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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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3rd Quarter

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President's Note

By Judy Baxter

Can you believe we are over half way through 2021? This year, unlike last year, the half way mark was celebrated with the Historic Montclair 4th of July Picnic. This is the signature event HMCAI puts on for the community and this note is to acknowledge and thank all those who made the event possible and successful. To make the decision to go for it took some serious consideration of how to put on the event given the shifting COVID conditions and restrictions, as well as the challenge of having the tennis court/picnic area renovation still in progress. The top concerns for your HMCAI board to consider were safety, finding volunteers for all the activities, and compliance with city requirements that were new to us this year. We worked with the City's Office of Special Events and our Parks and Recreation Events Coordinator Erin McGuirk to get everything in order. They were quite patient with and accommodating of our inexperience in working with the new requirements.



As you might imagine, there was the additional worry about who might or might not show up. Many folks were heading out of town for a long delayed and much anticipated long weekend. We just had to take the attitude: BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME (to paraphrase the Field of Dreams line). And show up you did, some 330+ in fact. It was so magical to be together. I had a newcomer to the neighborhood say: "This was what America is all about, this reminds me of the small town I grew up in."

Thanks to the great prep and planning on the part of many on the board, all the favorite aspects of the event were there. We did it all: the Bike Parade, the games (including the water balloon toss), the BBQ, the tours of the Fire Truck from Firehouse 14 and getting hosed down from that same truck. We had a new band, Fat City Mardi Gras Band that livened our spirits. I would leave someone out if I were to try to name all those who put in great effort to make this happen. Therefore I am going to name and thank the two that without whom it would not have happened: Valerie Alford for her tireless energy in planning, coordinating and implementing it all and Chef Jim LeDuc (and his band of merry grillers) for the BBQ effort and helping us with everything -- condiments, tents and road side barriers, you name it he came through.



**AMAZING EFFORT BY ALL.
DEEP GRATITUDE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.**

We are taking each future event as it comes and will keep you posted with details in the newsletter, as well as with email, Nextdoor, & Facebook updates.

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:

Annual dues per household: \$30 (\$15 seniors, ages 65 and older)

Voluntary donation:\$ _____ Total amount of check:\$ _____

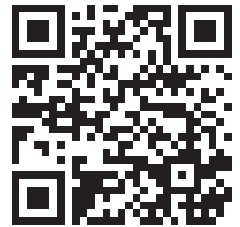
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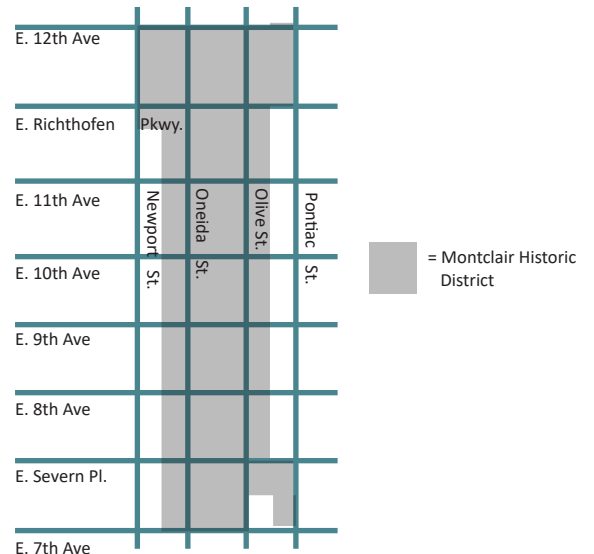
What would you like to help with? _____



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



One of the core values of the Council District 5 Team has always been outstanding customer service. Every D5 resident is welcome to call or email our office with your questions and concerns. We hear feedback on all kinds of issues from constituents, including requests for infrastructure improvements, speeding, crime, trash collection, snow removal, and much more. While we can't solve every problem brought to our office, my staff and I will always strive to be responsive to your outreach.

You are our eyes and ears in the neighborhood, and we truly appreciate your partnership in letting us know when something needs to be addressed in our community. In addition to contacting the Council Office, we also strongly encourage residents to call 3-1-1 and report items on pocketgov.org. We're not trying to "pass the buck," but there are a few reasons why these tools are the most effective ways to report problems you see in our city. Reporting an issue by calling 3-1-1 or visiting pocketgov.org

- Helps connect the issue with the correct City agency so that it will be resolved as quickly as possible.
- Reduces calls to 9-1-1, which should only be called to report life-threatening emergencies or crimes in-progress.
- Allows all City leaders – not just the District 5 Council Office – to hear feedback about issues directly from our residents.
- Collects each report as a separate data point so that specific issues can be tracked; the more data points collected on a concern in D5, the better my office can advocate for that issue to be addressed.

In addition to reporting your concerns, pocketgov.org helps residents access many City services and a wealth of helpful information, including:

- Trash, recycling and compost collection schedules and reminders
- Information about your property taxes
- Vehicle registration renewal
- Street sweeping schedules
- Payments for services like storm drainage
- Election information including:
 - Ballot and voting locations
 - Ballot trace
 - Election results

Thank you for helping us ensure that the issues affecting Council District 5 are handled in the most efficient and effective way possible. Reporting via 3-1-1 or pocketgov.org in addition to the Council Office will help us advocate for your needs. Together we can make sure that the concerns you report receive the attention they deserve.

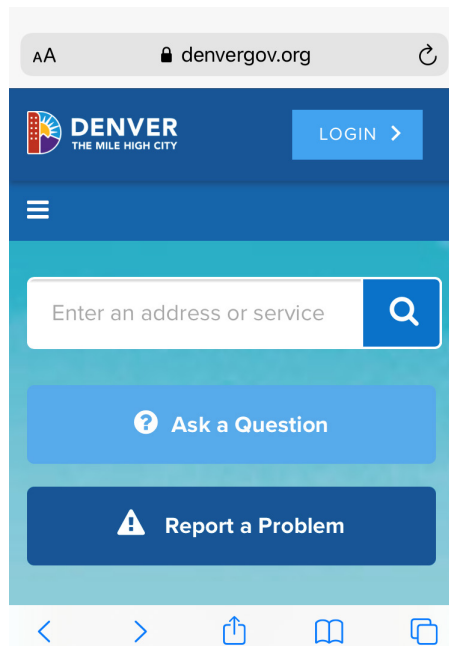
As always, please contact our office if we can be of service by emailing denvercouncil5@denvergov.org or calling 720-337-5555. Sign up to receive our monthly newsletter and updates at bit.ly/Council5News, and we'll also keep you apprised of developments as they happen through these communication channels.

Gratefully,
Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer

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Community Events and Reminder

Fall 2021

HMCAI Beer & Wine Reception *

Friday, September 17th, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the Molkery

Our plan, to close out another wonderful summer in Montclair, is to reconnect with friends and toast to the changing of the seasons at the HMCAI Beer and Wine Reception with appropriate precautions (come only if healthy and unexposed to any sick people, preferably with vaccination, and willing to wear mask when inside and not drinking/eating if necessary).

Beer, wine, and appetizers will be provided. This is a great opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors while enjoying libations, food, and conversation. Join us for a relaxing evening on the Molkery porch as we say goodbye to summer and welcome to fall.

This is an adults-only event. No charge for HMCAI members. Non-members can join HMCAI at the door (\$30 per household/annually or \$15 for seniors. Credit Card, Cash or check). If you would like to bring an appetizer to share please contact Carrie O'Shea at: historicmontclair@gmail.com by September 13th.

Montclair Garage Sale

Saturday, September 18th 8:30-3:00 PM Rain or Shine

Got Junk? Contact Valerie Alford with your name, address, e-mail address, and a list of items you're selling. Valerie@valeriealford.com or 303-641-6823.

Halloween Party

October 24th, 3:30 - 5:00 pm, The Molkery

Goblins, ghosts, witches, fairies, firemen and all manner of costumes for ages 2- 14.

Enjoy our witches brew and scary treats, costume contest, parade, crafts, piñata.

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The Montclair School of Academics and Enrichments Fall 2021

By Merritt Pullam

Hello Montclair! For the 2021-2022 school year, Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment is providing full, in-person learning. At Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment, our teachers and staff put an emphasis on academic success through enriching experiences that bring learning to life outside of the classroom. The program has allowed us to increase student exposure to a variety of topics and to expand the horizons of all learners.

Montclair strives to create a global perspective, valuing family and community, by hosting social and educational events throughout the year that represent our multicultural school community. Montclair is home to 22 different languages and is one of the most diverse schools in the city. Families, students, and staff members of different cultures come together to share, to learn, and to grow.

School is scheduled to begin Monday, August 23rd. **SCHEDULE ALERT:** New school hours are in place for 2021-2022. The school day will begin at 8 am and end at 3:05. Be on the lookout for the kiddos and staff in and around the school. Visiting <https://montclair.dpsk12.org/> and www.dpsk12.org are the best methods to stay connected to the latest news within the DPS community. You can also

reach the main Montclair school office at 720-424-5380. Montclair still has openings in certain grade levels. You may reach out to the school directly, or to the School Choice Office at 720-423-3493. Applications can be submitted online at schoolchoice.dpsk12.org.

When you visit <https://montclair.dpsk12.org/>, you can find numerous ways to contribute to our school community: by clicking on the green Donate button and donating through PayPal, by shopping through Amazon Smile and choosing “Montclair School Peak Partnership” as your charity, and by utilizing the King Soopers community rewards program.

If you or someone you know would like to help support our school community via PEAK (Parents, Educators, and Kids), please reach out to me at 303-419-2622 merrittpkw@gmail.com or to Patrick Burchett at 303-941-1152 PATRICK.BURCHETT@cuanenschutz.edu

You can help make a difference with the kids, staff, and other parents. We are always looking for those who can help in a leadership or support role.

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



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East Colfax Corridor Bus Rapid Transit

The City and County of Denver is taking important steps to bring center-running Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to East Colfax Avenue. Building on years of study, planning and significant community input, the project team will now complete the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and preliminary design of the project. These elements will be critical in the pursuit of additional grant funding, final project planning and the ultimate construction.

Center-running BRT on East Colfax Avenue will provide one dedicated transit lane in each direction and one dedicated automobile lane in each direction from Broadway to Yosemite. With transit ridership and traffic congestion along the Colfax corridor projected to increase in the coming years, center-running BRT will deliver faster and more reliable service to Denver's busiest transit corridor and some of the city's most diverse and populated neighborhoods.

Colfax BRT is the largest transportation project the City and County of Denver has ever embarked upon, leveraging \$55M in Elevate Denver Bond funding passed by voters in 2017. The project will transform Denver's busiest transit corridor – serving 22,000 daily riders – and serve as a model for future projects to move more people, more efficiently across our city.

Benefits of BRT on East Colfax include:

- Faster transit travel time of up to 15 minutes during peak hours
- Improved safety, connectivity, accessibility and mobility options for all travelers
- Enhanced streetscaping and economic development opportunities

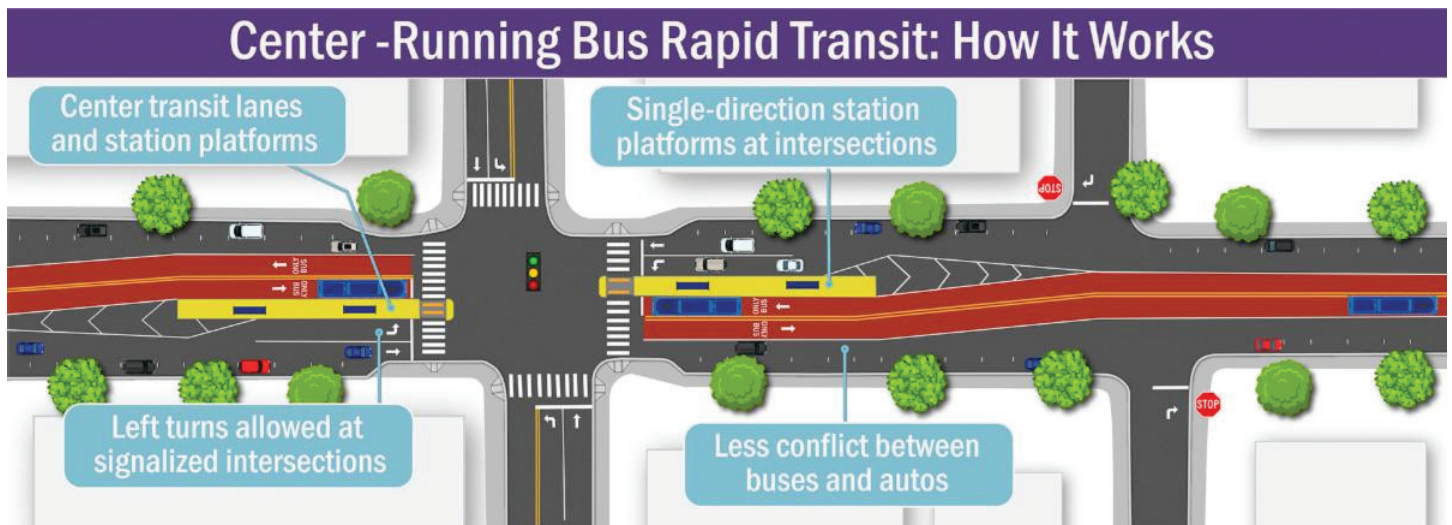
Why now? Despite drastic changes to traveling patterns and commuting during the pandemic, the bus routes serving East Colfax remain the busiest transit lines in Denver, serving tens of thousands of residents and essential workers every day.

Please plan to attend the community workshop

Wednesday, September 15, 5: 30-7:00 p.m. to express your thoughts and ask questions. The workshop will be held via Zoom.

Log in at <https://gbsm.zoom.us/j/89303790436#success>

For more information about the project and to sign up for email updates go to <https://bit.ly/3CsBZt3>



HMCAI July 4th Picnic



Bike parade



Fat City Mardi Gras band



The fire truck sprays the crowd!

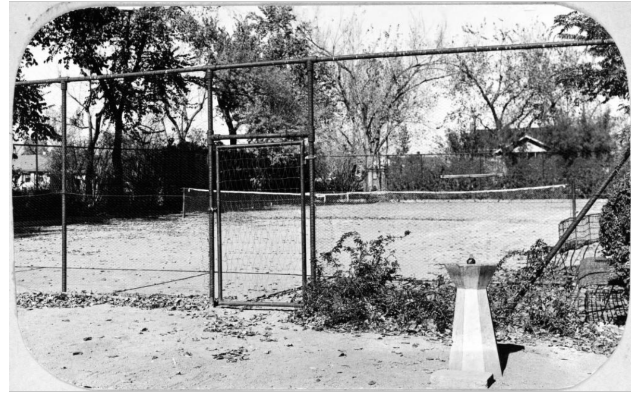


Sack race

Montclair Park Improvements

To the delight of neighbors, Montclair Park tennis court and horseshoe pit reconstruction was completed in July. The previous tennis court had deteriorated and was inaccessible since 2016 while the two old horseshoe pits had seen better days.

First erected in 1911, the tennis court was resurfaced many times prior to its demolition and reconstruction. Funded through the 2017 Elevate Denver Bonds, park improvements also include landscaping, ADA accessible parking, walks, and ADA accessible picnic area with new tables, which should be completed in the coming weeks.



Tennis court 1930-ish photo credit to DPL Digital Collection. Note the drinking fountain in the foreground and house to the north on 12th Ave., replaced by a new house in 2006.



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From the Desk of Chris Hansen, State Senator

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Dear Fellow Montclarions,

2020 was one of the most difficult years in history: we were managing the biggest health crisis in a century, the worst wildfire season on record, and we had to cut our budget by billions of dollars.

Over the course of the year, however, the situation brightened immensely. As the vaccine rollout began, we saw our economy rebound, we began to reestablish normal post-COVID, and we received nearly \$5.6 billion from the federal government.

During the 2021 Legislative Session, we passed legislation that addressed systemic inequities, climate change, and gun violence. Here is a short legislative wrap up of some of the bills that I ran that I am most proud of.

- **SB21-072** requires Colorado utilities join a Regional Transmission Organization by 2030 and will create new transmission lines in underserved regions of the state. This bill will save Coloradans more than \$100 million annually in electricity bills, create thousands of high-paying jobs, expedite the adoption of renewable energy, and ensure our grid is reliable in extreme weather.
- **SB21-054, SB21-221, and HB21-1008** are a direct response to the terrible 2020 wildfire season. These bills will increase our firefighting capacity, invest in risk mitigation for wildfires, and help to restore our damaged forests.
- **SB21-264** requires natural gas utilities to reduce their total greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by 22% by 2030. This bill will result in 2.3+ million fewer metric tons of CO2 released into the atmosphere annually, while creating green jobs and helping boost investment in rural Colorado.
- **SB21-293** is designed to provide targeted property tax relief to folks living in multi-family homes and homeowners who have seen their property assessments increase over the past year.
- **HB21-1106 and HB21-1299** are two of six gun safety bills that passed through the legislature this year. HB21-1106 protects Coloradan youth from avoidable tragedies by mandating the safe storage of firearms in homes where kids are present. HB21-1299 establishes the Office of Gun Violence Prevention, which is dedicated solely to research, community outreach, and policy work that will save lives through gun safety in Colorado.

- **HB21-1311 and HB21-1312**, together, the Tax Fairness Plan, will support our state's recovery, provide tax relief for working families and small businesses, and will close outdated and ineffective tax loopholes.
- **HB21-1317** will help curb teen access to THC concentrates while ensuring that medical users still have full access to their medicine. After months of stakeholding, this bill passed with near unanimous approval (House vote: 56-8, Senate vote 35-0).

After the session, I was overjoyed to welcome, in-person, the fourth annual Colorado Science & Engineering Policy Fellowship class. The fellowship, hosted by Senator Bob Rankin and myself, gives STEM students the unique opportunity to work at the Capitol for eight weeks on researching and developing legislation and better understand the interplay of policy and science. Ultimately, we are seeking to shape the leaders of the future, scientists and engineers who can use the scientific method and evidence-based policy making to solve the issues that face our state and country. This class consists of 17 students, ranging from undergrad to PhD, from six universities across the state.

As always, if you want to get in touch, please do not hesitate to reach out at chris@hansenforcolorado.com.

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Summer/Fall Gardening in 2021

By Gail Barry

As I write my gardens are flourishing, even with the Japanese beetles steadily eating things. The roses and other perennial flowers have been beautiful. I have been harvesting and sharing many tasty vegetables. This year I enriched my soil with some special compost, giving everything a bit of a boost. With fall approaching we should all consider sowing vegetables for fall production. Lettuces, and other somewhat cold hardy plants can be planted now. In addition, there are many opportunities to freeze, can, dry or otherwise preserve the plants we are growing. Think about making them for holiday presents. For those who grow mostly flowers, as well as grasses, those can be dried and or pressed for winter arrangement and use in gifts such as stationery and book marks, if desired. Look online for easy methods of doing so. Don't forget to plant spring flowering bulbs in October and November. Be sure to water deeply, preferably before the leaves fall. I always advocate leaving leaves on the beds to break down in the soil and protect the plants from our variable (often dry) winter weather. I hope everyone who is able, is composting in one way or another. I have both a compost pile and a compost bin. Even in the winter I keep my city bin pretty full by adding prunings, weeds or whatever I don't feel will break down easily in my pile. Keep in mind that used paper products (plates, cups, napkins, tissues, waxed paper, paper towel, pizza boxes and the like) can be put in the city compost bin (but not recycled) preventing them from going into the landfill. Make sure you read and follow the city rules for the bins. Leaves can go into the bins too if you don't have a compost pile or other place to use them.

Montclair Rec Center Reminders

Weight/Cardio and Gym Now Open; Pool Closed Into Winter Months

Montclair Rec Center in Lowry (720 Ulster Way) is now open for weight room cardio equipment and drop-in gymnasium use, Monday - Friday, 7:00pm - 3:00pm. Usage is free for MYDenver, MYDenver PRIME, SilverSneakers and ReNew Active members and only \$2 per visit for all others.

Denver Parks & Rec (DPR) is not currently selling memberships because some rec centers are still closed. As you may recall, the Montclair Rec Center swimming pool is undergoing HVAC system updates as part of the Elevate Denver Bond projects. Because of this work, the

Traditional Recipe for Pesto and Garden Produce:

Pesto: 1 cup of parley leaves, 2 cups of basil leaves, ½ cup of olive oil (amount may vary depending on desired consistency), 2 tablespoons of butter, 1 tablespoon of pine nuts, 12 whole almonds, 12 walnut halves, 1-3 cloves of garlic, 1 cup of grated parmesan cheese. Start by whirling the leaves on high in a food processor (or hand chap very finely) add in the nuts, garlic and olive oil, and whirl until combined. Add cheese and whirl until combined. The mixture should be moist and of easily spreadable consistency but not runny or too dry. (Adjust by adding more oil or more cheese) You can substitute spinach for parsley or part of the basil if desired. The taste will be different doing that. If you don't know have all of the kinds of nuts just use one. Pine nuts are traditionally used. All can be done by hand with lots of fine chopping if you don't have a food processor or blender.

Pesto uses: Traditionally , pesto is combined with hot cooked pasta and then topped with chopped garden tomatoes. Other possibilities, fill celery sticks, put a dollop on top of a cracker with cheese and a slice of tomato, use a slice of cucumber instead of a cracker. I have mixed pesto with lightly cooked zucchini and yellow squash by themselves or mixed with cooked onion and topped with fresh tomatoes. Pesto can also be spread over rolled out bread dough, rolled up, cut like cinnamon rolls and baked until lightly browned and done. I'm sure there are many other possibilities. Be adventurous.

pool will not align with the City's Recreation Center Phased Reopening Plan due to the additional improvements.

Questions? Email Shelly Pawlowski (shelly.pawlowski@denvergov.org), Montclair Rec Center Sr. Recreation Supervisor, or call her at 720.865.0562.

For information about all Denver Rec Centers go to: <https://bit.ly/3Czt8FW>

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Wine-ding Down in the City

By Jennifer Bolda

If you are like me and enjoy wine, food, and getting out and being social, I recommend a few places in Denver. We have enjoyed going to Palisade and are always looking for new and local places to bring out of town guests or to enjoy on dates. I am sure there are others we haven't visited yet, but here are a few of our favorites. Balistreri Vineyards 1946 E 66th Ave, Carboy Winery 400 E. Seventh, as well as Bigsby's Folly 3563 Wazee Street.

We have been members of the Balistreri Vineyards wine club on and off for about 15 years. We had started tasting there when it was just a small tasting room in a white little house. It had about room for 6 guests plus an area outside! It is now an upscale tasting room, servicing a large number of people plus has an event area in the back that offers many fun wine pairing dinners and other events such as weddings. This winery is well landscaped and has a calming water feature which adds to the experience! The food is fresh and delicious and they offer locally sourced items. There is an extensive amount of wine to taste which they will give you a pour of all of them for about \$20. Or you can do a flight and just taste a few.

Another place that we like to go is Carboy. We first heard of it when we were up in Palisade at the Garfield Estate Vineyard that was just bought out by Carboy. Since then I

have learned that there are multiple locations, including; Littleton, Breckenridge, and now in Denver off Logan Street & 7th. This winery has an indoor and outdoor setting and offers food as well. One thing I like about this place is that not only is the wine really good but they do have a large gift shop. I would recommend trying a flight of their whites. We enjoyed the sparkling Rose and the Albarino.

The last place I'd like to recommend is Bixby's Folly located near the Rino district. This place has a great vibe and is full of life. It has indoor and outdoor seating as well as a great place for private events. The food has been very good when we have gone plus they also have fun events and wine pairing dinners as well. This winery offers a growler club or a bottle of the month club. If you are planning to drink the wine within the next couple days I would recommend the growler club because of the price, but if you like to lay your wine down and let them age a little bit, like I do, I would recommend a bottle club. Either way you go you can't go wrong!

I hope you try out one of these places and enjoy it as much as I do. If you have any other recommendations please share. Wine brings people together and visiting these wineries makes a great afternoon out! Cheers!

Community Corner - Fall is in the Air

By Celeste Stragand

Crisp cool air, fire pits, kids back to school and leaves getting ready to change are all signs of a new season. Gearing up for a long Labor Day weekend or just need a reason to celebrate? Consider picking up libations at our newest newsletter supporter, Syracuse Liquors. Recently under new management and located at 1115 Syracuse (near 11th and Syracuse), the full-service store offers everything for your merriment needs.

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When Hollywood Came to Montclair

By Bill Hansen

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! Jimmy Stewart, playing big band leader and jazz trombonist Glenn Miller, strikes up his Army Air Force Band in a rousing rendition of “In the Mood”. British flags flutter from the castle windows and parapets. A crowd of enlisted men, nurses, and English civilians watch rapturously as the concert is broadcasted over the BBC. Suddenly, an air raid siren wails. The music softens and the band and audience anxiously look skyward. As a German V-1 rocket bomb buzzes overhead, everyone covers nervously and some get up to flee. The bomb fizzles out and drops harmlessly in the distance. As everyone sighs with relief, the crescendo quickens and grows bolder for the finale as the crowd claps and cheers.

The Glenn Miller Story starring James Stewart and June Allison, was filmed largely in Colorado in the summer of 1953. Site locations included the CU Boulder campus, where Miller briefly attended college, downtown Denver, and the Trocadero Ballroom at Elitch Gardens. The military scenes were filmed on the tarmac at the Lowry Air Force Base, as well as inside the hangar that now houses the Wings Over the Rockies Museum. Searching for an outdoor English countryside, complete with a castle, was no obstacle. Montclair offered the vacant Kittredge Castle as a perfect site. Ironically, when Charles Kittredge built his castle in Montclair in 1890, he had dubbed it the “English Castle” to compete with Baron von Richthofen’s “German Castle”. Some Montclair residents served as extras for

the filming. Shortly after the movie was completed, the Kittredge Castle was demolished and the entire block was eventually dedicated as Kittredge Park. So, if you’re “in the mood”, rent the movie, take a stroll to Kittredge Park, and envision when Hollywood came to Montclair.



Montclair neighbors meeting and getting to know each other on a nice summer evening.

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Denver District 2 Crime and Safety Report

From Denver Police Department

The table below contains data for Denver District 2 Offenses from the beginning of January 2021 to the end of June 2021.

Offense	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Aggravated Assault - Other	32	16	22	36	40	26
Aggravated Assault - Firearm	8	14	6	17	25	23
Homicide	3	1	1	1	1	4
Sex Offense	5	6	4	4	7	3
Simple Assault	40	39	44	35	39	45
Robbery-Business	3	5	3	5	9	1
Robbery- Street-Res	9	6	7	6	13	14
Crimes Against Persons Total	100	87	87	104	133	116
Burglary	66	79	86	78	95	89
Criminal Mischief- Graffiti	6	5	8	5	8	7
Criminal Mischief-Property	47	23	23	39	50	49
Criminal Mischief-Vehicle	71	56	59	68	61	54
Larceny	135	87	114	99	95	133
Theft from Motor Vehicle	182	132	169	158	166	162
Auto Theft	155	145	148	130	145	153
Crimes Against Property Total	49	44	42	31	93	166
Drug Offenses	25	23	17	16	20	12
Weapons Offense	40	45	52	40	55	31
Crimes Against Society Total	65	68	69	56	75	43
All Other Crimes	233	166	152	109	96	81
Total	57	50	50	42	122	199

Data Sources: GO Data – Access – Crime Strategy Dist Crime

This data was compiled on 7/21/21 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.

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Gang Hotline: 720-913-1311 or 311

Report Graffiti: 720-913-1311 or 311

Sex Offenders Hotline: 720-913-6511

Hate Crimes Hotline: 720-913-6458

Report Street Racing: 9-1-1 and reportstreetracing.com

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DPD District 2 Community Resource Officer

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To report animal neglect or cruelty to Denver Dumb Friends League call 303-923-0022.

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Baseball in Denver

By Erick Stragand, Montclair Resident and Baseball Nerd

You may have heard, but Major League Baseball's 92nd All-Star Game visited Denver on July 13. Combined with a 4-day event at the Colorado Convention Center, a Futures Game and Celebrity Softball Game on July 11, a Home Run Derby on July 12, plus other unofficial events, Denver experienced almost a full week of baseball-ism.

The All-Star Game has long been my favorite baseball event of each season. It's usually a good time capsule or picture postcard of what's been happening in the big leagues. As far back as 1992, I would try to plan a way to go to an MLB All-Star Game, but the semantics never worked out for me. I've been to all but 2 MLB stadiums, playoff games, multiple Opening Days, spring training, the World Baseball Classic, and even a World Series game, but the All-Star Game eluded me. Even when it was in Denver in 1998. Attending one was definitely a "bucket list" item for me, so when it came back to Denver, I jumped as soon as tickets went on sale.

In the past, I'd block out a Tuesday night in July to sit down and watch the game on TV. I would be hyped and excited as each game started, but would start to fade around the 5th inning. I'd doze off around the 7th inning and nap blissfully for the next 30 minutes or so. Obviously, being at the game, live, was much different.

I had the "3-ticket strip", which meant access to the Futures Game and Celebrity Softball Game on July 10. The Futures Game is basically a showcase for each MLB team's young talent. As predicted in the last Montclarion, Rockies icon Vinny Castilla was at Coors Field, managing the "National" team. The "American" team was managed by LaTroy Hawkins, a relief pitcher during the Rockies' run to the World Series in 2007. The "National" team won, 8-3, highlighted by a home run from Rockies prospect Michael Toglia. The Chicago Cubs' Brennen Davis was the MVP of the game, as he hit two home runs.

Next up was the Celebrity Softball Game...which I had thought about skipping. However, I stuck around because I wanted to see the Broncos' Von Miller, and new Captain America actor Anthony Mackie, take a few swings. Along the way, I found the game to be fairly enjoyable, as it reminded me of the playful antics you'd associate with the Harlem Globetrotters. After the game, I even got a high-five from music producer and DJ, Steve Aoki.

Monday night brought the Home Run Derby. To me, this event has been boring when I've watched it on TV. Yet live, it was great! Taking a page from rock concerts, all 8 participants were individually introduced on an LED pedestal with flames. The Angels' Shohei Ohtani and the Nationals' Juan Soto went into an amazing duel, each knocking over 20 home runs. I watched this portion from the second deck above right-center field and was amazed at how many balls were hit *above* my location! In the end, the Mets' Pete Alonso won the event.

When the actual All-Star Game started on Tuesday, I was fairly exhausted and hoping for that late inning nap. My favorite part of the actual All-Star Game is the player introductions, and that was again the case. Just makes me giddy to think: "oh hey, HE'S here. Oh cool, there's THAT GUY, too!" Former Rockies icon Nolan Arenado started at third baseman and got a standing ovation from the Coors Field crowd. The Rockies' representative, pitcher German Marquez, also received a notable ovation, both during his intro and his single inning on the mound.

I had a blast, all 3 days, and met fans from all over the country. As I wearily walked out of Coors Field on Tuesday night I was looking forward to some quality sleeping. Yet my good friend, who had also been at the games, texted me: "L.A. next year?" This might start a new tradition. My naps can wait.





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