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Annual July 4th Celebration

WHEN: Saturday, July 4, 2009 starting promptly at 10:30 AM.

WHERE: Montclair Park, between 12th Avenue and Richthofen, from Newport to Oneida.

WHAT: The Annual Bike Parade, games, live band, a fire truck and food for all!

NEW THIS YEAR: The Denver Water Wagon will be at the picnic this year! The truck is part of HMCAI's effort make this year's picnic a Zero Waste Event. All food, plates and utensils will be composted or recycled (More about that in our article on Page 6). To contribute to this effort, HMCAI is asking attendees to bring refillable water bottles and be aware of recycling and compost receptacles.

PIX: This year's picnic will feature roving photographers who will post photos on the HMCAI website.

BRING: A blanket and reusable water bottles for the family. Water and lemonade will be available at the picnic; attendees are encouraged to bring their own beverages if they wish to drink soda, juice, etc.



EVENTS SCHEDULE:

10:30 AM	Band Arrives/Music Starts	11:30 PM	Food Service Begins
11:00 AM	Bike Parade Ages 0-5	12:30 PM	Games Start/Fire
11:15 AM	Bike Parade Ages 6-12		Department arrives
		2:00 PM	Picnic Ends

This year's Bike Parade will have two heats: one for Children 0-5 and one for Children 6-12. For everyone's fun and safety, please have your child participate only with the appropriate age group. ABSOLUTELY NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES will be permitted. Parents are welcome to push/pull their smaller children as needed. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated bikes.

COST: No charge for HMCAI members. For those who have not joined HMCAI, the cost will be \$5/adult and \$3/child (ages 3-10). Children under age three attend at no cost. You will have the option of joining HMCAI the day of the picnic (the annual cost is \$20 for a family).

This is the first year we have charged non-HMCAI members to attend the picnic, and it is simply to offset the cost of our many neighborhood activities. Remember, if you are a paid member, your entire household attends the picnic for FREE. In addition to the picnic, membership in HMCAI includes our seasonal activities and the members-only wine and cocktail party in the fall.

On page 15, we have published a list of members whose memberships will be current as of August 2009. If you need to renew your membership, we encourage you to do so before June 22, 2009. This will save you time on the day of the event.

Notes from the President

I love this neighborhood. That's the simple truth of it.

This is not a neighborhood of people who live their lives separately from their neighbors, and never connect with them. This is a neighborhood of people who talk to each other, who visit with each other when walking their dogs, or when their children are playing in Montclair Park. And it is a neighborhood of volunteers, people who are truly committed to making things better within the Historic Montclair community.

I would like to thank **Scott Hamling** and the volunteers of **Montclair United Methodist Church**, as well as **Katy Saunders**, who made the Easter Egg Hunt a great success. Without them, this event would never have happened. And I would like to acknowledge all the volunteers who supported the **Montclair School Plant Sale**. The plants I bought were wonderful and the volunteer support shows how involved our neighbors and parents are in supporting the school.

I would also like to acknowledge all the wonderful work our HMCAI Board is doing within the community. Veronica Dolan, Shadron Noonan and Matt Bortz are the anchors that make this newsletter possible. Larry Farin and Dave McCord focus on city-related issues like zoning and zoning variances. Their expertise and insights are very valuable. Bill Hansen – please keep writing the historical articles for the newsletters. They are informative, interesting and add great context to our neighborhood and its history. My thanks also to Katy Saunders, Carrie O'Shea and Gail Barry for all they have done supporting the July 4th picnic, planting flowers at the Molkery and many other tasks too numerous to mention. I truly appreciate the effort and time given to HMCAI by our newest Board members, John Eckelberry, Jace Kole and Judy Baxter. Last, but not least in any way, I want to thank Jim and Barb Weiss and Kathy Lamos for all their volunteer efforts on behalf of the Historic Montclair community. We would be lost without them.

Finally, I would like to talk about our upcoming **July 4th picnic**. It is by far the biggest (and best) event that HMCAI sponsors each year. But be assured it is a lot of work. This year, **Mark Noonan**, one of our Board members, has stepped forward to be chairman of the picnic committee. He is making great progress finding additional volunteers for the picnic. His goal is to make sure that all of us have a wonderful, wonderful time but that no one has to work/volunteer for more than one hour of time so everyone can share in the fun. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mark at leap29year@yahoo.com. Also, **Kerstin Rowe** is coordinating the games. If you have expertise you would like to share in sack or three-legged racing or water balloon tossing, please contact Kerstin at roweteach@yahoo.com.

In closing, I know many of you may be surprised by the fact the Board of HMCAI has decided to charge for the picnic this year

(for non-HMCAI members). The reality is that we have no choice. Our newsletter costs more than we make from advertising revenue and memberships alone can no longer financially support the cost of the picnic. The prices we are charging are very reasonable, and are simply meant to help us cover the cost of the picnic. We hope you will join us on July 4th.

- Nancy Mucker, President, HMCAI





A Life in Montclair by Carrie O'Shea

"After 87 years I'm still trying to be accepted as a member of Montclair!" Bill O'Shea says with a smile. Although he has always lived just on the outskirts of the neighborhood, he has spent a great deal of time within Montclair's borders (including lifelong membership at St. James) and he considers himself a Montclairian nonetheless.

Baptized at St. James in 1922 when it was a small stone church on the corner of 13th& Newport, Bill grew up on 15th & Ulster, in what was then referred to simply as "East Denver." "I lived across the tracks from Montclair," he says, both literally and figuratively. "Montclair was full of grand, old homes on huge lots, it had trees, a park, St. James and St. Luke's churches, and the residents were bankers, lawyers, doctors. It was already well established. It even had two castles- Richtofen and Kittredge. My neighborhood, across the Colfax streetcar tracks, was new and very blue-collar. The homes were tiny except for the few old farmhouses scattered around. The residents were employees of the WPA, city street maintenance, Phipps Sanitarium (located at 6th & Quebec,) the greenhouse on 17th & Rosemary, and



there were a lot of WWI pensioners receiving treatment at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital living in our neighborhood."

Bill attended the original Montclair Elementary at 13th & Quebec as well as Blessed Sacrament School, (St. James did not yet have a school,) delivered the Rocky Mountain News in Montclair, hunted rabbits in the fields surrounding Phipps Sanitarium, swam in Windsor Lake (now part of Windsor Gardens,) and planted pots at the City Floral greenhouse with his fellow St. James altar boys for a penny a pot. He played football and baseball for the Montclair Orioles (home field was at 13th & Krameria,) and spent his summers in Montclair Park in the Denver Parks & Rec. youth program. "There was no park on the north side of Colfax and City Park was too far away, so we played in Montclair Park. It was shady, had a tennis court, horseshoe pits, kickball field, and of course the Molkery, where the city offered arts and crafts classes of all kinds for kids in the summer. Mom would send us with a sack lunch and we'd spend the whole day there." Bill and his friends also spent time running around the grounds of Richtofen Castle, which at the time extended far beyond its current boundaries. "The castle grounds were like a forest," he recalls. "So many trees and a hillside full of sheep." One day a caretaker took Bill and his friends into the tunnel that ran from the castle to the Molkery. "It was dark and damp and scary," he remembers. "We had a flashlight and crept along downhill in the tunnel which was narrow and not in very good shape. Eventually we got scared and turned back. We were only about 10 years old at the time, and it was pretty creepy. But I can verify that the Richtofen tunnel is no myth. I was in it!"

After graduating from Cathedral High School in 1940, Bill joined the army. Following terms at various bases around the country, he was assigned to the new Lowry Air Corps Technical Training Center. "There was nothing there at all, just empty fields for miles, with the exception of Fairmount Cemetery. The Phipps Sanitarium had been razed to make way for the buildings and barracks that were just being built. We lived in tents while everything was under construction." He graduated from Officer Candidate School in Miami Beach, then served nearly 3 years in the South Pacific as an Executive Officer during WWII. After the war, Bill returned to Denver and to his wife Patricia. They raised five children in Park Hill, all the while attending mass at St. James. Their children and many nieces and nephews went to St. James school. "At one time in the '50's, we had 18 kids in our family in school there. They gave the nuns quite a time." He continued serving at Lowry as part of the Air National Guard Reserves.

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Mayfair Liquors Celebrates Golden Jubilee

by Veronica Dolan

There are now 915 varieties of wines from Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, South America and North America, especially California and Colorado, to choose from at half-century old Mayfair Liquors. And more than 173 different imported and domestic beers. Plus 177 labels of craft and micro beers, 114 varieties of Scotch, Irish, Canadian and American whiskey, and a wide selection of vodka, gin, tequila, rum and other spirits. It's a large, diverse inventory for a neighborhood liquor store.

The selection was not that extensive when Bud Noller bought Mayfair Liquors in March 1959. It was then in the first of its three eventual locations, at or near 14th and Krameria. The original store had 800 square feet of floor space, a staff of one, a good selection of hard liquor and probably 50 varieties of wine. Currently it has 6,200 square feet of retail, office and storage space and a staff of 12.

In 1959 the city and its neighborhoods were also drastically different. There were fewer residents in the Mile High City, the Denver Broncos and Colorado Rockies didn't exist, Stapleton was Denver's commercial airport, fighter planes flew in (over Monaco Parkway) and out of Lowry Air Force Base and a two-bedroom, one-bath Montclair brick bungalow that now commands \$200,000+ could be snapped up for \$10,000. Back then a six-pack of Coors cost a dollar and beer drinkers knew nothing about microbrews.

Through all the changes of the past 50 years, however, the late Bud Noller and his son Thom, current owner and manager of the store, and a veteran of 30 years in the retail liquor business, have shared the same goal: serving the surrounding neighborhoods.

"We're here to serve our customers in Montclair, Mayfair and Park Hill," Thom says. "We're not a big advertising store so we feel the best way for us to advertise is by supporting the events put on by our neighborhood schools, churches and community organizations. We advertise in their newsletters and give out gift coupons and discounts. That way we're put more in contact with customers who live in the area."

It's also a way to say thanks to the neighborhoods for their support. Thom has been an advertiser in our HMCAI newsletters since we began running ads in the 1980s and over the years has been generous with donations or discounts on wines for our various social functions.

A marketing tool Bud Noller could never have imagined back in 1959 is Thom's current promotion of Mayfair Liquors through a monthly email newsletter. It offers information about what's new in the store or features items about a particular wine or liquor. Customers can sign up for the emails assured that their names will not be sold or exchanged and they will not be inundated with information.

"For fifty years we've been proud to offer quality products at reasonable prices," Thom says. "We believe in good, consistent everyday pricing that our customers can rely on. We have a friendly, knowledgeable staff, especially when it comes to wine, plus better pricing and greater selection than our competition."

Mayfair Liquors is at 1385 Krameria St., on the north side of the King Soopers lot. Phone is 303-322-0810. Email address is: mayfairliquors@qwestoffice.net

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Denver City Council Column

Councilwoman Marcia Johnson, District 5



In the last two issues of *The Montclarion*, I told you about the "Phoenix on The FAX" project, proposed for the old Pillar of Fire site between Poplar and Pontiac on the north side of Colfax. Minneapolis-based developer Sherman Associates has just submitted their third application to the Colorado Housing & Finance Authority (CHFA), for tax credits to help fund the project. We remain hopeful that this round will prove successful. Sherman Associates' plans for East Colfax have garnered the support of many around the City, including the Mayor, eleven Council members, and Denver's Road Home initiative, because of the great need for diverse and affordable housing options. I expect to find out if CHFA has approved them for funding, mid-summer.

In the coming months, we will also see the long-awaited update to Denver's Zoning Code rolled at neighborhood meetings around the City for review and comment. Four years ago, Denver embarked on an effort to overhaul the 52-year old Zoning Code. Community participa-

tion has been the cornerstone of every step of this process, and this summer we will enter the final stages before the new Zoning Code is adopted. I hope you will join me at these meetings, as they're announced, later this summer.

The new Zoning Code is a context and form based approach that will provide both neighbors and developers more predictability. Today's zoning doesn't take distinctive characteristics into account, and has led to the disruption of neighborhood character in many well-established Denver communities. Even though large sections of Historic Montclair and Crestmoor, for instance, share the same zoning classification today, they certainly don't follow the same form. One neighborhood might have alley-loaded garages, while another has garages that face a street. One may have wide, shallow lots, while the lots in another are long and narrow. Some have sidewalks and some do not. The new Zoning Code will better preserve such contextual differences between and within neighborhoods.

Congratulations on another successful Easter egg hunt this spring, and I look forward to joining you at your annual 4th of July picnic! As always, please feel free to contact my office for any reason at (303) 355-4615 or by e-mail at Marcia.johnson@denvergov.org.

(Ed. Note: Below are recommendations for Montclair residents from Larry Farin, HMCAI's Zoning Liason.)

- "I recommend that every property owner do the following:
- 1. Visit the following website:http://www.newcodedenver.org (This website keeps track of the progress of the new zoning code.);
- 2. Visit the following website that will give you the current information regarding your real property:

http://www.denvergov.org/RealProperty.asp

- Select "Search by Address" and click "Submit". Type in your address number and street name and select street type. Then click on your name and scroll down to find your lot size and current zoning classification, e.g. for me "R1;"
- 3. Attend a scheduled Public hearing (It is at these meetings that the individual property owner must make his opinions and concerns known);
- 4. Check the new zoning map when it is proposed this summer sometime to clarify that Zoning Category of your land to be sure it is still "R1" or whatever new classification it might have before the new zoning code is approved by the city council and the classification is carved in stone;
- Communicate any concerns to Councilwoman Marcia Johnson at: Johnson5@denvergov.org

Larry Farin

HMCAI Board Member/HMCAI's representative for zoning review



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Montclair - A Safe Haven for the New York Mob

by Bill Hansen



"Dewey's gotta go!" shouted New York mobster Dutch Schultz, aka Arthur Flegenheimer. A key figure in the New York numbers and bootlegging rackets, and personally responsible for several "rubouts" of his competitors, Schultz was one of New York's most hot-headed and cold-blooded crime bosses. Threatening to upset the cozy status quo between the New York mob and Tamany Hall by gunning down newly appointed special prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey, gangland was aghast at the likely crackdown. On October 23, 1935, Charles "the Bug" Workman and Emanuel "Mendy" Weiss, under contract with the nascent "Murder, Inc.," stormed into the Palace Chophouse in Newark, New Jersey, with automatics blazing. Dutch was gunned down in the men's room and three of his henchmen died in the restaurant. The New York mob had taken care of the threat itself.

So what does this have to do with Montclair? Dutch's various "wives" squabbled over his estimated \$7,000,000 estate-although none of the treasure was ever found. During his tumultuous

reign, his only two daughters, Loralee and Peggy, had been sent out west "for their health." They both landed in the Clifton-Hughes Training School for Girls, which then occupied the old Kittredge Castle that once stood on today's Kittredge Park. Apparently, tranquil Montclair was a safe haven from the dangers of their father's livelihood, although the cheap Dutchman never shared his fortune with them or contributed to their upbringing. Run by the Methodist Church, the Clifton-Hughes Training School boarded girls under the age of 18 who came from broken or troubled homes – certainly an appropriate description for a mobster's family. Curiously, however, Dutch was Jewish but converted to Catholicism on his death bed so that he could receive last rites. The reasoning for his girls receiving a Methodist education remains elusive – other than he simply did not care. The School offered the girls basic academics, as well as music and religious training. After later becoming Holland Hall, the Castle was demolished in 1955.

This anecdote comes to us from Connie Jacobson of Lamar whose mother, an abandoned waif of 10, was placed at the School in 1931 and remained until 1936, before attending East High School. The Dutch Schultz connection was one of the pearls her mother recalled best of her time in Montclair.

Montclair Strives for Zero Waste By Katy Saunders

The HMCAI board has voted to go Zero Waste at the 2009 July Fourth Picnic. Last year, over 600 bottles and cans, 1000 utensils and 500 plates hit the landfill after our great picnic. Not to mention the mountain of leftover food scraps! Although some of last year's cans and bottles were recycled, with your help none of these things will be trashed this year ...

All forks, spoon, plates, cups and food will be compostable. Yes, even the hamburger! The forks and spoons are made from compostable bioproducts such as corn or rice. We will have compost bins at the picnic to collect all the compostable waste. Recycle bins and trash cans will still be available for non-compostable items. Please help us get waste into the right bins.

No bottled water or soda will be served as in the past. Last year it was so hot, that we ran through our drinks very quickly. Instead, this year we are lucky enough to get the 'Denver Water Wagon', Denver Water's newest effort to help Denver reduce its waste. The Wagon holds 200 gallons of Denver's own tap water and with spigots on the Wagon, you'll be able to refill your bottles as much as you need. Water will also be used to make lemonade that will be served from large dispensers. So please, BYOB - Bring Your Own Bottles!

If you'd like to make your own summer parties greener, visit www.ecocycle.com. Ecocycle is the largest non-profit recycling and zero-waste provider in the nation and is located in Broomfield. You can also shop locally at 'All Things Renewable' at Northfield Stapleton to pick up compostable picnic items or anything green, in person. It costs less than you think to make the world a little cleaner!

HMCAI WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE DENVER WATER WAGON AND DENVER WATER FOR CONTRIBUTING THEIR RESOURCES TOWARDS OUR JULY FOURTH PICNIC



Satisfy your Tastebuds, Pocketbook and Body by Starting an Edible Garden

by Gail Barry

Yesterday's Victory Garden has taken on new meaning in today's environment. Having an edible garden has great benefits. Raising vegetables, herbs and fruits yourself is good exercise, it is a very "green" thing to do, it makes you feel good, it saves money, and the fruits of your labors can taste so much better than anything you buy in the store. Who needs a gym and therapist when you can go outside and work in the garden? You can also make and use compost from your own kitchen waste, grass clippings and leaves to enrich your soil and/or mulch your garden. There is nothing like picking a sun-warmed tomato or cucumber, fresh, crisp greens and delicious berries from your own garden knowing they are pesticide free and grown by your own hands. An edible garden can also be a great learning tool for you and your children or grandchildren. Children often delight in planting and harvesting (though they usually aren't too good at the maintenance.)

Even the smallest space can be made to produce. Pots can be used on a sunny porch or a portion of lawn can be dug up, the soil enriched with compost and planted with vegetable seeds or already started plants that will begin producing in late June and carry on until a hard frost occurs in September or October. Both vegetables and fruits can be grown and enjoyed from the garden, although most fruits may take a year or two to really produce well. Vegetable gardens can be an attractive addition to your garden space. Flowers, perennial herbs and shrubs can be added, paths and raised beds can be constructed and a place to sit and rest can be added. In fact many vegetables do better in combination with flowers and other plants. Vegetables, herbs and fruits do not have to be planted in rows. Some make a nice border along a flowerbed others can be grouped together as part of a perennial border or in among low shrubs. Corn can be used as a nice accent toward the back in groups of 2 to 6 stalks. Don't be afraid to experiment. Be adventurous. Gardening is sometimes a trial and error process but is definitely rewarding in the end.

First, prepare your soil. This is the most important step in Colorado gardening. Evenly spread compost approximately 1.5" to 2" deep over entire area and thoroughly mix it into the soil at least 6 inches deep. We can grow almost any vegetable and herb and many fruits in our part of Colorado with the proper preparation and placement. So, plant what you like to eat. There are also many kinds of edible flowers that can be mixed in with the vegetables. Companion planting can be important as well. There is more information in the article on the neighborhood website and/or you can find more detailed information online or in the library. Water and mulch are the final steps. Slow, steady watering every three days is much better than a quick sprinkle except when you are first germinating your seeds. Soaker hoses and the like work very well under mulch in the vegetable garden. Mulching your plants using 2 to 3 inches depth of mulch is a great way to conserve moisture, retard weeds, and add to the soil at the same time.

There is lots of information on growing all kinds of edible plants. Try the Internet, the local CSU extension service, or the library. Just be sure you are reading about plants that grow in our soil conditions and climatic variations.

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

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The Family That Eats Together: A Review of Senor Pepe's

By Jace, Julie & Molly Kole

It was Sunday night and we had been furniture shopping all afternoon. No economic woes at American Furniture - it was packed. Anyway, we were hungry and did not feel like cooking. I yelled "Mexican!", Molly yelled "Senor Pepe's!" and Julie yelled "Yay!" (We yell a lot.)

Did you know Senor Pepe's is 40 years old? Ramon Luevano has owned it all that time and Jorge - your greeter, busser and chip re-filler, among many other things - has been there 30 years. We went in and found a cozy booth. Our waiter, Vince, came over before we could sit down with our warm basket of golden, delicious chips and that chunky salsa. Vince took our drink order – Julie ordered a Senor Pepe's Margarita, I had a very cold beer, and Molly had an Iced Tea. The Margaritas are the best, with a great mix of sweet and sour and you can taste the tequila. My beer was truly the coldest in town. Molly's tea was freshly brewed.



For dinner, I ordered the D Combination (Cheese Enchilada, Beef Taco and Bean Tostada for \$7.45). Julie had the Chile Rellenos Plate (\$8.45), and ordered them crispy. Molly changed her mind, as 8-year-olds will do, and decided to have the Grilled Cheese (\$3.95) instead of

a Mexican entrée. I must admit Molly knows Grilled Cheese and her comments were "Very cheesy, and a nice crispy golden brown. Not at all greasy with lots of cheese. The tomato's on the side were ripe and delicious, not just a garnish. Overall a great sandwich, but Mom's is still best." Julie and I had to laugh.

Julie always orders the rellenos and says she has never found any better. Any time we go somewhere else she judges them against the ones served by Pepe's. If you've never had them, you owe it to yourself to try them. You can choose between crispy or soft, and the blend of cheeses inside is wonderful. You can taste the wonderful flavor of the pepper and the spice gently nips at your tongue. Included with the Relleno Plate is a side of Green Chile with huge chunks of pork that have been cooking to perfection. The Green Chile is also great on its own, and on a cold winter's night a bowl with a couple of tortillas will warm the cockles of your heart and sate your hunger.

I had the combo mentioned above and here too the Chile makes the all the difference. On the Enchilada, it is more of a savory red sauce and is excellent. The beans or Refritos on the Tostada are very tasty with not a hint of grease. The beef in the taco was dry, and would have been better with a little more moisture, but this was a minor issue. I would suggest ordering the Guacamole salad, another special item. A mixture of chunky avocado's, and spices with a great taste, well worth the price of \$6.95, or a side for \$4.95.

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Montclair Elementary School News

Wow! It is hard to believe another school year has ended. Things at Montclair Elementary have been as busy as ever.

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone who supported our 5th Annual Plant Sale & Fun Fair. Every year it gets bigger and better, and we rely heavily on its success to provide all of the wonderful, additional enrichment activities for our students. (Our only other fundraiser is the 'Mingle for Montclair' auction in the fall.) For example, last month, our kindergarteners participated in 'Bunk with the Beasts' and slept at the zoo. This month, our third graders had an overnight field trip at the Grant Humphries Mansion, our fourth graders spent three days at YMCA camp in Estes Park and our fifth graders went to Keystone Science camp for two days. These end-of-the-year trips, along with the multitude of the other field trips throughout the year, are made possible through the funds raised by our parent and community volunteers.

Perhaps you have heard that we recently had some very special visitors at our school—on April 7th, United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, along with Senator Michael Bennett, stopped by to see our school in action. Our improvement efforts over the last five years, along with our recently granted Innovation School status, have made Montclair an example of successful reform at the local, state and national levels. It was a tremendous honor to be recognized in this way.

If you have young children and live in the neighborhood, I hope you will strongly consider Montclair for your child. Registration will take place from 7:30-5:30 p.m. on August 6th and from 7:30-4:00 p.m. on August 7th. It is VERY important that all students register at these times. Enrollment for the 2010-11 school year begins in January 2010. Please visit our website for more information www.montclair/dpsk12.org

Finally, a few updates on what is happening around the school. All of the construction inside the school is finally finished! Our building was updated to make the bathrooms ADA compliant and we now have a working elevator. This summer, you will see some construction on the outside of the building, as we get a new roof and have a two-classroom modular unit installed at the south end of the school. Summer 2010 will bring the completion of our much-awaited Learning Landscape. Feel free to come by the school and take a look at all of the wonderful things happening at Montclair, inside and out!

Have a happy and safe summer! --Shannon Hagerman

Cub Scouts Pack 286

The pack is busy this summer with Summer Camp at Magness Adventure Camp and an Estes Rocket Launch at 6:00 pm, July 28th at Smiley Middle School. We are also planning a trip to a Rockies game in August before school starts. Our first official pack meeting will be September 22nd at 7:00 pm at Park Hill United Methodist Church on Montview and Glencoe.

If you have a kindergartner who will be going into 1st grade next year, or if you have a boy going into second through fifth grade, your son can join the pack now and get a head start. For more information, contact Mike Molins, Cubmaster, 303-393-8683. Webpage: http://sites.google.com/site/pack286denver/

If you have a boy entering 6th grade and above, he can join the Boy Scouts and we have some very active troops in the area. Troop 62 meets here in the neighborhood at Montclair United Methodist Church on 12th and Newport – contact Larry Dunn, Scoutmaster, 303 394-3220 or Troop 376 which meets at Salem United Church of Christ located at Florida and Holly – contact Tim Brackett (tbrackett24@gmail.com) webpage: http://sites.google.com/site/bsatroop376/





District 2 Crime News by Shadron Noonan

Denver's District Attorney is warning people that traveling con artists are in metro Denver. These individuals defraud residents with door-to-door home repair and improvement scams, and end up intimidating consumers into paying thousands of dollars for poor quality work. "People should avoid doing business with anyone who comes unsolicited to their door," says DA Mitch Morrissey.

There are some easy ways to recognize door-to-door con artists. They show up at your house offering some type of service - typically roofing, paving, fixing sidewalk cracks, tree trimming or other repair work. They quote bargain prices but then do worthless work and demand much more money after the "work" is complete.

These skilled con artists often prey on the elderly using friendly, high-pressure tactics. However, they will approach anyone with their convincing solicitations. They may suggest that they have excess material from a previous job, which can be used at little or no cost. Sometimes they insist they are there to finish a previous project (one the homeowner doesn't remember), and then 'find' other needed repairs within the home. They will complete these without the homeowner's knowledge or permis-

sion, and demand an extraordinary payment. Often, they will attempt to build trust by mentioning the name of a neighbor, and claiming to have just completed a job at the neighbor's home.

The DA's office is soliciting help from the community to help identify scams in progress. If you see any suspicious activity that fits a description like this, please contact the Fraud Line at 720-913-9179. Citizens are encouraged to watch out for their neighbors, particularly elderly ones, who may be at risk. Remind yourself and your neighbors that you never hire someone who has come to your door uninvited. Always seek out several bids for home improvement work. Ask for and check references. Once you have made an informed decision about having the work done, get a signed contract that includes an agreed upon price. It is unwise to make full payment up front – payments should typically be made on a progress basis, with the full amount being paid only after all work is satisfactorily completed.

HMCAI's Website

Don't forget to visit Historic Montclair Community Association's new social website. Come visit for up-to-date news and information concerning Montclair and Denver. Create your own profile and join the conversation. Discuss your views in our forum, volunteer for events, download the newsletter, create blog posts about your favorite subject, post local events and check the classifieds.

Go to www.HistoricMontclair.org. We'll see you there!

Montclair Moms

With over 60 members, the 80220 Moms has become a fabulous resource for neighborhood moms and their families. We have family get-togethers in the park, book clubs, mom's nights out and more. 80220 moms is a helpful forum for navigating parenthood and creating a community for ourselves and our kids.

If you would like to join or for more info, contact Katy Saunders at 303-521-9065 katy@rodandkaty.com or Kerstin Rowe at (303) 355-9193 roweteach@yahoo.com.

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The life-blood of Hygeia bounds through her veins,
Fair child of Colorado's magnificent plains!

Her breath is as sweet as the bloom of the rose When the alchemist test does the attar disclose: Oh, fair as the garden of Eden was fair, Is lovely, entrancing, health-giving Montclair!

Like a winsome coquette she extends her fair arms, Bidding science and art, with their numb'rless charms To rear them a home in her paradise fair, And add their enchantment to cultured Montclair.

Her streets broad and fair as an Orient mart, Will be silvery day with electrical art, And smooth as a ribbon of light to the wheel, As like spirits they glide o'er the railway of steel!

Already a well-defined pathway is trod By the feet that go up to the worship of God, And Art's own magnificent Temple will be Embellished by artists from over the sea. From over the sea where the gems of the world At the feet of sublime inspiration are hurled; And that Temple of Art in its grandeur will rise With towers resplendent, that point to the Skies.

Her buildings substantial, for ages will stand, The home of the culture and wealth of the land; And her social refinement hold exquisite share In sustaining the pride of aesthetic Montclair.

Not alone will the graces, Religion and Art, in this blessed retreat hold conspicuous part, For Science her liberal table has spread Where the brain of her hungry devoter is fed.

And here let us pause as we pledge the glad toast, Of "Woman's progression," Colorado's proud boast, Whose portals swing widely, admitting the "fair," Let us drink to her college in regal Montclair.

As we honor Montclair in our banquet to-night, Let us toast her in goblets of "crystal delight" None other's worthy of pledging so rare, So lovely a jewel as peerless Montclair?

Then here's to the future of stately Montclair, Her Churches, her Schools and her Palaces fair! May blessings, in halos of grace, ever fall On the Baron and Porter and Raymond and all!

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Denver Public Library 34th Annual Used Book Sale

Mark your calendar for the Denver Public Library's three-day book sale this June! The Used Book Sale will run Friday, June 12 - Sunday, June 14. It will be held on the north lawn of the Central Library branch, located at 10 W. 14th Ave. More than 80,000 books will be available, including children's books, non-fiction and fiction books, along with CDs, DVDs and books on tape. The fund-raiser is an event of the Denver Public Library Friends Foundation.

Hardbound books are generally two dollars, and paperback books are generally fifty cents. Better books are priced individually and often include new and collectible books. Teachers will receive a special 25 percent discount.



Sale Schedule

Public Sale Hours are as follows: Friday, June 12, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, June 14 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



On Sunday there will also be a Great Book Giveaway from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. This one-hour event is open to teachers and non-profit organizations with valid identification. All materials are free during the Great Book Giveaway.

Materials

Books are collected year-round from generous donors and de-accessioned materials from the Denver Public Library. The Library is accepting donations of books in good condition and donations are tax-deductible. For donation details, contact Hannah Miles at Hmiles@denverlibrary.org or call 720-865-2045.

Members Preview Party

The Denver Public Library Friends Foundation is hosting a members-only Preview Party on Thursday, June 11, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. For membership details please contact membership at www.dplfriends.org or send an email to friends@denverlibrary.org or call 720-865-2050.

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A Life in Montclair

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Bill remembers all of East Denver and Montclair in particular really boomed during the war and immediately after. Wartime personnel who worked at Lowry began buying lots and building homes in Montclair and soldiers who had trained at Lowry before the war decided to make Denver their home once the war was over. More blue-collar families moved into the neighborhood and small ranch homes popped up everywhere. "It was probably very far from what Baron Von Richtofen had in mind for his oasis on the prairie," Bill says. At this time the Mayfair, East Montclair and east Park Hill neighborhoods were created. "You wouldn't believe the growth of everything east of Colorado Blvd. during the 40's and 50's," he says. "It was almost unrecognizable. It went from relatively empty prairie to homes and schools and stores in a pretty short amount of time." Bill was the concrete foreman during the construction of Christ the King Church in Mayfair, as well as for the construction of the Pepsi Cola bottling plant on Brighton Blvd., among other projects. Like Bill, his sons and three nephews also played football for the Montclair Orioles. They played for St. James as well during the 1950's. Their games were played on top of the reservoir at 11th & Quebec until the Archdiocese of Denver acquired Kittredge Castle on 8th & Oneida, razed it and built a sports field on the property. Bill and the St. James Men's Club helped construct the field. Today it is Kittredge Park. He also worked at the St. James parish picnics that were held in Montclair Park from the 50's through the 70's.

Bill and his wife Patricia have been married for 66 years, raised five children, have 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grand-children. A resident of The Village at Lowry since 2006, Bill is still an active member of St. James parish. He holds the title for the longest membership – 87 years! He has been a member of The Knights of Columbus for 58 years, and he has administered Holy Communion at Manor Care nursing home every Monday since 1981. The residents affectionately refer to him as "Father O'Shea." "The only days I've missed were for a hip replacement and a triple bypass. I think God understands."

He considers his current stay at Lowry his 4th phase there. First as a child picnicking and hunting on the grounds of Phipps Sanitarium, then as a soldier, a reservist, and now a resident. "I think this will be my last tour of duty at Lowry," he says with a wink. He has photos of himself as a baby on the grass with the stately sanitarium in the background, as an Army Air Corps officer in front of Hangar 2, and now as a resident of the Village. "I don't think anyone else out there has had as much personal connection to this place as I have."

"To see how Lowry has gone from an empty prairie to an air base to a residential community has been amazing. I've witnessed it and it astounds me sometimes. I'm happy it hasn't negatively affected Montclair or its beauty. Montclair has been a comforting place over the years. It's a very special part of Denver and I'm glad I've lived here all my life. Members of my family have continued to live in Montclair. Two of my grandkids lived in Montclair and attended St. James. My sister, two nieces, a granddaughter, and my great-granddaughter currently live in Montclair. My family has graduated 23 kids from St. James and my great-granddaughter is the 5th generation of O'Shea's to belong to St. James Church. I'm proud of that. You don't find traditions like that too often anymore. I always considered myself part of Montclair. It had much more meaning to it than to simply say I was from East Denver. Montclair is an identity." An identity Bill O'Shea gladly calls his own.

The Family That Eats Together: A Review of Senor Pepe's (con't from Page 8)

Overall the service is excellent and the best. Ramon still watches over his restaurant and makes sure everything is perfect; if it's not, tell him and he will make it right. The food can't be beat and the prices are more than fair. Senor Pepe's is a great neighborhood restaurant and one that has earned and deserves our support. The next time someone yells "Mexican!" make it Senor Pepe's.

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2009 Movies in the Parks Announced - Free Family Fun under the Stars



Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic goodies for a fun-filled night watching a movie in one of Denver's beautiful urban park!. The Denver Parks and Recreation department is hosting its fourth season of Movies in the Parks. There are ten family-friendly movies scheduled during the summer to encourage people to get out, enjoy their parks and the beautiful weather.

Movies will be shown on inflatable screens over 24 feet wide connected to high quality sound systems. Each movie will include free popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy. Other concessions will also be available for purchase.

DATE	PARK	MOVIE TITLE/RATING
Saturday, June 13	Skyline Park	Babe/G
Friday, June 19	Cheesman Park	The Princess Bride/PG
Saturday, June 27	Skyline Park	E.T., The Extra-Terrestrial/PG
Saturday, July 11	Skyline Park	Spiderman/PG-13
Friday, July 17	Fred Thomas Park	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa/PG
Saturday, July 18	Skyline Park	Iron Giant/PG
Friday, July 31	Barnum	Kung FU Panda/PG
Saturday, August 1	Skyline Park	Willie Wonka and Chocolate Factory/G
Friday, August 7	Cheesman Park	Jurassic Park/PG-13
Saturday, August 8	Skyline Park	The Wizard of Oz/G

Sponsors of the 2009 Movies in the Park are Denver Community Credit Union, Downtown Denver Business Improvement District and Denver Botanic Gardens.

For a complete list of park addresses or more information, visit www.denvergov.org/parksandrec

Recipe Box: Fire Mountain Farm Honey-Lemon Bars by Gail Barry



To make crust for Honey-Lemon Bars: Mix 1 cup light whole-wheat flour, 1 cup unbleached flour and 1/2 cup powdered sugar with 1 cup softened butter until crumbly. Optional: you may also add 1/4 cup finely ground macadamia nuts. Press evenly into the bottom of a 9" x 13"cake pan (a glass pan works best.) Bake in 350 degree F oven for 20-30 minutes or until light golden brown.

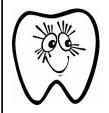
While the crust is baking, make the filling: beat 4 eggs, slightly. Add, while beating, 1 cup sugar and 1 cup Fire Mountain Farm Hawaiian Honey or other good tasting

honey, 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice, 1/4 cup whole wheat flour and 1 teaspoon baking pow-

der. Pour onto baked crust, return to oven and bake 25 to 30 minutes until top is light golden brown and appears to be set. If the topping seems runny, bake a little longer. Allow to cool completely.

Frost Honey-Lemon Bars by drizzling or spreading with a mixture of 1 cup powdered sugar and 2-3 tablespoons of fresh lemon juice. Cut into bars and serve. Makes approximately 36 bars.

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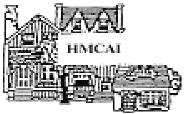
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