizes.

The little ones went to the north and the bigger kids went to the south. In a matter of minutes (less than a half hour) all eggs had been found. As eggs were being emptied and recycled, refreshments were being served in the Molkery. Special thanks go out to Nanna's Gourmet Market and Tea Emporium (AKA Karen Renz). Nanna's has kept us well supplied with the most delicious treats for our event for years. Remember you can get these goodies every day at her market at 1407 Krameria St.

Special thanks also go out to the great cast of volunteers who made the event possible and easy to pull off. This is an excellent example of when a committed group comes together we accomplish so much more than what we could do individually. To the egg stuffers, egg layers, those who helped with the set-up and clean-up and to all in our special neighborhood--you made it happen, you made it a labor of love. That is, after all, the spirit of Easter.

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Legislative Wrap Up by Lois Court, House District 6



I'm proud of the work we did in the General Assembly in the recently concluded 2014 session. We passed significant legislation to help Coloradans who suffered losses in the floods and fires of 2013; we made historic investments in our K-12 schools and our public colleges and universities; and we broadened our economic recovery and enhanced Coloradans' economic security.

My biggest legislative success this year fits in the last category. The Marketplace Fairness & Small Business Protection Act, which I sponsored with Rep. Angela Williams in the House and Sen. Mike Johnston in the Senate, expands the types of business activities that create a physical presence, or nexus, for companies that are based out of state but sell their products and/or services in Colorado. If an out-of-state retailer has nexus as defined by the business practices identified in this bill, that retailer is required to collect and remit state sales taxes for all sales made in Colorado.

OK, that's the technical explanation. Here's what it all means: brick-and-mortar retailers in Colorado will no longer be at a disadvantage when they compete for business with online retailers.

Currently, Colorado cannot require out-of-state retailers that do not have a physical presence in the state to collect and remit sales taxes. That puts many Colorado businesses at a price disadvantage of between 2.9 and 10.4 percent, depending on what state, local and special district sales taxes apply.

I can think of no good reason why we would want to continue to impose such an unfair disadvantage on our friends and neighbors who own local businesses that employ even more of our friends and neighbors. One consequence of eliminating online sellers' tax advantage would be the decline of "show rooming," where consumers go shopping in their local store, often engaging the services of a salesperson, and then go home – or pull out their smartphones right there in the store – and buy online to avoid sales taxes. This practice hurts both our economy and our tax base because in the end, we all pay more taxes to make up the difference.

A 50-state study from the University of Tennessee estimated that Colorado's state revenue losses from uncollected e-commerce sales taxes totaled \$73 million in general fund revenue in 2012. Every dollar we start collecting reduces the tax burden on all of us and gives us more breathing room to restore funding for services that have felt the budget ax, like K-12 and higher education, health care for the underprivileged and services for the disabled.

Let me stress that this is not a new tax – it's one that everyone who buys anything in Colorado already owes.

My bill won't halt e-commerce in Colorado, which is valued at more than \$2 billion a year. But the bill will provide fairness, helping Colorado's brick-and-mortar businesses, supporting Colorado jobs and adding vibrancy to retail areas across the state.

In my remaining space I'd like to briefly mention one other effort this year: my attempt to put a measure on the November ballot to allow the voters to decide whether to make it harder for them to amend our state constitution than it is to change our statutes. Because we're the only state with the same standards for voter-initiated constitutional and statutory change, we have a bloated constitution that bears little resemblance to the foundational document we started with back in 1876.

My measure passed the House but was defeated in the Senate. If I'm re-elected this fall I'll be working to get a measure passed in time for our next statewide ballot, in 2016. I hope for your support. State Rep. Lois Court's House District 6 includes east-central Denver. Contact her at loiscourt@msn.com or 303-866-2967.

Montclair School Update

By: *Kate Douglas Kestyn – Montclair Parent and Neighbor*

For those of you who live near the school, you have probably just started to adjust to the sound of.....quiet. Another school year is over, summer has begun, and with it, the opportunity to reflect on the year.

We were blessed to have two wonderful Interim Principals – Daphne Hunter and Lynne Scates – guiding Montclair through a year of transition. Under their collective leadership, along with Assistant Principal Emily Zabroski, we saw our students excel during the year and make phenomenal academic progress. The staff has continued to be strong, supporting each other, and providing the very best instruction for the students to help them meet with success and growth. Our new Principal, Ryan Kockler, will join them in the fall. We are excited for Ryan to join us and look forward to the energy, excitement, and new ideas he will bring to Montclair!

We had an incredible fundraising year thanks to the efforts of our Parent Teacher organization – PEAK. So thanks to all of you who helped support the school through your time and money, including our recent (and record-breaking) Plant Sale & Fun Fair. Through all of our various initiatives, we raised over \$44,000 to support our kids' learning experience through enrichment. As we look to next year, however, we will be making changes to our fundraising, including a more community-focused Mingle (our largest fundraiser), a Dollar-a-Day direct giving campaign, and other opportunities to fundraise. If you have ideas you'd like to submit, or are interested in making a direct donation to the school, please contact Katy Saunders at katy@rodandkaty.com.

Exciting things are happening in the school garden! Grant money has been reallocated to help fund a new outdoor classroom and learning garden. In particular, an outdoor classroom will be built in the very northeast corner of the current garden (under the tree) that will provide an intimate learning space with seating for up to 30 children; and, an enlarged garden to provide fresh produce to help supply our backpack program, the cafeteria, and integration with the school curriculum (math, science, art, and fitness). Our long range plans include expanding the garden from the current location to include the small triangular plot of land just to the south and create a "Sensory Walk" on the landscaped area between the faculty parking lot and the north end of the running track. If you're interested in learning more or would like to "dig in", please contact Shawna Olsen (shawnaolsen@yahoo.com) or Nicki Robbins (fosternicki@hotmail.com).

With that, here's wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

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Public Schools in Early Historic Montclair

By Sandy Corlett



First public school in Montclair,
Courtesy of Denver Public Library

The first public grade school in Montclair was opened in the fall of 1887 at 1424 Geneva Street (now Oneida Street). The new school was organized as Montclair School, Colorado School District 44. The school was a Queen Ann style frame structure with a bell tower. Montclair quickly outgrew the first school. The town turned the school into a multi-use building housing the town hall, courthouse, one-man two horse fire department and jail. After Montclair's annexation to Denver, the building became Denver Fire House #14. This firehouse was demolished in 1937 and replaced with our current Fire Station #14.

In 1891 the community built a three story brick and sandstone school at Quebec and 13th Avenue. The students were asked to name their new school. They chose to name the building in honor of the African explorer, Henry M. Stanley. When the Stanley School opened, it housed what is thought to be the first public school kindergarten in Colorado. In 1893, high school classes were added to the existing school. Montclair was growing at such a rapid pace that by 1896 Stanley school was overflowing with students. Stories have been told that the school was so crowded that some classes were held on the central staircase. To accommodate the increasing student enrollment, an addition was added with a gymnasium and space for the kindergarten. When the town of Montclair was annexed to the city of Denver in 1902, the Stanley School became Montclair School as part of the DPS system. The high school and the kindergarten were dropped from the renamed school despite the many protests from the parents. When a new Montclair School at 1151 Newport Street opened in 1943, the existing Montclair School was renamed the Montclair Annex.

By the end of WWII, Montclair was booming. Many veterans who had served at Lowry Air Force Base were returning with their families to Montclair. One story ranch style houses were popping up between the Victorian mansions. When my family moved into Montclair in May of 1951 there was construction all around our house at 601 Oneida. My brother and I always had a construction site to explore when the workmen were not busy. We started school at Montclair the first Monday after Labor Day.

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Market Snapshot: Real Estate News

The questions I'm most often asked these days are variations on the following: "How long is this strong market going to last?" "Are we at the top of the market?" or "Is the market going to crash any time soon?" The short answer is we haven't reached the top and I expect the strong seller's market to last for a good, long while, probably several more years. Here's why:

1. *Inventory of homes for sale.* The metro Denver market has about 2.7 million residents. A community of this size will have a balanced market when it has an inventory of about 18,000 properties on the market for sale. Today we have about 8,500 properties on the market and that is why it's such a strong seller's market. There simply are more buyers than sellers out there leading to multiple offers and price increases.
2. *Interest rates.* Interest rates rocketed upwards in the spring of 2013 and every real estate expert imaginable declared the era of low interest rates over. Well, they all got it wrong. Today, interest rates are at their lowest point in three months with the Par interest rate hovering at 4%, continuing to make homes affordable
3. Taken all together my reading of the tealeaves suggests that this strong market is not heading for a downturn any time soon. As long as the inventory remains low we will continue to see a strong seller's market and a continuing rise in prices in the 6% - 8% range. And I don't see any indication that the inventory will increase any time soon.

Buyers

The great news for buyers is that interest rates have dropped the past several months to rates not seen since last spring. Lower interest rates mean more house for your money, plain and simple. For the average homeowner a decrease of .25% in interest rate can equate to a gain of as much as \$10,000 in buying power.

Sellers

What does it look like for a seller these days?

1. Metro Denver home prices are up 7% in the past year. The inventory of homes on the market in metro Denver is near the lowest on record and shows no sign of increasing any time soon.
2. The average Days on Market for a home is down an amazing 22% in the past year, at 57. A normal market would show 90 Days on Market.

Mortgages

The mortgage market is staying hot with interest rates near historic lows. But before applying for your new mortgage make sure that you are in good shape with the four items needed for a new loan:

1. *Income* – Make sure your income is remaining consistent and your tax returns are reflecting your total annual income.
2. *Credit* – For the very best rates you want to have a credit score of 740 or greater. There are loan options for clients all the way down to a 620 score, but as your credit score goes down your rate goes up.
3. *Assets* – You will need to have funds in the bank for your down payment and to show you have two months of savings.
4. *Collateral* – The property you are borrowing against (your current home or your new property) needs to be in good shape and not have any "safety or soundness" issues.

By taking care of these four critical areas you can be confident that you will qualify for a new loan and be able to refinance or buy a new home.

Source: Census Bureau, Denver Chamber of Commerce, Metrolist, Your Castle Real Estate

For more information, please contact Valerie Alford at: 303-641-6823 or Valerie@valeriealford.com.

Local Charity Contest Aims to Improve Lives

Many things can turnaround someone's life. Gainful employment, professional training or life coaching are things that immediately come to mind, but what about the pride someone can take in their home? It is this predicament that one local painting company hopes to solve...one home at a time.

A residential and commercial painting company isn't the first company you would think to be spearheading a charity initiative that gives away an important, but often overlooked, chore that can truly change a person's disposition and attitude. But that is what is happening at Ireland's Finest Painting Company Inc. "We know that a person's house isn't just a place to hang their hat," says Valerie Moore, Office Manager. "A person's house needs to be a clean and comfortable place for them to be proud of, share time with their family and recharge their batteries. Unfortunately, there are many people out there that cannot afford to maintain their homes because of employment problems or financial challenges." It is this reason that Ireland's Finest holds a contest every spring to give away a free house painting to those in need.

Started three years ago by Ireland's Finest's owner Andrew Toole, the Hard Times Soft Hearts contest collects nominations from the Denver community of worthy candidates. These nominees can be people or businesses that are going through some tough circumstances in their lives or choose to spend their own money helping others thus sacrificing creature comforts. Partnering with Benjamin Moore, Ireland's Finest provides the equipment and labor with Benjamin Moore donating the paint and supplies. In addition to a great paint job, they also make minor repairs to the home or business that can include carpentry, drywall and power washing.

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“We treat this charity project just like we would any other customer,” says Ben Reder, Lead Estimator. “We pride ourselves on providing a quality, long lasting job no matter what the circumstances. We want each year’s winner to have a paint job that they can be proud of and will last them for years.”

Inspired by the TV show Home Makeover, Hard Times Soft Hearts is a labor of love for the Ireland’s Finest and Benjamin Moore duo. Although there are many worthy charities that really make a difference, the reason for spear heading their own was a conscious choice by owner, Toole. “We could have put together a charity event, raised a bunch of money and donated it to a local organization, but we wanted to work directly with these people that are in need or sacrifice their own dreams to help their communities,” Toole says. “It is that type of interaction that shows us we are really making an impact in someone’s life that could really help them turnaround their situation.”

Andrew, who hails from County Meath in Ireland, and a few friends caught the entrepreneurial bug and started a business, Ireland’s Finest Painting Company in 1995. As with most small businesses, they initially struggled to get Ireland’s Finest established and fought tooth and nail for every job they won, so Toole is no stranger to struggling both professionally and personally. It is this empathy that was the foundation of the Hard Times Soft Hearts contest. Andrew’s partners have since moved on to different endeavors, but Andrew continues to lead Ireland’s Finest and makes it the success it is today.

Hard Times Soft Hearts will accept nominations through June 30th, 2014 on the Ireland’s Finest website at www.irelandsfinestinc.com. The actual painting of the winner’s house will take place in the fall of 2014.



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Summer in the Garden

Thanks to the deep mountain snows we seem to have plenty of water in our reservoirs for a change. Nevertheless it is important to use only the amount of water that you need. Be sure to follow the watering guidelines set out by Denver Water.

As always, soil amendment is important for all your garden beds. We recommend 4 cubic yards of good quality compost, from your own pile or purchased at a garden center, per thousand square feet, thoroughly tilled into the soil to a minimum depth of 6". EKO and A1 Organics make good compost but there are others on the market as well. With very few exceptions, all plants prefer growing in good quality soil. Even though most of us have heavy clay soils made up of very fine particles, those clay soils can be very fertile if they are broken up with compost and other rough organic materials that allow air into the soil. One should not add too much organic matter at one time. It is better to add the amount suggested above every year rather than combining too much in at once.

My neighbor recently suggested that many newer people in the neighborhood don't know that the Montclair flower is the red geranium. In years past, an effort was made to encourage people to plant red geraniums in pots and planting beds facing the street to foster a spirit of neighborhood solidarity. Geraniums are a hardy, though tender, perennial that can be brought inside in winter and kept for years. I have had a huge one that has flourished for many, many years. I keep transplanting to successively larger pots as the years have progressed. Red geraniums are also attractive with other plants. Some common combinations include white annual alyssum, and blue lobelia (very patriotic) or in combination with white, or blue calibrachoa or white and purple trailing mini petunias. If you like something a little more vibrant, purple petunias and golden moneywort are good with red geraniums. Be sure to pick off the dead blossoms so the plants will keep blooming. Some years there is a little worm that attacks the buds of the geraniums causing them to stop blooming. These can be deterred with a dusting of diatomaceous earth. (It is a white powder of ground diatoms and is non-toxic to humans and animals.)

If you want to grow vegetables and don't have a good place to do it, pots can often be successfully adapted for that purpose and can be placed on rolling bases to follow the sun around the yard or patio. Determinate/bush-type tomatoes, lettuce, and trailing herbs can work nicely together in a large pot and be decorative as well. Don't be afraid to experiment with different combinations but take into account that some plants like each other better than others. For instance, the cabbage family likes onions and beets but does not like tomatoes, beans or strawberries. Red cabbage can make a beautiful display with the outer leaves often taking on a silvery blue sheen against the red inner leaves. And once developed can be picked and enjoyed. They could be beautiful planted with pink or coral trailing petunias. Peppers like basil, tomatoes, and marigolds. These could look nice together in a large pot.

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Of course, if you have the room, most plants prefer being planted in the ground, in a well-enriched garden soil. Don't forget to mulch your garden beds to conserve moisture and deter weeds. Those of you with little children or grandchildren may enjoy setting aside an area for them to experiment with vegetables and flowers. Radishes can be a fast maturing crop for the impatient, but onion sets, beans, potatoes and pumpkins are also fun for kids.

In the last several years I have found the squirrels (cute though they are) have become more and more annoying. They are destructive to the trees and they love to eat my fruits and vegetables. They are particularly fond of anything with larger seeds such as cucumbers, squash, pumpkins and the like and of course they love the apples in the fall. I have taken to covering up my more susceptible plants with netting - propping it up in the middle with supports and pinning it to the ground. One arborist friend of mine suggested feeding the squirrels in a place away from the garden but I am not convinced that really works. They definitely make some kinds of gardening a challenge.

For information on watering techniques contact Denver Water. For specific garden questions check the Internet, the library or call the local Colorado State Extension Service at 720-913-5270 M- F. Be sure you are getting information specially developed for our climate and region, as it is different from many others.

Gail Barry is an avid gardener, cook and landscape architect with Land Mark Design Inc.



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Historic Montclair Community Association Membership Drive

Membership dues are essential to continuing the events which unite us, the neighbors of Montclair. And it may surprise you to know the impact your membership has on all households in our neighborhood!

For only \$20 annually per member household, HMCAI sponsors and organizes these community-building events:

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- 4th of July picnic
- Bi-annual neighborhood garage sales
- Adults-only reception
- Halloween party
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HMCAI publishes the Montclarian newsletter, serves as a liaison with Denver metro, and proudly maintains the Molokery with flowers during spring and with holiday lights in December. Join in the fun and become a member today!

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Public Schools in Early Historic Montclair

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Montclair Annex was used by the DPS until 1973. The school system no longer needed the Montclair Annex and proposed to demolish the building. Historic Denver saved the building from demolition by obtaining a five year lease from the DPS. With the help of the Denver Public Schools and the Denver business community, Historic Denver was able to turn the building into the Opportunities Industrialization Center, offering training, counseling and job placement to disadvantaged students 18-55 years old. In 1983, the School became the Stanley British Primary School. Since 2000 the building has been Paddington Station Preschool.



The Stanley School, Courtesy of Denver Public Library

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Be sure to confirm dates, details and restrictions on the company websites.

JUNE

- 9: Denver Public pools opening day. denvergov.org
- 21: **Splash of Paint** recycle event. Susannsimagery.com
- 20-22: Denver Greek Festival. thegreekfestival.com
- 27: Dive-in movie at Elitch Gardens, *Finding Nemo* www.elitchgardens.com
- 30: Free day at Denver Museum of Nature & Science dmns.org

JULY

- 1: Free evening at Childrens' Museum of Denver. mychildrensmuseum.org
- 4: **HMCAI 4th of July Picnic at Montclair Park**
- 4-6: Cherry Creek Arts Festival. cherryarts.org
- 5: Free day at Denver Art Museum denverartmuseum.org
- 11: Dive-in movie at Elitch Gardens, *Frozen*. www.elitchgardens.com
- 11-13: Colorado Black Arts Festival. colbaf.org
- 19: Moonlight Classic, non-competitive downtown bike ride. Moonlight-classic.com
- 20: Free day at Museum of Nature & Science. dmns.org
- 25: Dive-in movie at Elitch Gardens, *Despicable Me*. www.elitchgardens.com

AUGUST

- 1: Tentative opening day of Fiction Beer Company (Colfax/Pontiac). Fictionbeer.com
- 2: Free day at Denver Firefighters' Museum. denverfirefightersmuseum.org/events
- 2-10: Denver Days. Denvergov.org/denverdays
- 4: Free day at Denver Botanic Gardens. botanicgardens.org
- 5: Free evening at Childrens Museum of Denver mychildrensmuseum.org
- 2: Free day at Denver Art Museum denverartmuseum.org
- 10: Cherry Creek North Food and Wine, Fillmore Plaza. www.cherrycreeknorth.com
- 29-Sept. 1: A Taste of Colorado, Civic Center Park. atasteofcolorado.com

HMCAI Membership List

Current HMCAI Membership Roster

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Marla	Petrini Kelly Trplatt 828 Ivy Street	Jan-15
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Ruth	Plant 1013 Poplar Street	May-15
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July 4th Annual Picnic	Friday, July 4th: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Music begins at 10:30 a.m. Montclair Park
Adults-only Reception	Friday, September 19th: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The Moltery
Montclair Neighbors Garage Sale	Saturday, October 4th: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
HMCAI Annual Meeting	Wednesday, October 15th: 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Halloween Haunting Kids Costume Party	Sunday, October 26th: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The Moltery
Treats with Santa	Saturday, December 13th: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Santa arrives promptly at 10:30 a.m. The Moltery
HMCAI Board Meetings	3rd Wednesday of each month: 7 p.m. The Moltery Months of January through November, 2014

If you are not yet a member of Historic Montclair Community Association, please consider joining. If you have not renewed your 2014 HMCAI membership, please consider doing so. Your membership dollars help support these events. If you would like to volunteer for any of these events, please contact info@historicmontclair.org. Volunteering ensures these events will continue.

The Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Haunting and Treats with Santa are free to all Historic Montclair neighbors. The July 4th Picnic and Adults-only Reception are free to HMCAI members.

2014 Membership Form

Please complete form (block letters) and mail with check to:
HMCAI Treasurer, P.O. Box 200125, Denver, CO 80220-0125

Annual dues per household \$ 20.00 (\$10.00 for seniors)
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Name (s) _____

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Please let us know if you would like to volunteer (circle):

Snacks with Santa | July 4th | Easter Egg Hunt | Cocktail Party | Halloween Party | Other