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Annexed by the City of Denver in 1902, Montclair incorporated in 1888 as a Denver suburb. One of Denver's 78 statistical neighborhoods, its borders include Colfax Ave. to the north, 6th Ave. to the south, Quebec St. to the east and Holly St. to the west.

Formed in 1907 as a not-for profit corporation, the Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc. (HMCAI), is the oldest neighborhood association in Denver. Officers and at-large board members serve without pay. 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.

Dedicated to innovative educational, civic and social activities, we offer our members quarterly newsletters, flyers and public announcements. We inform members of important zoning issues, historic preservation, construction and planning activities, elections and other activities impacting the neighborhood. HMCAI frequently collaborates with schools, churches and other local organizations for the common good. Interested in being a part of the community? Join today.

The Historic Montclair 4th of July Picnic is Coming Back!

When: Sunday, July 4th; 10:30 a.m- 2:00 p.m.
Where: Montclair Park
Bike Parade, Games, Band, Firetruck!
Stay Tuned for More Information

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President’s Note

By Judy Baxter



I was searching for a bit of inspiration for this 2nd quarter President’s Note and decided to look back as a way to start to look forward. Last year, I had two Joseph Campbell quotes that have guided me through challenging times, and I had hoped that they would do so for you. This one: “Opportunities to find deeper powers within ourselves come when life seems most challenging.” I do hope you found some of your deeper powers and got to practice using them this last year. As we get going on our collective return to the new and revised version of normal—some reflection is in order. I think reflection is our best way of making lemonade out of lemons. And frankly, upon reflection I think that expression gives lemons a bad name.

A year ago, I wrote about the parts of our tradition that we had to let go of in order to keep ourselves and our community safe. That meant there was no Easter Egg Hunt or Spring Garage Sale. This year, we were back with both. For the crowd of 100+ kids, parents, grandparents and those just wanting to see eggs being laid by cheery volunteers and hear the squeals of children dashing for eggs, the Easter Egg Hunt was a joy and perhaps a turning point. Remember, this was early April, and it was a beautiful morning in Montclair Park—for many it felt like our first “safe” venture out. This was possible because it was outside, many of us had our vaccines on board, the weather cooperated and the families respected our public safety requests. BIG thanks goes out to the volunteers on the board and others who made it all work. Likewise, here’s to all who participated in the Spring Garage Sale, and especially to Valerie Alford for herding and organizing the cats.

Quote from Egg Hunt: “This is so great. We sure hope that you all are able to have the 4th of July Picnic.” We are happy to report that YES, THERE WILL BE A 4TH OF JULY PICNIC! We have been given the thumbs-up from Denver Parks and Recreation. However, there are a few caveats that need to be worked out, though many of the elements will be the same: the music, bunting, games, water balloons, bike parade, games and of course, the fire truck and getting hosed will be appreciated even more given our year away. We are assessing best practices for the BBQ portion of the event. See the notice in this newsletter, and stay tuned to your email, Nextdoor, and Facebook for specifics.

Thank you to the volunteers who came out on May 16th for the District 5 Parks clean-up organized by Councilwoman Sawyer and her staff. Montclair, Kittredge, and Denison parks, plus the parkways in our neighborhood, all got picked up by over 20 volunteers. I am happy to report that our parks were in pretty good shape—remarkably small amounts of loose trash and amazingly few dog leavings. So that means a big thanks to everyone who uses these parks for their respect and good care of this important resource. In the spirit of accepting where we are and where we are headed in the months ahead, we need to stay flexible. This includes staying open to the fact that things can change on short notice, and it is important to stay connected with information. We think all of our usual events will be back on the calendar, depending, of course, on guidelines and restrictions.

Be well; be safe; be in touch with us: historicmontclair@gmail.com

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HMCAI Events Calendar 2021

July 4	July 4 Picnic	10:30 a.m.
September 17	Beer/Wine Reception	6:30 p.m.
October 20	Annual General Meeting	7:00 p.m.
October 24	Halloween Party	3:30 p.m.
December 11	Treats with Santa	10:30 a.m.

Stay tuned: Details for each event are still in flux.

Questions? Suggestions? Article ideas? Contact your HMCAI Board at HistoricMontclair@gmail.com

HMCAI Membership Form

Two ways to join: 1- Please print legibly on form and mail with check to:
HMCAI Treasurer, PO Box 200125, Denver, CO 80220

2. Or, pay securely online with Square:

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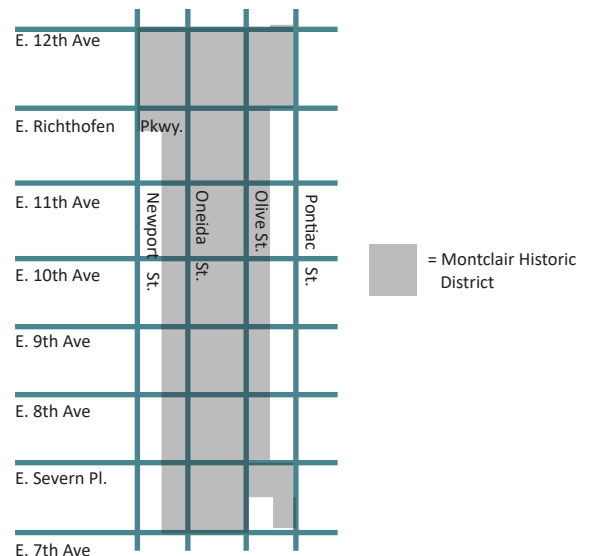
What would you like to help with? _____



Possibilities include: Treats with Santa, July 4th, Easter Egg Hunt, Cocktail Party, Halloween Party, Board Member, Other (please specify)

Important Information

If you live in the designated Historic District (see map to the right) within the Montclair neighborhood and you’d like to build an addition, second story, porch, add solar panels, replace windows, roof, sidewalks, or demolish the house and build new, you must first contact Denver’s Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) and receive approval. Your proposal must meet the design guidelines for historic districts. This is mandatory for residents of all historic districts in the City of Denver. To schedule an appointment for a pre-application meeting, discuss your building project, or ask questions contact the LPC at 720-865-2709 or landmark@denvergov.org



City Council District 5 Updates, Spring 2021

by Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer, District 5



This July will mark two years that I have had the honor of representing the people and communities of District 5. I ran for office to bring the voice of the people back to city government, and my team and I operate our office with a view to four core values:

transparency, accountability, customer service and good communication. In recent months, we have been able to move forward with several initiatives and proposals based on what you, D5 community members, have told us matters to you. Here are several examples:

Remote Meetings

Like many events and meeting, the pandemic made it essential for City Council meetings to be held remotely, in the interest of public health and safety. However, there were no uniform standards in the Denver City Charter regarding the use of electronic media to hold and attend meetings, which would allow Council to meet virtually. For the past year, I have worked on Charter Amendment 2F and an ordinance amending the local open meetings laws to authorize electronic participation and meeting methods during emergencies. This will allow for use of emerging technology and increase community accessibility.

Historic Preservation

While I strongly support designating Denver's buildings to preserve important nods to our city's history, I also believe that we need to find a better balance regarding owner-opposed historic designations. Owner-opposed or "hostile" designations are time-consuming, expensive, emotionally draining on all parties, and can reduce the value of the land if approved. Possibly because of these concerns, City Council has only voted to designate a historic structure that was owner-opposed once.

I am researching potential ways to require more investment from residents who want to file an owner-opposed historic designation. I have not yet made any decisions on whether to pursue any of these potential changes to the ordinance and are still in the process of having conversations with stakeholders. Please share your thoughts with me by emailing my office at DenverCouncil5@denvergov.org. To learn more about the current process to designate a structure or district as a

Denver landmark, go to :

<https://denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Community-Planning-and-Development/Landmark-Preservation/Historic-Designations>

Eviction Protection

As we look at the fallout around COVID-19 and the overwhelming number of people who are facing evictions in our city, I have advanced an ordinance in partnership with District 9 Councilwoman Cde Baca to create access to legal counsel for any resident facing eviction who makes less than 80% of the area median income - approximately \$85,000 for a family of four. The amount of money Denver spends on post-eviction services around homelessness and sheltering is astronomical. So, it makes sense to care for residents upstream and provide them support before they get evicted. It doesn't mean that these residents will get to remain in their homes; but it would provide an opportunity to achieve better outcomes for them than an eviction on their credit history that will affect their ability to find housing in the future.

On behalf of everyone in the D5 office, thank you for all you do in our neighborhoods. In particular, we'd like to give a shout out to the 70 volunteers who volunteered at the D5 Spring Parks-Clean-Up Day. This fall, my office will again organize a clean-up day for the other half of D5's parks – so save the date for October 10th at 8:30 am!

As always, feel free to contact our office with comments or questions. Sign up to receive our monthly newsletter and updates at bit.ly/Council5News, and we'll also keep you apprised of developments as they happen through these communication channels:

Gratefully,
Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer

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District 5 Park Upgrades Happening in 2021

By Amanda Sawyer, Councilwoman, Denver District 5

Did you know that Denver Parks & Recreation (DPR) maintains 250+ urban parks, 80 miles of trails, 14,000 acres of mountain parks, 30 recreation centers and 31 indoor swimming pools? Denver's delightful parks are year-round destinations for residents, and our rec centers are well-loved fixtures in many of our daily lives.

As part of the Game Plan for a Healthy City, several D5 parks, as well as Montclair Recreation Center, will receive upgrades by the end of 2021. As our city continues to recover from the public health emergency, Denver rec centers began reopening in May, and many of our outdoor pools will reopen this summer. Below is an overview of the DPR projects that are actively underway in District 5. I hope you'll explore Denver's parks and rec centers – those in District 5, as well as those around the city and state!

Crestmoor Park

Thanks to voters who passed the Elevate Denver Bond Program, walkways and picnic site upgrades to the south walking trail will make the park more accessible to the community. Work will include regrading, drainage improvements, irrigation, and site amenities including picnic tables and grills, and new trees. Upgrades to the walkways on the north side of the park will be added in phase 2 of the project and that timing is yet to be determined.

Construction Start - Spring 2021
Construction Complete - Late 2021

Montclair Park

Funded through Elevate Denver Bonds, and with significant community input, plans include replacement of the crumbling tennis court with a new post tensioned court, a horseshoe pit, ADA accessible walks, parking and an improved ADA accessible picnic area. The tennis court was first erected in 1911 and was resurfaced many times prior to its demolition and reconstruction.

Construction Start - Spring 2021
Construction Complete - Fall 2021

Montclair Recreation Center

Funded by DPR's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), a new dehumidification unit will be installed along with improvements to the building envelope and new roofing.

Design - Ongoing at the time of this writing in late April
Construction Start - Spring 2021
Construction Complete - Late 2021

Verbena Park

Funded by Denver CIP Funds, the project will include upgrades for the playground; athletic field drainage; and picnic facilities as budget allows. Based on input from the surrounding community, and depending on budget, the basketball court may also be moved to a different location within the park.

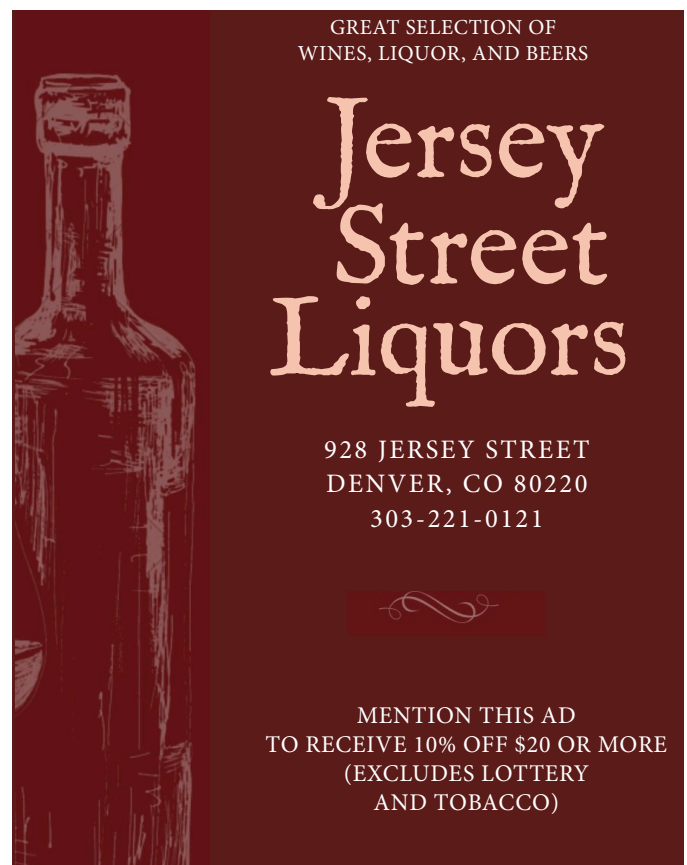
Design & Construction Documents - Spring/Summer 2021
Bid Construction - Fall 2021
Construction Begins - Winter 2022

Robinson Park

Based on significant community input and paid for through Elevate Denver Bonds as well as private fundraising, this project will replace the playground and basketball court, and will include accessibility upgrades and improvements to the picnic facilities and landscape.

Construction Start - Spring 2021
Construction Complete - Late 2021

For updated information for these and all DPR projects, including opportunities for public comment and contact information, visit denvergov.org/ParkProjects.



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The Montclair School of Academics and Enrichments Spring 2021

By Merritt Pullam

The 2020-2021 school term ended on May 28th. What a year for students, teachers, staff, and parents. There were many moments where our community came together to support all those involved with this eventful year. School begins for the 2021-2022 term on Monday, August 23rd with a new bell schedule starting at 8 am and ending at 3:05 pm.

We want to thank and send well wishes to our former principal Ryan Kockler. Our new principal is Susan Miller-Curley. Susan has lived in Northeast Denver for many years, and has been serving as an Assistant principal and Principal Resident for the school. She is fluent in Spanish and a determined advocate for our students, teachers, and staff. We wish Susan well and know she is an excellent choice to be our next 2021-2022 school year principal.

Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment will be opening up spots for 3 year-olds in ECE. If you, or anyone you know, are looking for a full-day ECE program next school year, Montclair has room! Interested families may submit an application through schoolchoice.dpsk12.org. Feel free to call the Montclair front office at 720-424-5380 (before June 1st or after August 2nd) or email: amanda_jones@dpsk12.org with any questions. Montclair.dpsk12.org is also a great resource if you have

questions about the school, how to participate as a parent/guardian, or to learn more about the school and community.

We are proud members of the Northeast Denver Innovation Zone (NDIZ), led by Vernon Jones Jr. (Executive Director). Go to www.ndiz.org to learn more and to find information about future community circles and conversations.



Many of you ask how you can help the school and community. The Backpack Program is a year-round giving opportunity for our student families in need. If you wish to contribute, please contact Cahaj (cajah_reed@dpsk12.org)

Have a safe and happy summer. We look forward to meeting our new students and welcoming back all of our returning students, staff, and teachers in August.

Thank you! Go Cougars! Montclair Rocks Woohah!!!

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How to Nurture a Wildlife Refuge in Your Yard

By Christina Clayton, Montclair resident

What if Denver, the Mile High City, was also known as the most wildlife-friendly city in the U.S.? What if the grasslands upon which this great city rose were better preserved and restored in our spaces? This is the vision of Denver Audubon. In Denver Audubon's excellent *community naturalist* training course, I received an inspirational and empowering skills for planting and maintaining my quarter-acre front and back yard. Our yards have aesthetic and recreational functions as well as critically important ecological functions, often overlooked in attracting and sustaining wildlife and perpetuating Colorado's natural landscape.

Let's talk about native plants. Plants native to Colorado's grasslands require very little water once established, and Colorado's water resources are steadily decreasing. Scientists now speak reluctantly of the "aridification" of the West rather than of "drought" conditions. Up to 60% of our municipal fresh water is used for landscaping. Native plants have co-evolved with native insects including pollinators such as butterflies, moths, beetles, flies, bees, dragonflies over thousands of years. They have established mutual dependencies and created a vast and complex food chain that animals and humans alike depend upon. With few exceptions, native pollinators cannot use non-native (introduced or exotic) plants for their sustaining pollen and nectar. For example, butterflies and moths need native host plants for their eggs. As for birds, an estimated 96% of terrestrial birds rely on insects (particularly caterpillars) to feed their young. Adult birds rely on insects and the fruits and seeds of native plants for nutrition. Each spring millions of birds migrate over Colorado to breeding grounds in Canada and to wintering grounds as far as Central and South America in the fall.

As conscientious homeowners, must we tear out our lawns and grow only those plants native to Colorado? The answer is no! Douglas Tallamy, native gardening guru and author of the seminal *Bringing Nature Home* (2008), recommends it, but does not see it as crucially beneficial. In his most recent book, *Nature's Best Hope* (2020), he provides sensible and realistic guidance. For instance, (1) As long as keystone native species predominate in your yard, you can keep choice ornamental plants that delight you every spring. There are many showy natives, as well. (2) Remove invasive plants (both native and introduced). The issue with invasives is that they take over; diversity is what you want. (3) "Shrink" your lawn by replacing parts of it with appropriate native plants, such as flowers and shrubs. (4) Minimize use of insecticides, herbicides and fertilizers. (5) Leave leaf litter and dead plant stems through the winter

and clean up in the spring.

How do we know what to plant?

There are a vast array of resources starting with online databases maintained by National Wildlife Federation and Audubon that make recommendations by zip code (Audubon's has 37 for zip code 80220). The Colorado Native Plant Society; (www.conps.org); CSU Extension Service (www.extension.colostate.edu); Audubon Rockies Habitat Hero (rockies.audubon.org/habitat-hero); including demonstration gardens at Denver Audubon's Chatfield gardens, the Denver Botanic Gardens, and local nurseries.

I hope you'll consider joining me in this effort to perpetuate Colorado's natural landscape in my humble yard!



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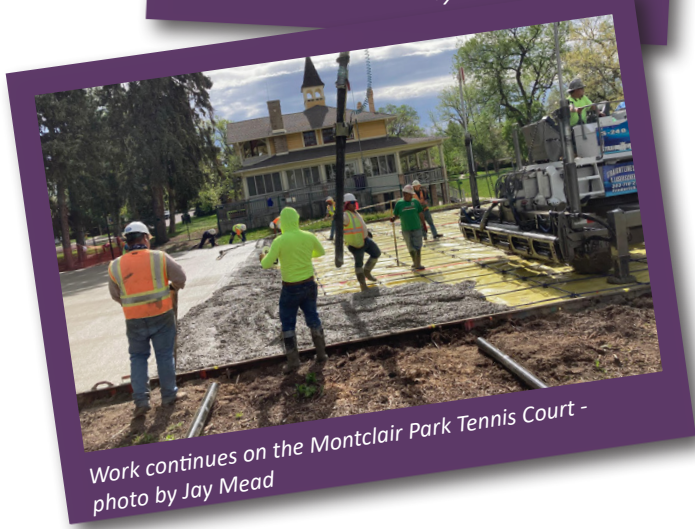
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- Please remember that Kittredge, Montclair, Denison, and Mayfair parks are NOT off-leash dog parks. Dogs must be leashed at all times, per Denver's Leash Law. Violators face fines of \$100 for the first offense, \$250 for a second, and \$500 for a third violation. Parks are patrolled by Denver Park Rangers. Nearby off-leash dog parks are located at Greenway Park at Montview & Syracuse and Lowry Dog Park at East 4th Place & South Yosemite Way.
- As the weather warms, and doors and windows are opened, noises are heard easier and more frequently. Citizens are encouraged to be respectful and courteous to neighbors. Denver's Noise Ordinance stipulates loud noises from lawnmowers, power tools, construction equipment are permitted between 7:00 am and 9:00 pm on weekdays, 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on weekends. Amplified music, human voices, and crowd noise is permitted between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm. Dogs must be quiet between 10:30 pm and 7:30 am or when none of the owners of the dogs are home. Noise violations may be reported to the DPD non-emergency number, 720-913-2000, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Going out of town for summer vacation? Call Denver Police District 2 at (720) 913-1000 to place your house on vacation watch so that officers can keep an eye on your house during your absence.
- Report graffiti, potholes, fallen branches, trash, weedy yards, abandoned vehicles (vehicles parked on the street that have not moved at least 100 ft. in 72 hrs.), by calling 311.



Montclair Park Cleanup- photo by Judy Baxter



Backyard birds - photo by Mike Rannie



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From the Desk of Chris Hansen, State Senator

District 31



With just about one month remaining in session, things are definitely heating up. In this letter, I will share with you all some of the highlights of Session so far as well as some things to still look forward to.

Gun Safety Victories

Last month, Governor Jared Polis signed two gun safety bills into law:

- B21-1106 Safe Storage of Firearms, sponsored by Representatives Duran & Mullica, Senator Bridges and myself, requires parents to securely store their guns if a child could access to it.
- SB21-078 Lost or Stolen Firearms, sponsored by Senators Jaquez Lewis & Danielson and Representatives Sullivan & Herod, requires gun owners to report lost or stolen firearms to law enforcement.

Going further, my colleagues and I proposed three additional pieces of gun safety legislation. SB21-256 would repeal a state law prohibiting a local government from imposing bans on the sale, purchase, or possession of a firearm; HB21-1298 would require licensed gun dealers to get approval of a firearm transfer to a person convicted of certain misdemeanor offenses, including third-degree assault, sexual assault, child abuse, or a hate crime, within the last five years; and HB21-1299, co-prime sponsored by myself, would create an Office of Gun Violence Prevention. Mass shootings, suicide, and other gun violence is a plague on our nation and this great state of Colorado. As an engineer, I usually follow a statement like this up with data and statistics, but not today. We don't need to look at the numbers to know we have a problem. All we need to do is turn on the news and see more faces flashed upon our screens, young men and women, even kids, whose lives are stolen from us far too soon. Though at times it can feel hopeless, today we have cause to celebrate an important victory.

State Budget Signed

After six months of deliberation in the Joint Budget Committee, hundreds of proposed amendments, and a night where the House debated until almost midnight, the Long Bill has been signed by Governor Jared Polis. I am pleased to share that our fiscal projections are looking much stronger than we thought they would. Because of this, we have enough money to restore many of the cuts

we made last year as well as put additional funds towards promising programs.

Here are some of the program increases I am most proud of:

- \$707.5 million for medical and long-term services and supports provided through Medicaid
- \$327.1 million for state infrastructure and information technology projects
- \$124 million for 2021 transportation legislation
- \$100 million to the State Education Fund
- \$100 million to the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) Fund
- \$50 million to fund 2021 legislative proposals including policies to combat climate change, spur job creation, and reduce the cost of prescription drugs
- \$48.2 million for hospitals that serve a disproportionate share of low-income patients
- \$40 million to significantly reduce the waitlist for families needing intellectually and developmentally disabled assistance

Moving Colorado Closer to its Clean Energy Goals

SB21-072, concerning the expansion of electric transmission facilities, passed in the Senate on April 14th 28-6 with broad bipartisan support and is now in the House. Despite our abundant wind and solar resources, Coloradans face higher energy costs than in many other parts of the country. SB21-072 can help to solve this. This bill is designed to accomplish three things:

1. Establish a clear timeline for the development of new transmission projects
2. Create a transmission authority to pursue projects that benefit ratepayers
3. Integrate Colorado utilities into a regional transmission grid by 2030

Ultimately, this bill will result in approximately \$100 million per year saved in electricity bills for Colorado, billions in new infrastructure investment over the next decade, thousands of new jobs, and significant progress towards meeting our climate targets.

Your neighbor,

Chris Hansen

State Senator, CO District 31

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Spring/Summer Gardening in 2021

By Gail Barry

Even before COVID began, but increasingly since, there has been a big emphasis on developing the modern Victory Garden. Many of the nurseries are finding it difficult to keep fruit producing plants in stock. There is even more emphasis on Eco-Gardening. So, making an Eco-Friendly Victory Garden is the next step. Most of these practices are just common sense, and I have been doing all of them for years. This process has 5 components:

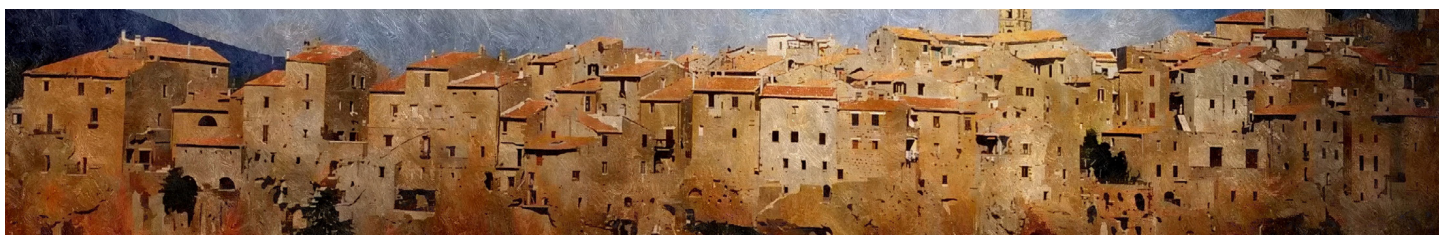
1. Grow food – reduces the cost of groceries, is better for you, and reduces your carbon footprint.
2. Cover soils – use mulch (grass clippings work well if not too thick), which decreases water use, reduces weeds, and curbs erosion.
3. Compost – the easiest way to reduce waste, landfill use and add to the soil. Making your own is easy. If you don't have a garden, use a city compost bin.
4. No chemicals – practice companion planting; use integrated pest management and fertilize with compost – you will help make our world a healthier place. If needed, there are many organic products for pest control at the hardware stores and garden centers. Encourage lady bugs, lace wings and praying mantises among other beneficial insects.

5. Encourage biodiversity – plant lots of different kinds of plants and not just one variety. This keeps pests at bay and helps balance the ecosystem. Combine flowers with vegetables.

Thus far my garden is looking good. I have added flowers (as per usual) to encourage the pollinators to pay attention. I am hoping for a flourishing garden to celebrate the season and to be able to share production with others. Pray for no hail and fewer Japanese beetles while gardening this summer.



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Baseball in Denver

By Erick Stragand, Montclair Resident and Baseball Nerd

Recently, Major League Baseball relocated the 2021 All-Star Game to our city. The last time we hosted an All-Star Game was 1998, and while it doesn't seem that long ago to me, 23 years *is* a significant amount of time!

To flashback a bit, the last time the MLB All-Star Game was in town, the #1 song in the country was *The Boy is Mine* by Monica and Brandy, the #1 movie was *Armageddon*, and Windows 98 had just been released. Closer to Montclair, the first residential homes in Lowry were just completed.

On the baseball side in 1998, the Tampa Bay (Devil) Rays and the Arizona Diamondbacks joined the Big Leagues, while Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire grabbed headlines with their (in)famous home run antics. Offense around the league was out-of-control as runs were up all across the board. When the All-Star Game came to Coors Field, the humidior hadn't yet been established, and the game ended up being the highest scoring All-Star Game ever. The American League beat the National League by a score of 13-8, although "only" 3 home runs were hit. One of those was by Cleveland Indians second baseman Roberto Alomar, who was the game's MVP.

The Colorado Rockies were represented in the game by outfielder Larry Walker and third baseman Vinny Castilla. Walker was coming off an MVP campaign in 1997, but Castilla had a breakout year, as he was keeping pace with the McGwire/Sosa home run chase. An original Rockie since he was acquired in the 1992 Expansion Draft, Castilla ended 1998 with 46 home runs. He played one more year for the Rockies, until he was traded to the Tampa Bay Rays. After stints with the Astros and Braves, he returned to the Rockies for an encore performance in 2004, then spent some time with the Nationals and Padres in 2005-2006. The all-time home run leader among Mexican-born players, "El Matador" Castilla was a favorite among Rockies fans, which is probably why the team brought him back for one last hurrah in August, 2006.

Since his official retirement in 2007, Castilla has worked as a special assistant to the Rockies. Thus, there's a chance you might see him at Coors Field for this year's All-Star Game. He won't be too hard to find, as he still appears to have the same hairline in 2021 that he had in 1998! After 23 years, some things are still the same.

Montclair Crime and Safety Report

From Denver Police Department

Offense	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	2020 Jan-Feb	2021 Jan - Feb
Agg ASLT-Firearm	1	1	1		2	3
Agg ASLT-Other			1	3	2	4
Sex Offense-Forcible	1				1	1
Simple Assault	2		1	2	12	5
Robbery-Business					2	
Robbery-Street-Res	1	1	1			3
Homicide						
Crimes Against Persons Total	5	2	4	5	19	16
Burglary	4	7	6	2	12	19
Criminal Mischief	10	11	6	4	6	31
Larceny	18	7	13	10	45	48
Theft from Motor Vehicle	10	12	13	9	18	44
Auto Theft	7	7	4	6	12	24
Crimes Against Property Total	49	44	42	31	93	166
Drug Offenses				1		1
Weapons Offense	1	1			1	2
Crimes Against Society Total	1	1		1	1	3
All Other Crimes	2	3	4	5	9	14
Total	57	50	50	42	122	199

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Montclair Home Sales Snapshot

By Valerie Alford, Your Castle Real Estate

The market is crazy, and great if you are a seller but is a disaster if you are trying to buy a home. Smaller homes are being snapped up by both first-time buyers and empty nesters trying to downsize. With COVID many employers allow more employees to work from home, so now you may work and live where you want. This is happening all over the country.

AVERAGE LIST PRICE	\$754,634
AVERAGE SOLD PRICE	\$747,241
AVERAGE DAYS ON MARKET	9
AVERAGE SALE/LIST %	106

11 actives, 15 pending, 39 sold

Average sq ft price above ground \$516, \$361 average price total sq ft

30 Year FHA Fixed: 3.125%	15 Year FHA Fixed: 2.875%
30 Year Fixed: 3.125%	15 Year Fixed: 2.875%
30 Year Investment Property	3.75%
30 Year Fixed Jumbo:	3.375%
30 Year VA Fixed :	3.125%

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Community Corner - Summer is Here!

By Celeste Stragand

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