

# THE MONTCLARION



## Our Neighborhood

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.

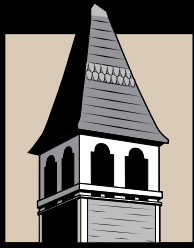
Formed in 1907 as a not-for-profit corporation, the Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc. (HMCAI), is the oldest neighborhood association in Denver. Officers and at-large board members serve without pay. HMCAI is a Registered Neighborhood Organization and is a member of Denver's Inter-Neighborhood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

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## President’s Note

By Judy Baxter



I am writing this note after a wet morning of covering the vegetable garden with various left over plastic pots and then getting tarps over those in the hopes of protecting them from the predicted late spring storm of freezing temperatures and snow. As I look out my kitchen window, I see that the predictions are accurate with the rain turning to consistent snow. For those of you who are newcomers to Colorado and/or Denver, this kind of late spring snowstorm is common, though preceded by 80-90 degree days is a bit unusual.

Speaking of newcomers, it has come up several times recently how many new families have moved into Montclair in these last 2 years. It was in this time that we started delivering small welcome bags to newcomers based on home sales—I think we have distributed over 300 and these do not include those who might be new renters. To all those who are “new” to Montclair, I want to truly welcome you to your new community. This is the kind of neighborhood where people who grew up here seek to come back to raise their families. There is a spirit here and I hope a sense of belonging for all. I also hope you will be inspired to join in, connect and make a difference. In conversations with several families at the Easter Egg Hunt and elsewhere, I realize how different a sense of community it may seem to newcomers at a time when our usual array of events has been significantly curtailed by the pandemic. What I do hear now is how excited people are to know that there will be more events coming, especially those for children and word is spreading about the great 4th of July picnic. We are starting the planning for that event now and hope for a great turnout this year (see article). There are many opportunities to volunteer and to be involved with what is happening.

At our May HMCAI Board meeting, we had Monica Martinez, the Executive Director of the FAX Partnership, give a presentation on the new initiative to build an East Colfax brand of an International District between Monaco and Yosemite. See the article in this newsletter from Monica to get the overview of this project. As the developments progress we hope to support the incredible array of cultures, cuisines and community that give this up and coming project a great cool vibe. This area is one of the most diverse in the city and we hope it thrives as a place to go and as a resource in our extended community.

I also wanted to give a shout out to those who led and volunteered for the District 5 Spring Parks clean up organized by Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer. Over 20 from around Montclair and Lowry joined in. I know our parks and parkways got the attention they deserved.

“Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much” – Helen Keller

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” – Coretta Scott King

Be well, Be safe, Be in Touch with us: [historicmontclair@gmail.com](mailto:historicmontclair@gmail.com).

## HMCAI 2022 Board

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## HMCAI Events Calendar 2022

July 4	July 4 Picnic in Montclair Park	10:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
September 16	Beer & Wine Reception @ Molkery	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
October 19	Annual General Meeting @ Molkery	7:00 p.m.
October 30	Halloween Party @ Molkery	3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
December 10	Treats with Santa @ Molkery	10:30 a.m.- noon

## HMCAI Membership Form

Two ways to join: 1- Please print legibly on form and mail with check to:  
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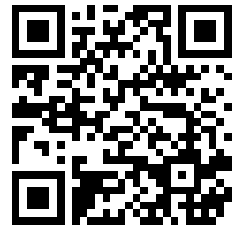
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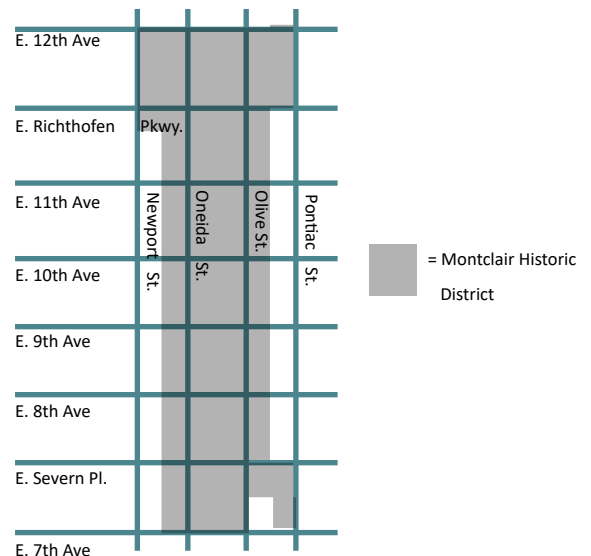
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If you live in the designated Historic District (see map to the right) within the Montclair neighborhood and you’d like to build an addition, garage, second story, porch, add solar panels, replace windows, roof, sidewalks, or demolish the house and build new, you must first contact Denver’s Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC), submit an application and receive approval before any work may be begun. 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](mailto:landmark@denvergov.org)



# City Council District 5 Updates, Summer 2022

by Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer, District 5



## Reinvesting in Our Local District 5 Parks

Enjoying the outdoors is an essential part of living in Denver, and luckily, we have an extensive park and trail network right outside our doorstep just waiting to be explored. As a park-proud community, Denver is known across

the nation as being the place for outdoor enthusiasts. This characteristic helps shape Denver's identity and leads to a healthier, happier, and more sustainable community.

**As you're out and about this summer, you'll notice that the Denver Parks & Recreation (DPR) team is hard at work upgrading and improving an array of public parks in District 5.** Park maintenance is a year-round effort that culminates each spring with an analysis of important capital projects. Denver planners prioritize projects and target capital investment based on several factors including Denver's equity index, conditions assessment data, partnerships and grants, and feedback from the community. Hopefully you've had a chance to enjoy the completed renovations at Robinson and Montclair Parks as well! See a snapshot of active projects coming to District 5 below:

**Four Mile House Parking Lot:** This year Four Mile Park's parking lot will be getting much needed upgrades. The City will resurface the existing parking lot, making it much easier to access and enjoy all of the wonderful and historic things Four Mile Park has to offer. Construction documents are undergoing an internal review process now, and project construction is anticipated to begin in 2022.

**Verbena Park Playground, Basketball Court, and Grading:** After extensive community conversations, the City will renovate the playground and add a futsal court to the new basketball court in 2023. The construction team will also resolve grading issues that cause the baseball field to flood in the summer. DPR is finalizing construction documents and releasing a bid for contractors this spring. Community groups are working to donate funding for additional park improvements like BBQ pits and picnic tables, and add memorial plaques on benches in the park to honor East Colfax community members who lost their lives to violence. My office has donated \$5000 to help fund this memorial.

**Lindsley Park Picnic Area and Sidewalk:** DPR has set aside funding to renovate picnic areas within the park. The Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) will also address sidewalk gaps surrounding the park. The Council Office has been advocating for DPR to

create a master plan for Lindsley Park given the number of upgrades needed, and in light of, potential future changes to Hale Parkway resulting from storm drainage improvements in the area. The Hale Parkway storm drainage project remains unfunded, with anticipated construction date more than four years out. Stay tuned for more information on both initiatives as it becomes available.

**Lowry Sports Park Tennis Court:** Exciting news, D5 will finally be getting pickleball courts! This year DPR plans to convert an existing tennis court into four pickleball courts. In addition to the pickleball court conversion, DPR will also replace pavers in the park and create a new, permissible, picnic site.

**Burns Park Sidewalk:** A much needed upgrade! DOTI will add sidewalk connections from Colorado Boulevard to Alameda Avenue along Burns Park as part of the Sidewalk Gaps program.

**Highline Canal Trail:** Our partners at the Highline Canal Conservancy are working with DPR to improve the existing trail, which will create a much nicer and more natural experience for those using it.

In addition to these active projects, DPR has a list of high-priority future projects, many of which will be funded through the RISE Denver Bond program that was approved by voters in November 2021. **Renovations will be coming soon at the following parks:**

- Crestmoor Park Playground
- Ben Bezoff Park Basketball Courts
- Denison Park Basketball Courts
- Garland Park green space conversion

**To learn more about DPR projects, visit [www.denvergov.org/parkprojects](http://www.denvergov.org/parkprojects).**

As always, feel free to contact our office at [denvercouncil5@denvergov.org](mailto:denvercouncil5@denvergov.org) or 720-337-5555 with comments or questions. Go to the D5 website for community updates and resources: [bit.ly/D5Website](http://bit.ly/D5Website); sign up to receive our monthly newsletter and updates at [bit.ly/Council5News](http://bit.ly/Council5News), and we'll also keep you apprised of developments as they happen through our social media:

Gratefully,  
Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer



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## From the Desk of Chris Hansen, State Senator

District 31



Dear Fellow Montclarions,  
After a sometimes long but rewarding five months, the 2022 legislative session is now adjourned...

These past 120 days were filled with hours of dedication and hard work, but delivering

quality legislation to address the issues that face Coloradans makes the work worth doing. Thank you for sending me to the Capitol on behalf of the district to represent you. I introduced 51 successful pieces of legislation. Below is a summary of some of the bills I am most proud of:

**Funding Colorado in the "Long Bill":** Record investments are being delivered to Coloradans to improve our education system, public safety, clean up our air quality, and so much more. It was a long six months of full-time work as Vice Chair of the JBC, but delivering this historic state budget will help Colorado thrive.

**SB22-234:** Investing \$600M in the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund solvency so we have the resources needed to help workers if they are laid off.

**SB22-051:** Decarbonizing the built environment through tax exemptions and credits for eligible building materials and incentivizing heat pump systems.

**SB22-182:** Creating an Economic Mobility Program to improve access to economic assistance programs when filing returns.

**SB22-238:** Providing \$700M in immediate property tax relief that will help families and businesses across the state save money.

**SB22-113:** Evaluating and creating safeguards for the use of facial recognition technology in the state.

**HB22-1077:** Establishes a \$500,000 grant program to enhance the security of nonprofit organizations that face a high risk of attacks or vandalism.

**HB22-1362:** Creates model language to improve building codes and reduce building climate emissions. Includes \$21M in grant programs for clean air and building electrification

**HB22-1378:** \$50M in funding for local governments and nonprofits in the Denver-Metro area to holistically respond to and prevent homelessness.

**HB22-1205:** Allowing for more of Colorado's seniors to get the help they need to be stable in their retirement.

**HB22-1249:** Improving the efficiency, resiliency, and reliability of energy grids in Colorado.

As I look forward to the next legislative session, I want to hear from you about what your priorities are for our community and state. Please feel free to get in touch via email at [chris@hansenforcolorado.com](mailto:chris@hansenforcolorado.com) or by phone at (303) 866-4861.

For email updates from my office, I encourage you to sign up for my newsletter on my website, [www.hansenforcolorado.com](http://www.hansenforcolorado.com). I am grateful and honored for the opportunity to represent you.

Sincerely,

Chris Hansen

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## Montclair School of Academics and Enrichments Summer 2022

By Merritt Pullam, Member of PEAK (Parents, Educators, and Kids) at Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment



Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment is proud to announce the formal hiring of Principal Susan Miller-Curley. Susan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience which will help create a stronger community at Montclair. Her past few years at the school have been challenging, but she is a solid communicator and determined leader who has already forged strong ties with our parents, students, staff, and neighborhoods around our school. Welcome Principal Miller-Curley!

Superintendent Alex Marrero recently visited Montclair and was beyond impressed by our positive student culture, diversity, and academics. Three of our 5th grade students gave him the tour which he said was “the best tour I have had at any school.”

This spring it was wonderful to have so many families in our building again for our Art Show and International Night. Thank you to all who were able to attend.

Montclair.dpsk12.org is 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 our community. Resources available include information about after school care, a staff directory, a calendar of school events, and at the time of this writing, job opportunities

such as an opening for an Amharic native language tutor.

The end of the 2021-2022 school year is rapidly approaching, and we celebrate our 5th graders, most of whom have been with us since ECE or kindergarten! We also eagerly anticipate our newest students in the fall. To help us move forward, Montclair received word that we have been awarded a four-year early literacy grant that will be dedicated to supporting reading in grades K-3 for all students. We will be using the money for staff training, curriculum, and additional teaching support for our youngest learners.

### Schedule Alerts:

- **June 3rd:** Last Day of school for 2021-2022
- **August 22nd:** 1st day of school for ECE and 1st - 5th grade students 2022-2023
- **August 22nd and August 23rd:** New kindergarten students will have a scheduled time to meet their teachers individually so they can get to know each other before they begin school.
- **August 24th:** New kindergartners will start school.

PEAK (Parents, Educators, and Kids) is redeveloping its mission. If you or someone you know would be a good fit to help support our school community via PEAK, please reach out to Merritt Pullam at 303-419-2622 or [merrittpkw@gmail.com](mailto:merrittpkw@gmail.com), or to Patrick Burchett at 303-941-1152 or [patrick.burchett@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:patrick.burchett@cuanschutz.edu) You can help make a difference with the kids, staff, and other parents. We are always looking for those that can help in a leadership or support role.

Thank you to all our amazing teachers, staff, and students that make up our wonderful neighborhood school! Go Cougars! Montclair Rocks Woohah!!!



## Celebrate July 4th in Montclair Park with HMCAI

Please join us for our annual Montclair neighborhood picnic. Food, festivities, & fun!

Monday, July 4th at Montclair Park from 10:30 AM-2:00 PM. Fat City Mardi Gras Band will be playing favorites from 10:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m.

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

Photos will be posted on our neighborhood website, [HistoricMontclair.org](http://HistoricMontclair.org), and on the HMCAI

### Facebook page, "Historic Montclair Community."

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

### EVENT SCHEDULE:

- 10:30 a.m.: Live music begins
- 10:45 a.m.: Pet costume contest
- 11:00 a.m.: Bike parade for the little ones (ages 0-5)
- 11:15 a.m.: Bike parade for the bigger ones (ages 6-12)
- 11:30 a.m.: Food service begins
- 12:30 p.m.: Games begin/fire truck arrives
- 2:00 p.m.: Picnic ends

### BIKE PARADE RULES:

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

### COST:

If you are a current HMCAI member, your entire household attends for FREE. For those who have not joined HMCAI, the cost for the picnic is \$7/adult (11+) and \$5/child (ages 3-10). Children under age 3 attend at no cost. You may join HMCAI at the picnic. The membership table will be under the trees at the west end of the park. The annual cost is \$30/family and \$15 for seniors. Membership in HMCAI includes many seasonal family activities and two adults-only events.

### \*\*\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*\*\*\*

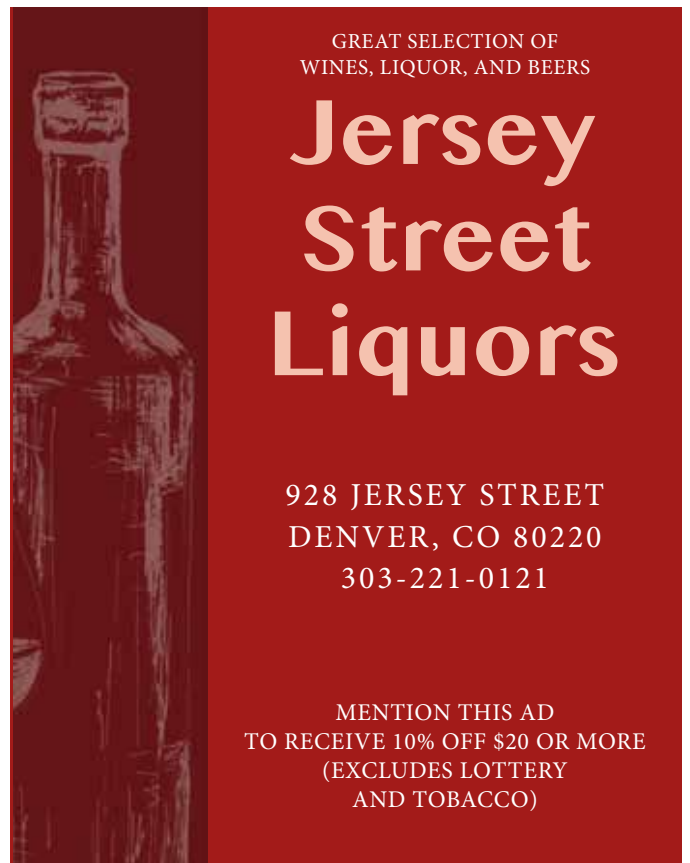
We are in GREAT need of volunteers for this event! We need volunteers to help with set-up/clean-up, games, the bike parade, food service. Email Valerie Alford at [Valerie@valeriealford.com](mailto:Valerie@valeriealford.com) with your availability, or call Valerie's mobile # 303-641-6823. Please help your neighbors, friends and family enjoy this longtime, treasured community event.

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

### \*\*\*PET COSTUME CONTEST\*\*\*

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## Around the Neighborhood



Submitted by Julie Saporito



## Bees in Montclair

By Sally Otis, Montclair Resident

A substantial number of beekeepers, with honeybee hives, live in Montclair. But everyone with flowers, vegetables or flowering weeds provides for honeybees.

Observe your flowers on a hot July day and you will see native bees – tiny bees with iridescent colors, purple, neon green, dayglow yellow, or maybe stripes and black wings. Almost 950 varieties are native to the Front Range, working just like honeybees to pollinate plants, trees and flowers. Most native bees are solitary, living in the ground instead of hives. They lay their eggs in the hollow tubes of flower stalks, holes in trees, or in the ground. And best of all, they don't sting.

Native bees need pollen and nectar for survival. Springtime is especially critical. To that end, some Wisconsin townships have declared "No Mow May". They let their lawns bloom with dandelions and native weeds, providing nutrition for native bees, honeybees and bumblebees – all of which are struggling to survive in our changing climate and in the face of the wide use of pesticides. It is critical that they do survive – our food supply depends upon their service.

**I'm guessing that "No Mow May" would not be adopted in Montclair or Denver but there are other ways to nurture bees.**

1. Grow flower and herbs, such as coneflowers, asters, sunflowers, mint and chives, that bees prefer throughout the growing season. Many ideas and lists are available online. (Google plants that attract bees.)
2. Dig out or pull weeds instead of using herbicides – which can kill bees.
3. Set up a native bee hotel to provide these tiny horticultural workhorses a place to live in your garden. A bee hotel can be as simple as a block of untreated wood drilled with holes. Directions are available on YouTube or online "how to make a native bee house".
4. Set out yellow jacket traps starting in March to catch their laying queens. Yellow jackets are not bees; they are not friendly to bees. In fact, yellow jackets are aggressive and carnivorous – eating native bee larvae, attacking honeybee hives, as well as dive-bombing your picnic. Bees, on the other hand, are not aggressive. They defend, they don't attack.

**Let's keep Montclair bees alive.**



*Honey bee on lavender*



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## Summer Gardening 2022

By Gail Barry



*Spring snow survivor by AJ Scallion*

*Bleeding Hearts by  
Inga Dyan Longbrake*

I am always eager to start the gardening season and have been working on preparing my soil and garden spaces since the weather was warm enough for outdoor work. I have been picking the cold weather crops and enjoying the early blossoms. By now most of us have planted even the tender plants and may be regretting doing so since the weather (as of today in May) is due to be frosty again. Nevertheless, I have high hopes for a good season with no hail and few beetles.

As the season progresses, and the wind keeps blowing, we seem to be headed for another dry season. As I'm sure you have heard, the entire Western US is in a major drought. Water conservation is ever more important. With this in mind, you should make an effort to mulch your garden spaces. Mulching keeps weeds down and conserves moisture in the soil. You don't have to buy fancy mulch. Leaves and grass clippings work as well as wood mulches. You actually may get more benefit from grass and leaves since they break down more readily and add to the soil composition underneath. But they also need to be renewed more often and probably don't look as nice, depending on your point of view.

Currently there is talk of funding the removal of bluegrass lawns because of their high-water use. If you are thinking of doing that, there are options that could be pursued

including using ground covers, such as creeping thyme (for sun) or low growing veronicas instead of lawn. Or trying a combination of large sand stones with ground covers in between. Most ground covers do not tolerate much traffic and would not be good for athletic activities or children's play. But if all you want is a green looking area that conserves water and stays low, ground covers could be a good option.

Now is a good time to fill in areas where plants have not flourished. Pots are always an option for gardening if you don't have the space otherwise. Weeding and pruning may also be in order. Don't forget to add your kitchen waste to your compost pile, if you have one. I believe we will soon be able to have free compost bins from the city. These bins are wonderful for depositing branches, weeds, used paper food products, shredded paper, tissues and other items one doesn't want in one's personal compost pile. When they become available for free, I highly recommend you all request one, if you don't already have one. Even though I have and use a compost pile, I find it pretty easy to fill up my bin on most weeks of the year.

Think of planting red geraniums, Historic Montclair's neighborhood flower. I hope you have a great gardening season!

## Baseball in Denver

By Erick Stragand, Montclair Resident and Baseball Nerd

Without a doubt, the home run is the most iconic element of baseball. Arguably, it's even the most iconic element of all American sports. Since Coors Field opened in 1995, it has routinely ranked as one of the top parks for giving up home runs. Attend any Rockies game and there's a pretty good chance you'll see a home run.

I've seen hundreds of games and homers at Coors Field, yet I've only caught one home run ball. I had a few other chances to catch one, but I've only had one solitary success. Even then, it was a peculiar incident and I didn't actually catch it... the first time.

In April 2004, the Rockies were a mostly forgettable team, comprised of "rent-a-players", Rockies' cornerstone Todd Helton, and some obligatory rookies. One of those rookies was outfielder Matt Holliday, who made his unexpected big-league debut due to injuries to Larry Walker and Preston Wilson. About a week after his debut, on April 27, the Rockies played the Florida Marlins at Coors Field. Which is when Holliday teamed with fellow Rockies Jeremy Burnitz and Charles Johnson to hit back-to-back-to-back home runs (3 in a row). It was only the sixth time the Rockies, as a franchise, had pulled off such a trick. Strangely enough, they were all hit off of a former Rockies pitcher Darren Oliver.

During that game, I had front row seats in left field. When Holliday hit his homer, it flew over my head, hit the railing, and bounced back onto the field. I was bummed and started telling myself that I should have made an "athletic play" and leaped into the air to catch it. But hey, I didn't want to spill my drink and my vertical leap is about 5 inches. Anyways I told myself this sour grapes story as the ball plopped back onto the playing field and Marlins leftfielder Jeff Conine picked it up. I held my hand up, said "hey, Conine".. and he tossed it to me. I finally had my home run ball. Unofficially, the journey of the ball could've been scored as "Oliver to Holliday to railing to Conine to Stragand". Holliday went on to have a significant career for the Rockies and I was fortunate enough to have "caught" the third home run he ever hit.

While I still have that Holliday ball in a Ziploc bag, I almost had a second home run ball. On June 28, 2013, a friend and I had those same front row seats in left field for a game against the San Francisco Giants. This time, the batter was Rockies' catcher Wilin Rosario and he smashed a line drive home run right to us. My friend and I both stood up, expecting to make an easy catch. As it got closer to us, we could hear it whistling through the air. Realizing we didn't have gloves and that it was coming in like a laser-guided missile, we both shrieked, and jumped out of the way. Rosario's ball hit one of our seats and cracked open

the seat back! We immediately got phone calls and texts from other friends, ribbing us for scurrying like frightened children on live television. As for that home run ball? It bounced around the seats until it was picked up by another fan.

Thus, my advice to anybody wanting to catch a home run ball, at any game, is simple: don't worry about catching it on-the-fly. Play the rebound.



Bolda family fun at a Rockies game



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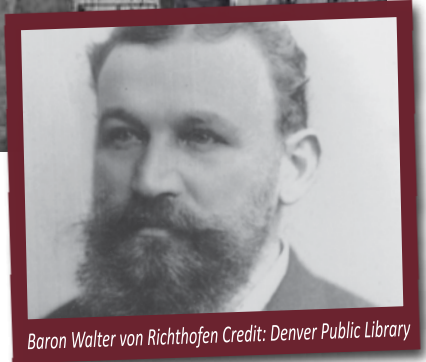
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## Baron Walter von Richthofen

By Thomas J. Noel



In this 1887-1888 photo of his just completed castle, the Baron may be standing in a vest on the balcony.  
Credit: William Henry Jackson

Walter Lothar Emil Eugen von Richthofen was born on January 30, 1859, in Kreisnitz in the Prussian province of Silesia. Walter was a kinsman of the famed explorer, geographer, and scientist Ferdinand von Richthofen, for whom Colorado's Mount Richthofen is named, and also of Manfred von Richthofen, who would shoot down eighty Allied planes in World War I as the celebrated "Red Baron."

Walter served in the Prussian Army during the Franco-Prussian War of 1870–71 then sailed for New York and bounced into Colorado in 1878. The jovial German with a military bearing waltzed through one enterprise after another. He raised purebred racehorses and Jersey Cattle. In 1882 he joined Rocky Mountain News editor William Byers, Horace Tabor, and other movers and shakers to create the National Mining and Industrial Exposition. They erected a 150,000-square-foot hall at Broadway and what is now Exposition Avenue. The exposition showcased Colorado goods and services, especially mining and agriculture, and other Colorado marvels, including a band of dancing Ute Indians.

The Baron joined Mathias Cochrane's Montclair Town and Improvement Company. Their 1885 prospectus, *Montclair Colorado: The Beautiful Suburban Town*, showed a tree-shaded oasis with a horsecar line, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and a castle. Cochrane, who hailed from Montclair, New Jersey, named the community for his hometown as well as for its panoramic view of the Front Range. "Beautiful Montclair," crowed an ad in the *Denver Sunday Times*. "Magnificent Mountain View only 30 minutes east of downtown. Pure Air. Best Public schools. Handsomest

suburb in greater Denver."

As a show home for the infant community, Richthofen erected his own castle at East

Twelfth Avenue and Olive Street. Completed in 1887 at a cost of about \$32,000, it included a stone gatehouse. By the late 1880s, Montclair had coaxed three streetcar lines to the new suburb along East Eighth, Seventeenth, and Colfax Avenues and roughly one home per block.

As new residents streamed in, Montclair incorporated as a town in 1888 and annexed to Denver in 1902. After the Silver Crash of 1893, Richthofen repackaged Montclair as a health spa. Of Richthofen's elaborate scheme for a grand health resort, only one building actually happened -- the 1888 Molkery (milk house) modeled after German and Swiss health spas. In 1908 Denver acquired the building and remodeled it as the city's first community center.

After his 1898 death, the Baron was memorialized in Denver by the castle, the Molkery, and the Richthofen Fountain at Oneida Street and Richthofen Parkway. These monuments are located in the Montclair Historic District (designated in 1975) embracing the heart of the old town, roughly from 7th to 12th Avenue encompassing Olive and Oneida Streets and small parts of Pontiac St.

For more see Thomas J. Noel & William J. Hansen, *The Montclair Neighborhood*. (Historic Denver, Inc.)

# Establishing East Colfax as Denver's Multicultural Destination

By Monica Martinez, Executive Director, The Fax Partnership

East Colfax's vibrant culture didn't happen overnight. The rich history, family-owned businesses and diversity of residents are shaping its future as an international destination in Denver – a place where you can purchase hard-to-find Asian spices, enjoy traditional Ethiopian food, buy freshly roasted coffee beans and sample homemade Salvadoran pupusas. The Fax Partnership, a long-standing nonprofit supporting the East Colfax community, is helping businesses and residents claim what is special about the East Colfax corridor and preserve their culture.

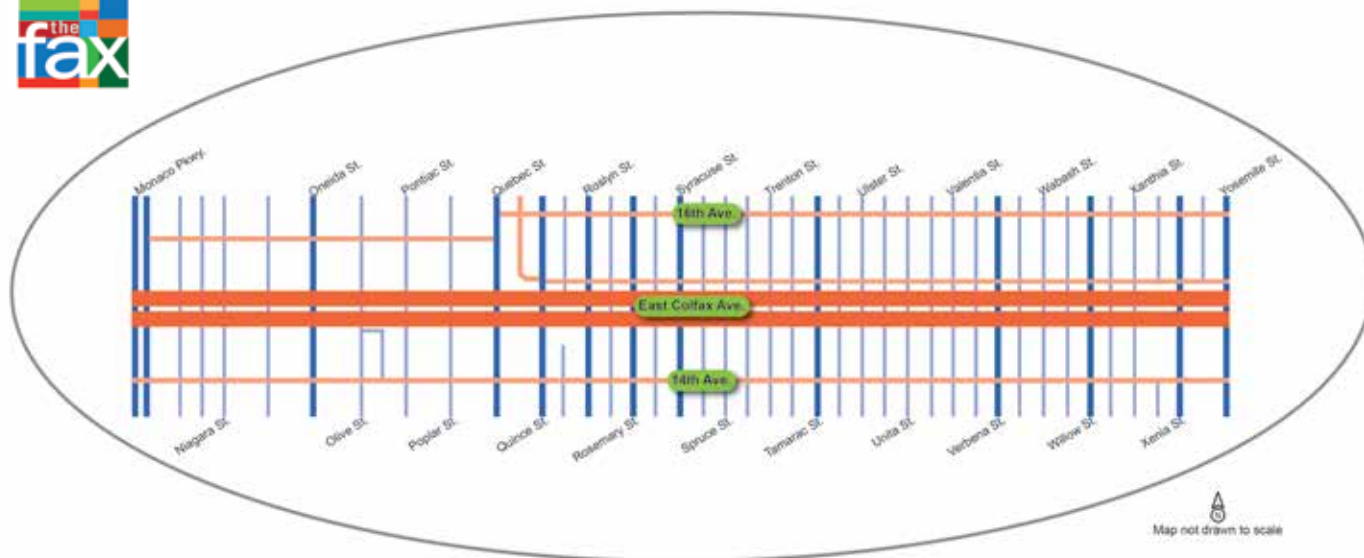
Since 2004, The Fax has been providing support to maintain a healthy mix of affordable and engaging places for people to live, work and enjoy life, through community partnerships and collaboration with local government. The Fax is divided into two main areas of focus – support services through our Business Support Office (BSO) and Residential Support Office (RSO) and equitable development work. The BSO provides multilingual (eight languages represented in-house) technical assistance and training so businesses can improve and expand their customer base. This includes providing assistance in applying for grants and loans, promoting small business education and operational improvements, and conducting safety training in partnership with the Denver Police Department. The Residential Support Office (RSO) connects local residents to services and programs to reduce their housing costs, improve financial well-being, increase access to food and ultimately prevent residents from involuntary displacement from the East Colfax community they call home. The Fax's Equitable Development Office (EDO) works to ensure community-serving redevelopment occurs on the corridor. This includes engaging in land use planning and public policy, and partnering in land

acquisition and development. The Fax worked on the 7900 E. Colfax redevelopment project that will bring 72 units of affordable housing to East Colfax. The EDO also partners with Urban Land Conservancy (ULC) to acquire land on the corridor. One property (10660 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora) was acquired by ULC in October 2021 and The Fax and ULC are currently working to acquire a property in Denver.

To support both residents and businesses, The Fax is leading an effort to establish East Colfax between Monaco Parkway and Yosemite Street as an International District. The International District will celebrate and support the corridor's diversity of people, businesses, food and events. Similar to Little Tokyo in Los Angeles and South Grand in St. Louis, the East Colfax International District will create a destination that increases foot traffic, spending and funding for improvements. The elements of an International District can vary by the location, but examples include cohesive signage, design standards for buildings, public art guidelines and other identifying factors. The concept of the East Colfax International District is an outcome of the City and County of Denver's East Area Plan and engages businesses, property owners, residents and community leaders in the visioning and implementation phases. The visioning phase is taking place now through the end of 2022.



Visit [www.thefaxdenver.com/I-District](http://www.thefaxdenver.com/I-District) to participate in upcoming meetings, share ideas, and to take a quick survey, please scan the QR code or visit: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/PBTWNL5](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PBTWNL5).



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# Montclair Real Estate Snapshot

by Valerie Alford

March 1 – May 18th

Active: 8

Coming soon: 1

Pending/Under contract: 8

No Sold Properties March 1 – May 18th, 2022

## List of Actives::

Address	Price	Beds	Baths	Above Grade	Building Total	Finished
835 Krameria	\$2,500,000	5	7	3,881	5,444	5,444
1125 Leyden	\$2,400,000	4	5	4,305	4,305	4,305
940 Oneida	\$1,695,000	4	5	3,265	4,795	4,345
7121 E 6th Ave	\$1,575,000	5	5	3,111	4,703	4,300
1130 Monaco Pkwy	\$1,050,000	3	2	1,617	2,462	2,462
830 Kearney	\$900,000	5	2	1,194	2,388	2,328
972 Poplar	\$699,000	3	2	860	1,498	1,498
1022 Poplar St	\$677,000	2	1	1,053	1,053	1,053
727 Niagara St	\$1,400,000	4	4	2,696	3,609	3,236



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## Crime Report

The data was compiled on 5/20/22 from Denver Police Department data. All files used to generate this report are dynamic, and are therefore subject to additions, deletions, and/or modifications at any time. Due to continuous data entry after reports are compiled, subsequent reports may be subject to change.

Montclair (1/1/22-4/30/22)					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
Agg ASLT - Firearm			2	1	2
Agg ASLT - Other	1	2	1	3	5
Robbery - Business	1		1	1	2
Robbery - Street - Res	1		1	1	
Simple Assault	3	1		3	6
<b>Violent Index Crimes</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>
Auto Theft	8	14	12	4	34
Burglary	5	4	2	3	11
Criminal Mischief - Property	2				2
Criminal Mischief - Vehicle	2	9	2	1	13
Larceny	9	6	13	7	28
Theft from Motor Vehicle	7	8	9	3	24
<b>Property Index Crimes</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>112</b>
All other crimes	2	3	1	3	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>135</b>

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## Pickleball and Community Reminders

### Why No Pickleball on Montclair Tennis Court?

Some neighbors have asked why the new tennis court at Montclair Park does not have pickleball court lines. A request was made with Denver Parks and Rec but it was denied. The reason is that Pickleball is very loud, and the Montclair court is very close to single family homes (which are considered a “protected district” under our zoning code and have stricter regulations than some other zone districts). Pickleball courts can be found at Congress Park and Eisenhower Park.

### Community Reminders

- Summer is upon us and that means more folks outside at night. Help keep our nighttime streets safe and well lit. Residents are encouraged to keep their porch lights on at night. If you see a street light that is out, please report it to Xcel Energy at [xcelenergy.com](http://xcelenergy.com) or by calling 800-895-4999.
- 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 that loud noises from lawnmowers, power tools, construction equipment, is allowed 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 allowed 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.



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