



# THE MONTCLARION

## Our Neighborhood

Montclair was incorporated in 1888 as a Denver suburb and annexed by the city of Denver in 1902.

It is one of Denver's 78 statistical neighborhoods and is bordered by Colfax Ave. to the north, 6th Ave. to the south, Quebec St. to the east and Holly St. to the west.

The Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc., formed in 1907, is the oldest neighborhood association in Denver. We're a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to innovative educational, civic and social activities.

Through our free quarterly newsletter, flyers and public announcements, we keep members informed about important neighborhood activities, zoning issues, historic preservation, meetings, elections and projects. Officers and at-large board members serve without pay. HMCAI frequently joins forces with schools, churches and other local groups for the common good.

HMCAI is a Registered Neighborhood Organization and is a member of Denver's Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation. West of Monaco, we overlap with Mayfair Neighbors, Inc.

## Treats with Santa

Saturday, December 14th, 10:30 a.m.– Noon at the Moltery

This is a chance for the kids to talk with Santa in a friendly, low stress environment. They can make Christmas crafts and enjoy some breakfast treats. After speaking with Santa each child picks a gift from the gift box.

An adult must accompany all children.

Join us for this much-loved HMCAI tradition. Enjoy muffins, fruits, scones, juices, coffee and tea.

We provide the glue, glitter, craft supplies, etc. so the kids can create gifts, cards or Christmas ornaments while waiting their turn to speak with Santa.

This is a gift exchange, so every child in attendance must arrive with a wrapped present to be placed in the gift box, value at \$7 maximum, suitable for either a boy or girl. This provides assurance that each child lining up to talk to Santa will receive a gift.

No standing in line here! Each child should take a number when they arrive to indicate their turn to talk to Santa. Be sure to bring your camera.

There is no charge for this event other than the cost of the wrapped gift.

We need volunteers. This is a festive and popular longtime neighborhood event. We need help setting up, crafts set up, cleaning up and monitoring the craft supplies. Contact Carrie O'Shea at [historicmontclair@gmail.com](mailto:historicmontclair@gmail.com)





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## President's Note

By Judy Baxter

Here we are now in the 4th quarter of 2019 with Halloween behind us and the holidays ahead. It seems like a good time to take stock and take a breath. I want first to give thanks to our collective community for all you have given to make Montclair a healthy, happy connected neighborhood. This is to those who have volunteered for events, who work on the newsletter, to all who attend the events/meetings and to the board for their efforts in many arenas. With this energy and effort HMCAI has had three major events in the last 8 weeks—The Beer and Wine Reception, the General Meeting and the Halloween Party.



The Beer and Wine Reception—our chance to gather without the kids and to catch-up with friends and neighbors was well attended. Thanks to all those who brought a fabulous spread of munchies and to Mayfair Liquors for once again donating the wine and beer for the event. It seemed to me that people enjoyed each other's company while gathering inside and on the Molkery porch on what was a delightful September evening. Even those like Jim and Sandy Corlett, who have moved away, though still members, showed up for this event with meatballs for all.

The HMCAI General Meeting saw 70+ residents gather to hear our two speakers – Amanda Sawyer the new District 5 City Councilwoman and Brian Kurzel the Regional Director of the National Wildlife Federation. For those of who were unable to make it, check out the column in this newsletter by Caryle Faust our HMCAI board secretary, which provides a great run down on the presentations. Brian spoke on the importance of NWF's Community Wildlife Habit Certification program. I know Gail Barry has already gone online and gotten her property certified. Brian will write a column for the newsletter in early 2020 about what to think about as spring is approaching. I will also send out an email that has links to additional resources. I want to thank this year's board, with recognition to outgoing members--John Ralston, Christine Ralston, Dan Bolda, and Suzanne Fazing for their the energy and contributions to HMCAI. Also, let's welcome new board members: Kelly Haley, Brian Narber, and Bree Neely.

Upcoming events that deserve your time and attention include the reschedule of the East Area Community Workshop on Nov. 23rd 10:00am-12:30pm at Johnson & Wales University Academic Center, 1900 Olive Street, Denver. And don't forget a HMCAI favorite event: TREATS WITH SANTA on December 14 at 10:30 a.m.

As a reminder the HMCAI Board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (January through November) at the Molkery. Stay in touch with HMCAI Board with your questions, concerns and ideas by emailing: [historicmontclair@gmail.com](mailto:historicmontclair@gmail.com)

Wishing you a safe and wonderful holiday season.

# HMCAI Annual Beer and Wine Reception

Photos by Sandra Murray and Carrie O'Shea

For more photos visit our Facebook page under Historic Montclair Community.



## HMCAI 2019 Board

**President:** Judy Baxter

**1st Vice President:** Carrie O'Shea

**Treasurer:** Gail Berry

**Secretary:** Caryle Faust

### At Large Board Members:

Jim LeDuc

John Ralston

Erick Stragand

Dan Bolda

Meg Goos

Marti Holmes

Suzanne Fasing

Jennifer Bolda

Valerie Alford

Gail Wallace

Toni Kuper

Gretchen Armijo

## HMCAI Events Calendar 2019

All events take place at the Moltery and Montclair Park except the garage sale.

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December 14	Treats with Santa	10:30 a.m.
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Questions? Suggestions?  
Article ideas? Contact  
your HMCAI Board at  
[HistoricMontclair@gmail.com](mailto:HistoricMontclair@gmail.com)

# HMCAI Annual General Meeting

By Caryle Faust

The 2019 HMCAI general meeting was held on 16 October 2019 at the Molkery. Ms. Judy Baxter, HMCAI President, welcomed everyone, gave an overview of the HMCAI mission, and reminded everyone of the upcoming events (i.e. 27 October, Halloween Party and 14 December, Treats with Santa). Ms. Baxter also emphasized to the audience the need for participation in the East Area Plan (EAP) meeting scheduled for 29 October at Johnson & Wales (due to inclement weather the meeting has been rescheduled for 23 November). The meeting will focus on two issues that have become very controversial in Montclair and elsewhere, density and height. She also stated that city planners are committed to another Montclair meeting to discuss everyone's concerns, Ms Baxter is exploring possible venues.

First speaker for the evening was our new **Councilwoman, Amanda Sawyer**. Her office is in the City & County Building, 1437 Bannock St, Room 493. However, every Thursday she holds a session out in her district at a local business (i.e. Quince Essential, Regal Bakery, etc.) from 10:00 – 12:00. You can make an appointment for a 20-minute private session during the first hour, and the second hour is a general/public forum. Check her Facebook, Twitter accounts or call/email for details.

Ms. Sawyer discussed neighborhood priorities:

- Bulb-outs/traffic calming measure on 8th, 13th, and 14th Avenues from Colorado to Yosemite.
- Bulb-outs/traffic calming measures on South Jersey between Alameda & Leetsdale.
- Protected bike lanes on Syracuse.
- Pedestrian crosswalk at Colfax & Fairfax.
- Flashing crosswalk at 8th & Jersey.
- Flashing crosswalk at 14th & Tamarac
- Photo radar van for use throughout East Denver.

Upcoming projects include:

- EAP.
- Imagine 2020, Bus Stop Revitalization.
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).
- Upper Montclair Basin Stormwater Project.
- New tennis court at Montclair Park
- 11th Avenue buffered bike lane.

Ms. Sawyer invited everyone to the Imagine 2020, Bus Stop Revitalization project for the SW corner of Monaco & Colfax. Unveiling will be at 11:00, a.m., 4 November.

The EAP and BRT elicited a lot of comments and questions. Ms. Sawyer wholeheartedly encouraged everyone to

attend the next EAP meeting, now scheduled for 23 November. She stated the plan was absolutely necessary to go forward. Our neighborhoods should get involved and make it a plan we will be happy with in the future. She will also schedule a meeting with traffic engineers and Montclair folks to discuss concerns over traffic being diverted to 13th and 14th due to BRT.

HOW WE CAN HELP OUR COUNCILWOMAN:

- Participate in the development of the EAP.
- Report city problems, concerns and thoughts to 3-1-1 or use the online portal at [denvergov.org/pocketgov](http://denvergov.org/pocketgov). Data collected from these two sources is used by the city to identify priorities and budget allocation.
- Participate in the district survey, [bit.ly/district5survey](http://bit.ly/district5survey).

HOW TO REACH OUR COUNCILWOMAN:

- Phone: 720-337-5555
- Email: [denvercouncil5@denvergov.org](mailto:denvercouncil5@denvergov.org)
- Facebook: @DenverCouncil5
- Twitter: @DenverCouncil5

**Brian Kurzel, Regional Executive Director of the National Wildlife Federation** gave a very informative and enjoyable presentation on how the City and County of Denver has announced its intention to become certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. As a neighborhood we need to brainstorm on how to support this effort.

Last item for the evening was putting forth the slate of HMCAI board nominees for the coming year:

President: Judy Baxter

1st VP: Carrie O'Shea

Treasurer: Gail Berry

Secretary: Caryle Faust

Members at Large:

Valerie Alford

James LeDuc

Brian Narber

Bree Neely

Erick Stragand

Gail Wallace

Gretchen Armijo

Jennifer Bolda

Meg Goos

Kelly Haney

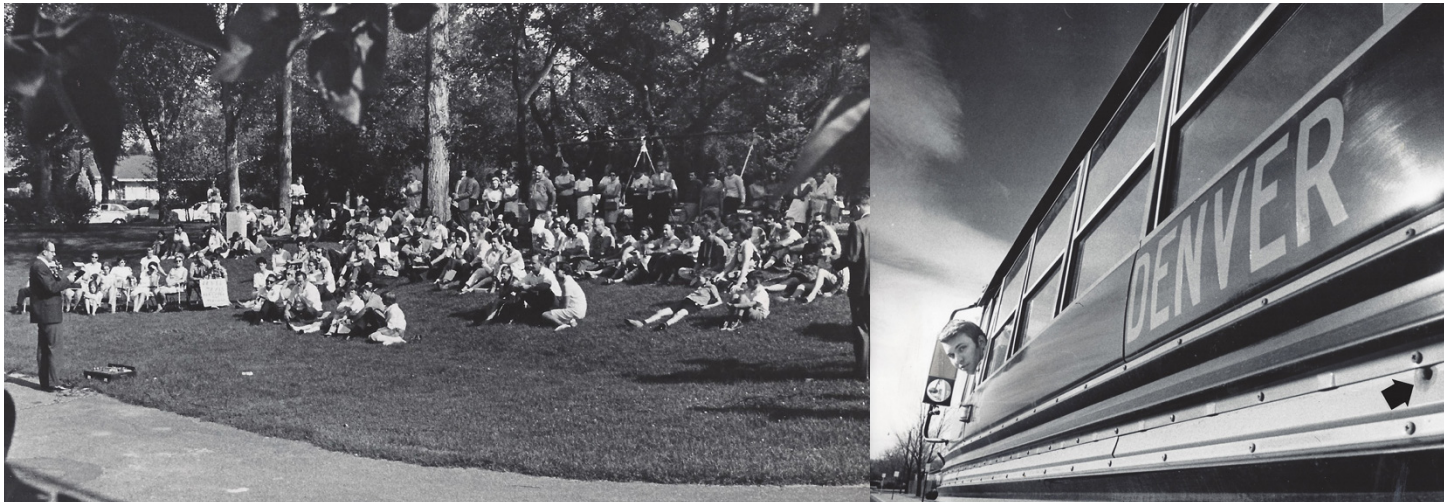
Marti Holmes

Toni Kuperw

The board was elected as nominated. Thank you all for attending and showing great interest in maintaining our neighborhood!!

# Fifty Years Ago- Busing Spurs the New MCA to Action!

By Bill Hansen



Park Hill is always cited as Denver's school desegregation and busing battleground. Few consider Montclair's similar struggles. The long dormant Montclair Improvement Association was resurrected in 1968 as the Montclair Community Association to help quell the fears, anxiety, and anger of that turbulent time.

Montclair Elementary School was opened in 1943 to serve Montclair, as well as the newly opened Lowry Army Air Force Base. From the outset, it was virtually all white. In the late 1960's, Civil Rights activists were pointing out the racial disparity of the Denver neighborhood schools. In 1969, a federal judge agreed and found defacto segregation, mandating court-ordered busing. Recently acquired photographs tell much of the story.

On September 1, 1969, James C. Miller stoked the fears of about 150 onlookers in Montclair Park. Leader of the local chapter of the rabidly anti-communist John Birch Society, Miller urged "psychological warfare" by boycotting the schools. Over the following days he would use a bullhorn near the entrance to Montclair Elementary School. Elementary school children were bused to Montclair Elementary from the predominantly black Clayton Neighborhood such as this school pickup at 30th and Cook. Even gym classes were integrated, still controversial at that time. Some young boys seem bored- perhaps because of the banner reading "Girls Are Strong Too!"

Aides were enlisted to protect the kids as they boarded the bus home on September 5, 1969. Sandy Corlett, a founding member of the new MCA, recalled volunteering as a "chaperone" but the practice was discontinued after a month as no longer necessary. The MCA was determined not to be a "one issue" organization. In 1970 it organized the first Annual House Tour. But on November 10, 1970, somebody shot at a DPS bus from the field that is now Denison Park. The driver was heading to newly integrated Smiley Middle School to return Montclair middle schoolers home.

MCA still had work to do.

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## Urban Renewal Area Approved for East Colfax

By Monica Martinez, Executive Director, The Fax Partnership

On August 26, 2019, the Denver City Council approved the creation of an Urban Renewal Area (URA) on East Colfax between Monaco Boulevard and Yosemite Street. This new URA includes 143 retail and residential properties with the zoning designation of Main Street (MS) located primarily along East Colfax. As a result of this designation the Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA) will be able to offer Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to new developments within this boundary.

As the local community development nonprofit that works along the East Colfax corridor, the Fax Partnership (the Fax) advocated for the creation of an URA in the two years leading up to City Council approval. The Fax promoted the URA because the organization is focused on advocating for the development of affordable housing on this important Denver transit corridor. An example of our organizational focus was the City of Denver acquisition of two properties on East Colfax – 8315 and 7900 East Colfax – in 2017 as a result of our work. Both Colfax sites are now slated for development into affordable housing that will serve individuals of incomes ranging from 30-80% Area Median Income (30% AMI is \$19,500 and 80% is \$52,000 for a single individual). While these projects are significant accomplishments for East Colfax, additional City of Denver acquisitions are unlikely. And yet the East Colfax community has an acute need for more housing.

Housing statistics for the East Colfax neighborhood present a grim picture: 45% of renters pay more than 30% of their income on rent and rents have increased by 76% since 2000. Recent analysis on the availability of renter housing units for the East Area, neighborhoods between Colorado Boulevard and Yosemite, shows a gap in available units at nearly 1,400. Suddenly the two planned affordable housing projects on East Colfax that will build about 155 units seem rather insignificant in addressing the need of affordable housing in our community. With this in mind, the Fax supported the creation of an URA to encourage the private market to build more housing. The tool of TIF provides funding resources up-front to development projects based upon the future taxes the new development will generate over 25 years. This financial support can mean the difference between a project being built or not and is offered only when projects demonstrate that without TIF the development would not occur. (For more information on how the process of TIF, please visit DURA's website).

It is an important time for East Colfax and the community members – residents or businesses – that call this community home. With the creation of the URA, the Fax is now working with this vibrant community to call for community-serving projects. This effort includes featuring the voices of the community in expressing their expectations to the Denver Urban Renewal Authority for such projects. The Fax believes the role of TIF must be to achieve the community objectives first and foremost and to hold DURA accountable towards that end. The Fax looks forward to partnering with our community to make this a reality. For more information on the Fax's work, please contact the Fax at [info@thefaxdenver.com](mailto:info@thefaxdenver.com).

## October Snow in Montclair



## Be Part of the 20-year Vision for Montclair

By Marti Holmes, East Area Plan Steering Committee Member

Over the last two years, through community meetings and online surveys, you have told us what you love about your East Area neighborhood (Montclair, Bellevue/Hale, East Colfax, Mayfair, South Park Hill), your concerns, and your big ideas. The Steering Committee, comprised of those who live and work in the five neighborhoods, with City Planners, used that input to create draft recommendations in four key areas: eEconomy and housing, mobility, land use urban and design, and quality of life.

Reflecting input received throughout the summer, a second draft of recommendations and new approaches to building heights and neighborhood housing options were shared for community feedback in early November.

The October East Area Plan meeting workshop was rescheduled to November 23rd due to inclement weather and was held at Johnson & Wales University. Food was provided, children were welcome, and interpretation was available. If you missed the workshop, the updated draft recommendations and opportunities to share your input on approaches to housing options and building heights have been available online at [denvergov.org/eastplan](http://denvergov.org/eastplan) since early November. At that site, you can:

- View presentation slides
- Review updated draft plan recommendations
- Provide feedback through an Online Workshop Link or through the general feedback form
- Take survey on building heights and community benefits
- Take survey on housing options
- View upcoming input opportunities
- Read the frequently asked questions (FAQs)
- Contact City Planning directly
- View a list of Steering Committee Members
- Review past meeting information

Sign up on the to receive updates about the plan and learn about upcoming input opportunities.

The East Area Plan, which will be reviewed and voted on by Planning Board and City Council, will be the final product resulting from a multi-year public process driven by input from residents, local business and property owners, neighborhood groups and other stakeholders. The plan will be a policy document that puts forth a 20-year vision and strategies to achieve that vision. The plan will not affect zoning. Any proposed zoning changes suggested in the final plan would require a follow-up process that would involve community input and approval by City Council.

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December 12, 19 at 6:00pm - Dinner Church  
(See the Christmas Story in a new way)

December 24 7:00pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
(Warm Drinks and Dessert)

You are always invited to Dinner Church on Thursday Evenings at 6:00pm. Come be well fed.

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## From the Desk of Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer

City Council District 5



Believe it or not, December 15th marks my first six months as your District 5 City Councilmember. Time has flown and we've been working hard to demonstrate our unwavering commitment to the people of District 5 through both community outreach and advocacy for our neighborhoods at the City & County Building. My Thursday morning office hours at local coffee shops have been very successful. I have spoken personally with over seventy constituents at these events and I've attended over forty community events where I've spoken with hundreds more neighbors. Finally, we sent a mailing to over twenty thousand District 5 households. All this outreach has identified your priorities, and we are synthesizing your feedback into a strategic plan that will guide my representation of the District.

During budget season, I requested \$1.4 million in additional funding to build out missing sidewalks in Denver, and for more funding for our Safe Routes to School program. The Mayor agreed to both requests. I have also been working with our Public Works department to focus on safer streets in our neighborhoods, especially focusing on 14th, 13th and 8th Avenues. While it will take some time, rest assured I continue to fight for District 5 every day. I have been working on some larger, city-wide issues over the last six months, including proposing a change to the Denver Charter which would give City Council confirmation authority over all eleven Mayoral appointments to the Mayor's Cabinet. I'm working on ordinances to ban smoking at RTD transit stops, better manage medical waste disposal, and looking at several of our environmental policies. I look forward to discussing these issues further with the community as the ordinances move further along in the process.

In the meantime, I continue to ask for your partnership in advocating for our community by calling 311 to report issues you see in our neighborhoods. Please also sign up for our newsletter at [bit.ly/council5news](http://bit.ly/council5news) or follow us on social media at @DenverCouncil5. We often ask for your opinion on upcoming issues via quick online surveys and truly appreciate your feedback. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office. It is my honor and privilege to serve as your City Council representative. Wishing you and your family all the best this holiday season and into the New Year.

Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer • District 5

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## HMCAI Halloween Party- October 27, 2019





# From the Desk of Lois Court, State Senator

District 31



Once again, I appreciate this opportunity to connect with my Montclair constituents. As many of you know, I have been struggling with whether to run for a second term, and final four years, in the Colorado State Senate next year. After zillions of hours of discussions with family, friends, colleagues, and constituents I have decided that I won't run again in 2020. It has been an incredible honor and a challenging and rewarding experience for me to represent the people of House District 6 and then the people of Senate District 31 over the last 11 years - and it will continue to be for the remainder of my Senate term next year - which won't actually end until January 2021. But although this has been a very tough decision for my husband and me, it's the right one for us to make at this time.

Although I won't be running for re-election, I'm far from done! I plan to work again during the 2020 session to pass hands-free cell phone use while driving. This is a significant public safety issue and I'm hoping that I'll finally convince enough of my colleagues to join me in passing this law. I will also continue to work on our state's complex and exasperating fiscal issues. From school funding to transportation to health care, we have major issues to address and we simply aren't keeping up. One of the huge aspects of our state's fiscal morass is the tax code which allows for 7 billion dollars to go uncollected because of exemptions, refunds and credits of numerous kinds. I have been serving on an interim committee this summer reviewing many of these and I'll be working to repeal or rewrite several laws in this area during the 2020 session.

Another aspect of our fiscal mess is the intersection of various constitutional fiscal policies. I'll be working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle and in both chambers to see about referring a measure to the 2020 ballot to deal with some of it.

As I have for my entire tenure representing you in both the House and the Senate, I'll try to get to as many neighborhood meetings as I can. I hope you'll let me know when they are so I can see about being there. And as always, please feel free to contact me by email - loiscourt@msn.com - or by phone at the capitol - 303 866 4861.

Thank you again for giving me the honor of serving you!  
Lois Court- State Senator District 31 Senate President Pro Tempore

## Montclair Crime Report

From Denver Police Department

### CRIME IN MONTCLAIR REPORTED OFFENSES BASED ON UCR STANDARDS

TYPE OF OFFENSE		JAN-SEP 2018		JAN-SEP 2019		CHANGE	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
VIOLENT CRIME	Homicide	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	NA
	Rape	9	4.1%	13	6.8%	4	44.4%
	Robbery	7	3.2%	3	1.6%	-4	-57.1%
	Aggravated Assault	15	6.9%	14	7.3%	-1	-6.7%
SUBTOTAL		31	14.3%	30	15.6%	-1	-3.2%
PROPERTY	Burglary	32	14.7%	19	9.9%	-13	-40.6%
	Larceny (Except Theft from MV)	88	40.6%	86	44.8%	-2	-2.3%
	Theft from Motor Vehicle	46	21.2%	26	13.5%	-20	-43.5%
	Auto theft	20	9.2%	31	16.1%	11	55.0%
	Arson	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	NA
SUBTOTAL		186	85.7%	162	84.4%	-24	-12.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>217</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>-11.5%</b>

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# Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment

By Merritt Pullam – Montclair Parent and Neighbor

## OPEN HOUSE!!! Wednesday, December 4th, 4:30-6:30 PM

The school construction project is almost complete and the students and staff are utilizing the new facilities. An open house will be held on Wednesday, December 4th from 4:30 – 6:30 PM. See the new classrooms, cafeteria and lunch room, and remodeled library – the changes are amazing and will be greatly appreciated by everyone. At the open house, you will be able to learn about opportunities to help the school and community. Montclair is always looking for volunteers to read, tutor math, and many other avenues where you can support as well. Parents, staff, and teachers will be available to answer questions about the school and donation/volunteer opportunities. We also have an option to donate by simply linking your King Soopers or Safeway rewards cards to Montclair - the school earns 5% of your purchase! If you are unable to make the open house always feel welcome to reach out to the school main office at 720-424-5380 or the school website at [montclairdpsk12.org](http://montclairdpsk12.org).

Montclair takes pride in offering enrichments to further our children's education. Every dollar counts towards enabling our youth to learn about our world and build equity and inclusivity. Donations are used for our enrichment program for all grade levels which takes students out into the community to places like theater performances, outdoor experiential education, and overnights at local museums. **Colorado Gives Day this year is Tuesday, December 10th** and we would appreciate any donations to our school via this program or by any other means.

## The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is an opportunity to give to community members who need a little help. You can anonymously select a request to fulfill one of our community members' wants or needs for the holidays. Be assured that your generous gift(s) will be greeted with joy and appreciation. Giving Tree requests, along with an online sign-up sheet, will be available to fill out beginning November 20th, 2019. Check [montclairdpsk12.org](http://montclairdpsk12.org) for the Giving Tree link. Wrapped gifts are due by Monday, December 16th and distributed soon after. Questions can be answered by Cahjah Reed at [cajah\\_reed@dpsk12.org](mailto:cajah_reed@dpsk12.org) or Merritt Pullam at [merrittpkw@gmail.com](mailto:merrittpkw@gmail.com).

Thank you to the members of our community who attended our Harvest Party. Your generosity is appreciated. Remaining auction items and "teacher treats" from the Harvest Party will be available at the open house 12/04/19.

Winter break begins Saturday, December 21st. School resumes Tuesday, January 7th

Let's Go Cougars!! Montclair Rocks, whoohah!!!



## The 2019 Montclair Giving Tree is Up!!!

Many of Montclair's own are in need of hats, coats, gloves, shoes, and toys. Please come by the Montclair School of Academics and Enrichments front office or visit [montclairdpsk12.org](http://montclairdpsk12.org) and see the giving tree link. Your gift(s) are greatly appreciated!

Bring wrapped and tagged gifts by Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you**

## Montclair's Thomas J. Noel Receives Historic Denver Inc.'s Highest Honor

By Carrie O'Shea

On October 30, 2019 Historic Denver Inc. presented the Keystone Award for Lifetime Contributions to Historic Preservation in Denver to longtime Montclair resident Dr. Thomas J Noel, "Dr. Colorado." The event took place at their annual awards dinner at the Brown Palace Hotel.

Tom moved to Montclair in 1966. He completed his B.A. at the University of Denver and his M.A. and Ph.D. at CU-Boulder. He is a Professor of History and Director of Public History, Preservation & Colorado Studies at the University of Colorado Denver. He became interested in preservation when he helped compile and push the 1975 designation of the Montclair Historic District. In 1976 he published his first book: *Richthofen's Montclair: A Pioneer Denver Suburb*. In 2002 he co-authored *The Montclair Neighborhood* with William J. Hansen for Historic Denver Inc.

Tom is the author or co-author of 53 books and a longtime former Sunday columnist for the Rocky Mountain News and The Denver Post. He served as a Denver Landmark Preservation Commissioner and as chair of the commission. He appears regularly as "Dr. Colorado" on Channel 9's "Colorado & Company." In 2018 History Colorado appointed Tom the Colorado state historian. Over the years Tom has been a vocal advocate for historic preservation of properties in Montclair and throughout the state. Known for bringing history alive to students and audiences and for regularly sporting a bow-tie, Tom possesses an encyclopedic knowledge of all things pertaining to Colorado's past.

When asked about living in Montclair Tom says, "I have lived in three different Montclair homes since 1966. I like Montclair's range of large and small homes and of architectural styles. Folks can move up or down in the neighborhood, as I have, as your circumstances change. I lead walking tours, starting out in our wonderful Molkery, to show off everything from castles to modest bungalows. Much of the fine fabric of original Montclair has survived, its Queen Annes, its tuberculosis houses, the Richthofen Castle. Unfortunately we lost our other castle to demolition, Kittredge Castle (1891-1955) which was located at 8th & Oneida, the site of today's Kittredge Park. As a gardener I also appreciate generous lots with a wide range of landscaping. The tree lawns, generous setbacks, old flagstone sidewalks and lack of fences make it a friendly, walkable neighborhood we are lucky to call home."

We are lucky to have Tom as a neighbor and happy to see him honored for his work. Congratulations Tom!



*Tom receives his award from Georgi Contiguglia, former head of History Colorado and current Historic Denver Inc. board member*

# Restaurant Review

By Jennifer Bolda

We have been patiently waiting for a new restaurant to open in the Lowry Town Center, where Serios once was, and are excited to add Walter's 303 Pizza to the neighborhood. The atmosphere there is clean with a rustic flair to it with TVs broadcasting games, old historic pictures of Lowry and Widespread Panic posters up on the walls. They offer a few board games for entertainment, while you wait for your food. There is a separate bar area with some high-top tables, a dining area and a back room. Walter's is mainly a specialty pizza restaurant, but they do offer a few appetizers like wings, meatballs, cheesy bread and an assortment of salads, subs and lasagna. Walter's specializes in beer, but they have a full bar as well. Both of our visits we were seated quickly and there were plenty of wait staff to welcome us and check in.

On our first go around the staff seemed quick and eager to serve us. We ordered breadsticks that were brushed with herbed, garlic butter and served with a side of marinara sauce that was a bit spicy. We also ordered the Italian salad which was perfect for 2 to share. We ordered a hand tossed cheese pizza as well and were warned that the sauce was a bit spicy. The kids ate it yet drink plenty of water while doing so! Originally, my husband and I are from Chicago, so sadly, I was not super impressed by the pizza, but wanted to give it another try.

The next time we came in ten minutes before happy hour ended. We hoped to grab a quick round for happy hour before dinner but instead we sat at our table for about 10 minutes, as many staff members walked around us. When we did finally order we ordered a glass of house red wine, a draft beer, which should be ordered by the tap number rather than the name, and the dry rub wings. The wings were delicious, they were crispy and spicy and had just enough punch to them and didn't need the ranch served with them. We ordered a deep-dish Keep Tahoe Blue pizza that was a hearty combination of marinara, pepperoni, smoky bacon, a little bit of spice from the jalapenos, blue and mozzarella cheese with the sauce on top. It was served on a beaded pan to help the crust from getting soggy and cooked to perfection with melty cheese and crispy crust. This met my expectations more closely than the hand tossed. We ended with an inhouse baked chocolate chip cookie. I will give Walter's another chance. Next time I will arrive a little earlier! Cheers!

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**WHERE:** Colorado Railroad Museum

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### DENVER CHRISTKINDL MARKET

**WHEN:** Nov. 22–Dec. 23, 2019

**WHERE:** Skyline Park

The Christkindl Market includes vendors from Germany and other countries, as well as local artisans, offering high-quality, handcrafted gifts such as traditional hand-carved wooden figurines, handmade candles and ornaments. Traditional German food will tempt your taste buds. Sip on warm Glühwein (hot spiced wine) as you listen to traditional Christmas carols and live German music. Entry is free and the entire family is invited to enjoy this great tradition!

### MOVIE & MARTINIS: NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION

**WHEN:** Dec. 8 and 15, 2019

**WHERE:** CU South Denver

Take a break from the hectic holiday season to enjoy a chaotic Christmas classic! This all-inclusive night out includes two holiday-themed cocktails, wine or beer; a Griswald Christmas dinner with food stations, passed hors d'oeuvres and dessert; and gourmet movie popcorn.

### ANNUAL TUBACHRISTMAS

**WHEN:** Dec. 22, 2019

**WHERE:** DPAC/Denver Performing Arts Complex

Tired of the same old holiday soundtrack? Revive your holiday spirit at the Annual TubaChristmas concert! Tap your toes to your favorite holiday tunes being played by 300 tuba players from all over the region.

### NIGHT LIGHTS DENVER

**WHEN:** Nov. 7, 2019–Jan. 31, 2020

**WHERE:** Daniels & Fisher Tower

Night Lights Denver features rotating content designed by local artists and the community and projected on the Arapahoe Street side of the Daniels & Fisher Tower every Thursday through Saturday evening.

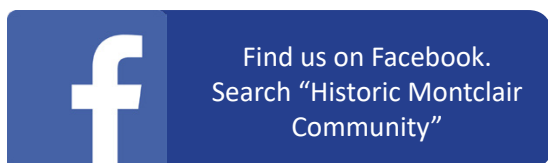
### MILE HIGH TREE

**WHEN:** Nov. 30, 2019 - Jan. 31, 2020, 5 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., free shows every evening

**WHERE:** Sculpture Park at the Denver Performing Arts Complex

Join in the free nightly festivities at Denver's newest holiday attraction, the Mile High Tree. It's a brilliantly lit, 110-foot-tall immersive art installation that provides a dazzling lights and music show every 30 minutes throughout the evening. At 39-feet in diameter, the conical structure can host up to 140 guests at a time for an immersive viewing experience within the tree itself. There will be areas to purchase both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks as well as holiday treats.

Source: Visit Denver



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# Winter Recipes

By Gail Barry

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## Cheese Herb Pretzels

These make lovely holiday appetizers. Using a pastry blender or two knives, cut ½ cup of butter into 1 cup white whole wheat or unbleached flour until particles are no longer distinguishable. Stir in 2 tablespoons of parmesan cheese, 1 cup of shredded sharp cheddar cheese, ½ teaspoon each of garlic and onion powder and ¾ teaspoon of Italian herbs. (1/4 teaspoon each of dry basil, oregano and rosemary leaves) Sprinkle 3-3 ½ tablespoons of water over mixture, a tablespoon at a time, while tossing with a fork until moistened. Form mixture into a ball, divide in half, then divide each half into 12 equal pieces. If dough seems soft, wrap and chill until firm.

Using your palms, roll pieces of dough, on lightly floured board, into thin, 11" long ropes. Twist into pretzels shapes. Place on ungreased baking sheets and bake in oven @425 degrees F for 12-15 minutes or until golden. Cool on wire racks. May be wrapped and frozen or eaten fresh. You could experiment with other herbs for a different flavor.

## For the Birds- Bird Cakes (makes 10)

Melt ½ cup of chopped beef suet over low flame in a heavy skillet. To it add ½ cup peanut butter, 1 ½ cups cornmeal and 1 cup of mixed bird seed. Stir to mix then pour into paper lined muffin tins. When partially hardened insert 6-inch loops of cord into the middle of the mixture by poking with an ice pick or chop stick. Remove cakes when fully hardened. Store in freezer until ready for use or to give as gifts for bird lovers. These should be hung away from areas easily accessible by squirrels as they love them.

## Neighborhood CoWork and CoWellness

By Amanda Meyer - Executive Director, Newport Street Retreat

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"You've got to tell people what you're doing there!"

This is a phrase that my partners Sarah, Lauren and I are constantly told. We refer to ourselves as the Butcher, Baker and Candlestick Maker due to a movement that we are creating for YOU. This movement is one that combines the popular trend of "CoWork" space and the deep root of mindful living that we are coining "CoWellness." We feel like people are craving a move further away from large corporations and the corporate lifestyles that goes with it, and moving back toward more of a local, familiar, entrepreneurial atmosphere. This is a place where you can begin your day with a guided meditation, "plug in" upstairs in one of various spaces and crank out some work, head to our 2900 sq.ft. yoga studio and enjoy a class, hold a meeting in a conference room, grab a cup of Copper Door coffee or tea and healthy snack in our make-shift café and end the day with an interesting and relevant lecture or workshop. That's a lot in a day, we know, but that's what we are offering with a membership at Newport Street Retreat. It reminds me of the Maine license plate that reads "the way life should be."

We present to you Newport Street Retreat (NSR for short), an urban retreat center that combines a place for you to conduct your work day (whatever that looks like to you) along with meditation, yoga and a whole bunch of stuff that is meant to bring peace and balance to your life. At any given time, we also house 12-15 micro businesses that have chosen NSR as their launch or growth home. NSR provides these businesses with affordable office space to fully dive into their business plans and expand ideas to their fullest capacities. Over the past three years, we have been working to renovate our 70+ year old church building (formerly Montclair United Methodist Church, now Be3 United Methodist Church) and house next door in the neighborhood. This has been tireless and intentional work so that we can live up to our motto to "nourish that which nourishes the community."

We have CoWork and CoWellness memberships available now. Our memberships are available to ALL good people doing good things. You can find more details on our website [NewportStreetRetreat.com](http://NewportStreetRetreat.com) or stop by the corner of 12th and Newport and see for yourself! Support your local gathering place.

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