



# 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

Well here we with 2021 drawing to a close. I love the changing of the seasons. Putting the garden to bed. Watching tomatoes ripen after being brought in before the impending frost (see pictures and recipe later in this issue). Seeing neighbors out enjoying the crisp warmth that makes our fall a magical time. This is the time I start thinking about what my "winter projects" might be. This year a new puppy will be my first winter project. This little bundle of joy and energy will no doubt have me walking more and varied paths through Montclair. It is fun when you know the dog's name but not the people. I look forward to seeing many of you on these upcoming walks—rain, snow or, of course, shine.



I looked back to last year's 4th quarter newsletter to remind myself of where we were then, to where we are now. Much has changed and there are elements that feel very much the same. I am grateful that I have had the choice to get vaccinated, that I am able to travel with greater reassurance of safety, that I can get tested quickly when I return or have had a potential exposure, that I can hug others who are comfortable hugging and give virtual hugs to those who need to keep their distance. That we can gather in larger groups safely when everyone has been vaccinated, that we have upped our virtual skills and have gotten good at Zooming. We are a bit weary of Zooming, though continue to recognize that the virtual platform has made parts of what we do far more accessible. This year, we cautiously had the Easter Egg Hunt with masks and no egg recycling. In July it felt like we were truly emerging from the pandemic and it was safe (with precautions) to return to in-person events, which we did for the 4th of July celebration—also an outdoor event. Then, as we turned the corner into the fall, the resurgence of the COVID variants gave us pause. As a board, we thought any one event or party was not worth putting anyone at risk for community spread. For these reasons, the Adult Reception, Halloween Party and Treats with Santa are all canceled. The Annual General Meeting was held on Zoom, included a packed agenda, and was well attended. Check out the summary from our Secretary, Caryle Faust, in this newsletter.

I reflect on what it means to be "in community". Community comes from staying connected, based on where we live, our values, and how we can interact to support one another to thrive. There are diverse perspectives on what we are going through as a society and as a community. Though some may not agree with the decisions of the last few months to limit our events, I do hope that everyone knows that they were made after thoughtful consideration and out of the deepest respect for individual and community wellbeing.

This newsletter will reach you sometime around Thanksgiving. I wish you and yours happiness and peace. These times have led me to a deep appreciation for our Montclair community.

A quote from A.A. Milne, sums it up—

**Christopher Robin: What are you thankful for, Pooh?**

**Winnie the Pooh: Why, nothing short of everything.**

Be well; be safe; be in touch with us: [historicmontclair@gmail.com](mailto:historicmontclair@gmail.com)

## HMCAI 2021 Board

**President:** Judy Baxter  
**Vice President:** Carrie O’Shea  
**Treasurer:** Gail Barry  
**Secretary:** Caryle Faust

### At Large Board Members:

Valerie Alford	Gretchen Armijo
Jennifer Bolda	Meg Goos
Bill Keesom	Toni Kuper
James LeDuc	Brian Narber
Bree Neely	Celeste Stragand
Gail Wallace	

## 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](mailto: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:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

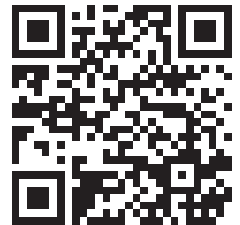
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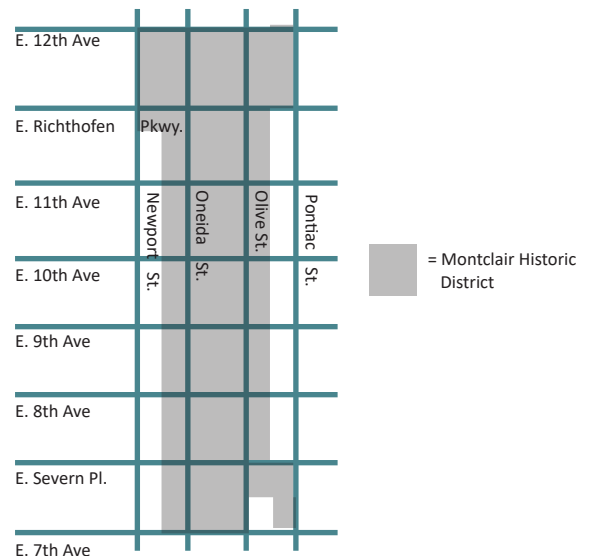
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*Possibilities include: Treats with Santa, July 4th, Easter Egg Hunt, Cocktail Party, Halloween Party, Board Member, Other (please specify)*

## 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](mailto:landmark@denvergov.org)



# City Council District 5 Updates, Fall 2021

by Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer, District 5



## District 5's 2022 Work Plan

Happy Winter Holidays to everyone! From the entire District 5 Team, we hope your season is bright and meaningful and spent with family and friends – even if only virtually.

2021 was another extraordinary year. Thank you to everyone who helped our community thrive during this unprecedented time. In the District 5 office, 2021 was focused on responding to community concerns with projects and initiatives that reflect our four core values: **Transparency, Accountability, Customer Service and Good Communication.** Looking toward 2022, our Work Plan continues to center around your feedback. Some of the initiatives our office will pursue in 2022 are:

**Traffic Studies.** My office has again engaged traffic engineering firm Fehr & Peers to conduct two more traffic studies: 6th Ave. from Colorado Blvd. to Quebec St., and S. Dayton St. from Alameda Ave. to Mississippi Ave. We have confirmed with Denver's Department of Transportation & Infrastructure (DOTI) that implementation funding for installation of some recommended improvements will be included in the 2023 Budget. Stay tuned for information on upcoming community meetings and feedback surveys.

**Civil Wage Theft Ordinance.** We have seen that post-pandemic economic recovery for our low-wage workers has not mirrored the economic recovery of the city's high-wage earners. We also know that wage theft is a significant issue in Denver, particularly in the construction, home care, janitorial, and hospitality industries. To combat these challenges, we are working on a civil wage theft ordinance that would give the Denver Auditor's Office the ability to investigate and collect unpaid, earned wages on behalf of workers in Denver.

**Gun Buy Back Program.** To help address the uptick in violent crime across the Front Range, we are working with the Denver Department of Safety, Denver Police Department, and the City of Aurora to launch a gun buy-back program. We have created a partnership with a Colorado Springs-based nonprofit organization, RAWtools, that purchases the guns from owners, melts them down, and turns them into garden tools. While I recognize that criminals won't be turning in their weapons, DPD has seen a significant uptick in guns being stolen out of cars and homes, and then being used in other crimes. Our goal is to

help alleviate those gun thefts by providing a no-questions-asked opportunity for residents to turn in unwanted guns.

You are the heartbeat of our communities! To help our Team continue to plan and prioritize around the issues that matter to you, please complete the survey at [bit.ly/D5ResidentSurvey2021](https://bit.ly/D5ResidentSurvey2021) by December 31. Thank you for your input!

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](https://bit.ly/D5Website); sign up to receive our monthly newsletter and updates at [bit.ly/Council5News](https://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,

I am thrilled to write to you all and provide an update of happenings at the Capitol as not only your elected official, but as your neighbor. As a member of the Joint Budget Committee, I am eager to begin

budget hearings next week. This year may be the most important budget year in Colorado history, as the state of Colorado has over \$4 billion dollars in discretionary funds to allocate. There are many important decisions to be made, and I am looking forward to putting in the necessary work to allow all facets of Colorado to thrive, with particular emphasis on K-12 funding.

During the interim, I have been utilizing the opportunity to meet with other legislators and experts in the energy sector to learn how other states have optimized legislation to set and meet environmental targets. Attending conferences and meetings with professionals has given me different perspectives to consider, and I am excited to continue to explore new and unique tactics to apply to Colorado, and plan to bring several pieces of legislation in 2022. My office is beginning the process of preparing for the 2022 legislative session, and I am very excited about the multitude of different priority areas that we are hoping to address.

As always, I want to hear from you and 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.



Photo by Jeff Wells

As a prime sponsor of HB 21-1311 to expand the Child Tax Credit last session, I am elated that Governor Polis and Senator Bennet have taken steps to advance the accessibility of a Child Tax Credit for all Coloradans. The passage and ongoing support of this legislation will bring much needed economic security to all Colorado families and their children. I encourage you to visit <https://getctc.org> to learn more about the child tax credit and if you and your family qualify. I would also encourage you to learn more about the Earned Income Tax Credit in Colorado to see if you qualify for this tax credit. Please visit <https://tax.colorado.gov/EITC> to learn more.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you.

Sincerely,



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# The Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment 2021 Giving Tree

By Merritt Pullam

In person learning has returned for almost the entire DPS family. The fall 2021 term has been filled with excitement and possibilities for our young learners. The faculty and staff at Montclair have been working hard to cover shortages with staffing and food delivery. They deserve a heart-felt thank you for keeping school running smoothly for our kiddos.

This year we look forward to the opportunity to spread holiday joy amongst our community members. Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment will be hosting a Giving Tree where you can anonymously select a request to fulfill one of our young community member's wants or needs for the holidays. Montclair students or siblings under the age of 18 years old are eligible to receive a gift for the holidays. You can be assured that your generous gift(s) to one of our neighbors will be greeted with joy and appreciation. Visit [Montclair.dpsk12.org](http://Montclair.dpsk12.org) to click on the link to the 2021 Giving Tree.

You may also choose to sign up for our Amazon Smile Program to purchase the Giving Tree gift you select. This will further help our school fundraising. Amazon donates a portion of the sale directly to Montclair when you sign up for Amazon Smile. See all information on the school website [Montclair.dpsk12.org](http://Montclair.dpsk12.org). Wrapped and tagged gifts will be due no later than Friday, December 10th. Gifts will be distributed on Wednesday, December 15th. Questions about the Giving Tree or how you can donate to the school



can be answered by Cahjah Reed at (720) 424-5431 [cajah\\_reed@dpsk12.org](mailto:cajah_reed@dpsk12.org) or Merritt Pullam at (303) 419-2622 or [merrittpkw@gmail.com](mailto:merrittpkw@gmail.com).

Have you seen our new school sign? It was funded by bond money from 2020 and the install happened this fall. We welcome the additions of Sofia Elmore – Office Support and Shawn Abad – Office Manager. Either of them can be reached via the school's main number – 720-424-5380.

Thank you to the members of our community who continue to donate money directly to PEAK (Parents, Educators, and Kids) throughout the pandemic. We have been using those funds to help support our "Backpack" program which helps feed some of our families. Your generosity is appreciated.

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

## An Update from Cottonwood Community Alternatives (CCA)

We are excited for the opportunity to be part of the neighborhood and want to thank the neighbors, the City and County of Denver and the Department of Housing Stability (HOST) for their support throughout this project.

CCA is a not-for-profit, State approved agency that has been serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities for over 30 years. Our mission is to provide a variety of community-based supports and services to these individuals, empowering them to live as independently and productively as possible while promoting individual choice, dignity, and quality of life. In March of this year, we acquired a property in the Montclair neighborhood at 793 Olive St. This property will become a home for some of the individuals we support. At CCA, our mission is to create a setting wherein the individuals in our services feel

empowered to make their own decisions and live dignified lives. Our motto is 'People Serving People', a simple phrase turned organizational philosophy wherein every person at CCA is dedicated to the individual's growth, independence, and success.

Renovations began in spring of 2021 which includes both the interior and exterior updates to the house as well as to the landscape. The renovation project is anticipated to be completed in March of 2022.

Again, we want to thank everyone for their support and patience as we move through the project.

To learn more about CCA, check out: [cottonwoodca.org](http://cottonwoodca.org).



# Denver Deserves Sidewalks

By Judy Baxter

If you walk in Montclair you probably have observations about our sidewalks. Great in a few places, nonexistent in many areas, with a wide variety of materials and state of repair for those that do exist. On our morning walk with the dogs, when we aren't in Kittredge Park we are walking in the streets, not on sidewalks. The street is wider with a more predictable surface compared with what few sidewalks exist. This important component of basic city infra-structure is managed and funded differently than street maintenance or storm sewer drainage, resulting in the current sidewalk situation.

Did you know that in Denver:

- Property owners are responsible for sidewalk construction and maintenance?
- 40% of streets have either missing or substandard sidewalks?
- This is particularly concentrated in low-income neighborhoods where 47% of sidewalks are missing or substandard.
- Though pedestrians make up 5% of commuters, they are 38% of traffic deaths.

This is just some of what I took away from the very informative presentation given by Jill Locantore--the Executive Director of Denver Streets Partnership (DSP) at the zoom Annual General Meeting on Oct 17.

The DSP has launched The Denver Deserves Sidewalks Campaign whose three major goals are to:

1. Create a comprehensive sidewalk network by ensuring and eliminating barriers to repairing, upgrading and construction of missing sidewalks.
2. Develop a sustainable funding source to build/maintain the network that doesn't place the burden on property owners
3. Use existing plans to inform the implementation strategy, with priority given to areas of highest need and high injury areas. We took a zoom poll and the overwhelming majority support the Denver Deserves Sidewalks campaign.

If you want to learn more go to:

[denverstreetspartnership.org/what-we-do/sidewalks/](https://denverstreetspartnership.org/what-we-do/sidewalks/)

I know I am personally signed on to this campaign and HMCAI will be supporting it as a community organization based on the poll at the meeting.



## *The McWilliams Team:* **After 45 years, We Know 80220**

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# Around the Neighborhood- Fall Photos



By Brian Davis



By Carrie O'Shea



By Elyn & Greg Muldow



By Judy Baxter



By Steve Usick



## When Montclair Was a Transportation Hub- The “Poplar Loop”

By Bil Hansen

Montclair has often been hailed as one of Denver’s first “streetcar suburbs”. What many don’t realize is that for almost two decades, Montclair was also a major transportation hub.

On October 11, 1932, The Denver Tramway Company terminated streetcar service to Aurora. A brick terminal depot was constructed on the southeast corner of East Colfax and Poplar Street and opened as the “Poplar Loop”. Streetcars would clackety-clack down the center of East Colfax before turning into the Poplar Loop on the west side of the terminal. Buses then used the east side of the depot for the route east to Aurora. Following the end of World War II, both the loop traffic and the commercial area blossomed. Separate bus routes then served not only Aurora but also Stapleton Airport, Lowry Air Force Base, Fairmount Cemetery, and even Buckley Field to the far east- all originating at the Poplar Loop.

The picture shows the Poplar Loop during rush hour in 1947. Two bright yellow street cars can be seen with their distinctive “cattle catcher” front ends and rooftop trolley poles hooked to a complex grid of overhead electric lines. A stop light then controlled the busy intersection.

A substantial commercial district surrounded the Poplar Loop. The stores in the background include Melo-O-Mix Donuts, as well as a Tid Bit Shoppe- Candies and Grille. Those boarded-up storefronts remain today, hidden behind a tall fence in back of the new Cross Fit building that now dominates the Loop grounds. A massage parlor currently occupies the corner of the building. South on Poplar was a beauty salon, barber shop, cleaners, and hardware store, now largely empty.

At 1457 Quebec, is a deeply set back, derelict, and abandoned old residence that, during this era, was a frozen custard shop. The building to the east of the depot included a Tom Thumb Market on its west side and on the east end of the building, with a triangular roofed façade and east side takeout window, was a popular Rocky Bilt Hamburger stand, an early local fast-food chain offering thin burgers for a dime or “Tak-Homa-Sak” of a dozen for a buck.

Denver’s streetcar service ended on June 30, 1950 and the Poplar Loop was closed. The area has since fallen on hard times but, if you look carefully, you can still find remnants of the old business district that once thrived there around the Poplar Loop transportation hub.



# HMCAI Annual General Meeting: 20 October 2021

By Caryle Faust, HMCAI Secretary

Due to lingering COVID-19 concerns, the HMCAI general meeting was again held virtually. The meeting was called to order by President Judy Baxter at 1902. With the election in two weeks, the evening's agenda was very timely with relevant subjects consisting of the following:

- A. Welcome.
- B. HCMAI Board Election.
- C. District 5 Update.
- D. Denver Deserves Sidewalks.
- E. Conservation Easement Forum.

## WELCOME.

Ms Baxter welcomed all the attendees (43 folks registered with 27 in attendance). The outgoing board members (i.e. Bree Neely and Celeste Stragand) were thanked for all their efforts and hard work. Bree advanced HMCAI technology with our website and the use of the Square. Celeste did exemplary work as the advertisement manager for the newsletter. And speaking of same, if anyone is interested in taking on this responsibility, please send an email to Judy Baxter (JUDY.BAXTER@cuanschutz.org).

## HMCAI BOARD ELECTION.

Mr. Dave McCord presented the slate of candidates for consideration:

President	Judy Baxter
1st Vice President	Carrie O'Shea
2nd Vice President	Gail Wallace
Treasurer	Gail Barry
Secretary	Caryle Faust

## Members at Large

Valerie Alford	Gretchen Armijo
Jennifer Bolda	Meg Goos
Bill Keesom	Toni Kuper
James LeDuc	Brian Narber
Rachel Stanfield	Lynn VanderWielen
Miranda Wells	

The voice vote was unanimous, with no dissents registered.

## DISTRICT 5 UPDATE.

A synopsis of the Councilwoman's good works and priorities follow, please see her article in this Montclairion for a more in-depth review.

Councilwoman wanted to remind everyone of the community meeting to review the recommendations

resulting from the 8th Avenue Traffic Study:

Date: 16 November

Time: 1800

\$267K was allotted to District 5 for community policing. In addition, the Denver Police Department will match those funds! The boundaries for this effort are 11th – 17th and Monaco – Yosemite.

Ms. Sawyer is targeting early 2022 to begin a traffic study of 6th Avenue.

She is also working a "gun buyback" effort with Aurora. The guns would be melted down and turned into garden tools and jewelry.

The VA facility next to Rose Hospital is up for sale, and the land use will be governed by the mandates in the East Area Plan.

Everyone is encouraged to vote for Measure 2E which will institute more oversight of the mayor's office. And if you are interested in redistricting, please go to:

[www.denvergov.org/redistricting](http://www.denvergov.org/redistricting).

## DENVER DESERVES SIDEWALKS

Jill Locantore, Executive Director for Denver Streets Partnership

Denver Streets Partnership is dedicated to a vibrant Denver and to a transportation system so accessible that everyone can connect to what matters most. However, one of the most basic tenets of infrastructure is a lack of access to sidewalks.

Denver Streets is urgently call for the City and County of Denver to create a comprehensive and integrated sidewalk network by:

- Repair of deteriorated sidewalks
- Construction of new sidewalks were missing
- Upgrade of substandard (too narrow) sidewalks
- Development of a sustainable funding source
- Use existing plans for implementation strategy.

In Denver, property owners are responsible for sidewalk construction and maintenance. Building a sidewalk network, one property at a time, is incredibly inefficient. 40% of Denver streets are missing sidewalks (10% missing, 30% substandard).



Why should sidewalks be different from every other basic infrastructure? For example, annual street maintenance is included in property tax to the amount of 44.4M in 2021 and waste water enterprise fund is assessed to property owner at 51.1M. Listed below are existing examples of cities with sustainable funding sources:

- Westminster, Colorado
- Englewood, Colorado
- Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Ithaca, New York

Please join the campaign and sign the petition at:

[www.denversidewalks.com](http://www.denversidewalks.com)

SHOULD RNO PARTICIPATE IN DENVER SIDEWALKS EFFORT:

- Yes 77%
- No 5%
- No Opinion 4%

### CONSERVATION EASEMENT FORUM.

A discussion of the conservation easement existing on 155 acres, commonly known as the Park Hill Golf Course (PHGC). The forum was moderated by Judy Baxter.

### ORDINANCE 302 PROPONENT

Conservation Easement – Empower Northeast (NE) Denver  
Norm Harris, Halloran Partners Managing Partner  
[www.EmpowerNEDenver.com](http://www.EmpowerNEDenver.com)

Mr. Harris represents The Holleran Group, which has partnered with Westside Investment Partners. Westside purchased the Park Hill Golf Course in 2019 with the intention of having the conservation easement lifted in order to develop the site. The essence of Mr. Harris' presentation was Ordinance 302 would allow the NE Denver neighborhood to decide what should be developed in this particular parcel of land. The local neighborhood should decide its future, not the entire city.

Sixty acres is being proposed to be set aside for green space but it has not been decided how this land would function or what amenities/facilities would be provided.

It is essential that job opportunities and local services be provided to support the neighborhood ecosystem. In addition, Mr. Harris pointed out there is another golf course and the largest park in the city closer to PHGC than a full-service grocery store.

### ORDINANCE 301 PROPONENT SAVE OPEN SPACE – DENVER

#### Penfield Tate, Volunteer for Save Open Space – Denver

The main tenet of Mr. Tate's and Save Open Space – Denver is that one neighborhood should not decide the fate of a city asset. In 1997, under the Wellington Webb administration, Denver taxpayers purchased a \$2 million conservation easement for the Park Hill Golf Course. Currently only the Denver city council has the power to lift the conservation easement however Ordinance 301 proposes that a city-wide vote should determine the fate of a city-owned easement.

He explained that the PHGC does not have existing infrastructure required to support development and said infrastructure would have to be put in at the taxpayer's expense. In addition, a commercial space around the golf course already has the supporting framework. Open Space would like to create community gathering place in the vein of other cities' effort, such as Lindsey Street Park in Atlanta, Atlanta Food Forest, Garrett Park in Baltimore.

The inverted "L" factor also comes into play. Not only are the inverted "L" phenomena correlated with higher temperatures and fewer trees, the shape is also associated with higher numbers of people of coloring living along it.

Mr. Tate asked Mr. Harris if the 60-acre proposed park would include the 35-acre storm water detention pond which is not publicly accessible. Mr. Harris related he could not answer at this time.

### CONSERVATION EASEMENT POLL:

- Keep easement 50%
- Release easement 11%
- Refrain from a position 30%

The three following presentations, in addition to a recording of the meeting are available on HMCAI's website [www.historicmontclair.org](http://www.historicmontclair.org):

- Denver Deserves Sidewalks
- Empower NE Denver and
- Save Open Space – Denver

HMCAI would like to thank all the speakers who were gracious with their time and provided thorough explanations of their subjects, plus a hearty thank you for all the neighbor attendees!!

### ADJOURNMENT AT 2103.

## 2021-22 Cold Weather Garden Activities

By Gail Barry

As winter approaches, don't forget to deeply water your plants. This is especially important for newly installed plants. We have been dry this summer and fall and often have very dry winters so water throughout the winter when the temperature is above 40 degrees and there is no snow cover. Many tree services will water for you if you schedule them to do so, saving you the trouble of remembering and reattaching and hauling hoses. I always recommend leaving leaves on your gardens to protect against frost heaving and add to the soil. Roses particularly appreciate having leaves piled up around them. You can prune back your perennials (and other plants) at this time as well. If the ground is not frozen you can plant bulbs and pull weeds. Add leaves to your compost pile and/or get a city compost bin.

If there are shrubs you need to prune, late fall, winter and early spring are great times to do it. You can see the branch structure much better without the leaves on the shrubs. There is lots of information on pruning on line and in the library but, some of the principles include: cutting off broken or damaged branches to just above the next healthy bud or branch. Prune off branches that are crossing each other, selecting the weaker branch to remove. If you have a shrub that is old and tired looking you can renewal prune by cutting all the branches to within 6" of the ground and let the new growth come up in the spring. In case of old lilacs, red or yellow twig dogwood, or other large shrubs you can select two or three of the oldest, biggest branches to but cut back to the ground and

allow new growth to come up and keep doing that yearly until the whole shrub is made up of newer growth. Lots of people think cutting back the smaller growth is what to do, but really it is the oldest, largest branches that need to go, thus encouraging the new growth.

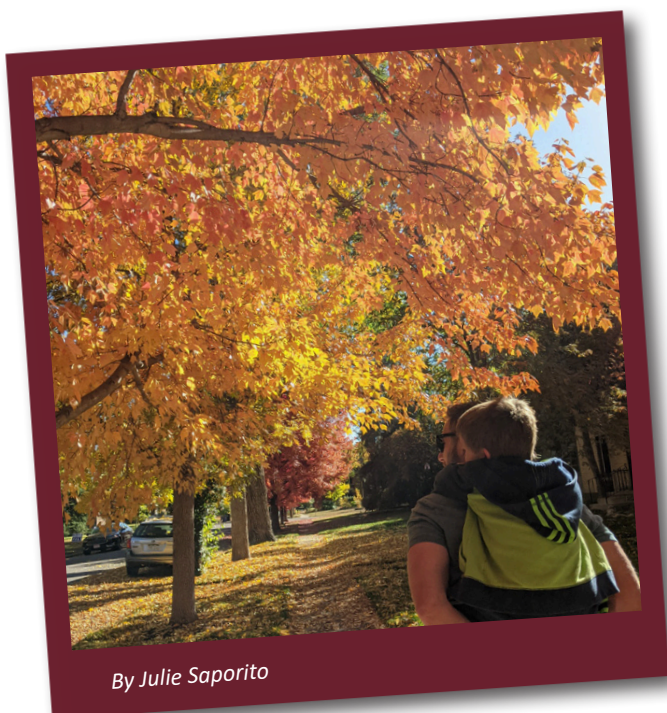
If it is too cold and snowy to go outside and work, you can order seeds and plan your garden for the coming season. You can clean, sharpen and reorganize your garden tools. You can start plants inside and have pots of fresh herbs on the window sill.

As the holidays approach, think of making garden-oriented gifts. A few packets of seeds, labels, a tool or two and/or a potted plant in a pretty basket, box or bag can make a nice gift. Or give the gift of any items you have made from your garden. Kids can make book marks, placemats, cards or the like by gluing dried flowers or grasses on to heavy card stock. Painting the result with Varathane is a good protective method. Homemade items are often greatly appreciated.

### Holly Cookies from Gail Barry

These cookies are good tasting, easy to make and cute.

Melt together 30 large marshmallows and 1 stick of butter in a double boiler over water (or experiment using the microwave by heating for 30 seconds, then stir and repeat until melted.) To the melted mixture add 2 tsp of green food coloring and ½ tsp of vanilla and mix until evenly combined. Gently, stir in 5 cups of corn flakes until coated with the green mixture. Spoon onto waxed paper making cookie sized circles. Decorate with red hots on the top edge or as you wish. Allow to stand for 24 hours.



By Julie Saporito



Holly Cookies by Gail Barry





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## Montclair Resident Inducted into Colorado Authors Hall of Fame

Long-time (42 years) Montclair resident Flint Whitlock was inducted into the Colorado Authors Hall of Fame on September 18, 2021. He says he was shocked and surprised at the honor, which counts such Colorado-connected literary luminaries as Stephen King, John Fielder, Sandra Dallas, Clive Cussler, Madeleine Albright, Helen Thorpe, Marilyn Van Derbur, and Louis L'Amour within its ranks.

Dr. Judith Briles of Aurora, Colorado said she and her founding board members created the Hall of Fame to honor and promote the works of outstanding published authors from all genres and generations who have a vibrant connection to Colorado to ensure their legacies won't be lost. "It's authors who best explain our history, provide insights and solutions to questions and deliver storytelling that provides countless hours of pleasure and is passed on from generation to generation," Briles said. "Now we can acknowledge them and their works purely on their own merit."

Primarily a military historian specializing in World War II, Flint had his first book, *Soldiers on Skis: A Pictorial Memoir of the 10th Mountain Division*, published in 1992. He has gone on to have 13 more published, four of which were finalists in the Colorado Book Awards competition.

He has also been the Editor of the WWII Quarterly magazine since 2010. The Smithsonian, National Geographic, Colorado National Guard, and other groups have hired him to be a battlefield tour guide. Flint has also appeared in several television documentaries on the History Channel, "War Stories with Oliver North," and Netflix. With his sea legs, he's a history lecturer on Viking sea cruise line. Flint was the featured lecturer at the annual HMCAI History Night in February 2020.





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# Real Estate Snapshot, September- October 2021

By Valerie Alford

- Actives: 4
- Coming Soon: 1
- Under Contract: 20
- Sold: 37
- Max. Sold: \$1,967,500
- Average Sold: \$737,123
- Average to List: 99%
- Average Days on Market: 20
- Price Per Sq. Foot Above Ground:\$495
- Average Price Per Square Foot Total: \$365

## Solds:

Address	Baths	Beds	Total Sq. Ft.	Close Price (\$)
1074 Kearney	5	5	5544	1,967,500
748 Ivy	5	5	4604	1,525,000
1110 Jasmine	4	4	3369	1,400,000
7035 7th	2	3	2410	1,150,000
842 Poplar	6	5	4010	1,140,000
945 Jersey	5	4	2863	915,000
658 Poplar	2	3	2072	840,000
1022 Monaco	3	5	2713	790,000
1205 Oneida	3	4	2802	790,000
1320 Ivy	4	3	2187	775,000
850 Locust	2	3	1527	736,000
1345 Jersey	4	3	2001	732,500
962 Pontiac	2	3	1842	700,000
1347 Jersey	4	3	2001	687,500
6900 8th	2	3	1735	680,000
775 Jersey	2	4	1282	678,011
810 Olive	2	3	1698	670,000
1098 Krameria	2	3	1453	663,000
1444 Monaco	2	3	2855	637,500
791 Jasmine	2	3	1926	635,000
1115 Poplar	2	4	2300	635,000
821 Krameria	2	3	1420	625,000
772 Ivy	1	3	1229	615,000
930 Ivanhoe	4	3	2039	610,000
950 Leyden	1	3	1098	600,001
1417 Newport	2	3	2002	590,000
839 Kearney	1	3	1160	580,000
1010 Leyden	2	4	1454	565,000
1248 Locust	2	2	2178	543,000
1427 Jersey	2	4	1735	505,000
1436 Jersey	2	4	1588	480,550
1030 Jersey	3	2	1191	442,500
1324 Ivanhoe	1	2	927	390,000
1375 Ivy	1	2	725	367,000
5955 10th	2	2	959	365,000
1416 Ivy	1	1	504	248,500



Home Harvest by Kath Biesadecki



Richthofen Trees by Sandra Murray

# Judy's Roasted Garden Tomato Sauce

By Judy Baxter

Do your counters and tables look like this?



I make this during the fall, as tomatoes ripen in my basement. It freezes well and brings you and your family a taste of summer in the middle of winter.

Makes about 1(+) C. of sauce, easy to double or use whatever you have on hand.

Preheat Oven to 375. I use convection roast setting.

## Important Numbers

**DPD non-emergency help:** 720-913-2000

**Crime Stoppers Hotline:** 720-913-7867 (STOP)

**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](http://reportstreetracing.com)

**Report Broken Street Lights:** [XcelEnergy.com](http://XcelEnergy.com)

## Ingredients

- 12 Plum and/or meaty round tomatoes (various sizes, heirlooms, mix of yellow and red).
- 1/3+ C EVOO
- 4 Cloves of chopped garlic or 1 T LiteHouse Freeze Dried Garlic
- Kosher Salt, sprinkle of sugar, balsamic glaze or vinegar, fresh basil, fresh flat leaf parsley, other spices that are your preference

## Preparation

- Line ½ size (9 x 12") cookie sheet/jelly roll pan with foil
- Cut stem end off of tomatoes and cut lengthwise, for bigger tomatoes cut into quarters
- De-seed tomatoes with thumb into small bowl that collect juice as well as seed, then strain juice into another small bowl, pressing liquid through and reserve. Throw remaining seeds into the compost.
- On the cookie sheet, roll tomato halves in olive oil, salt and garlic. Finish with cut side down.
- Place in upper oven for 12 min or until the skins blister/char.
- Pull out/ cool enough to pull/pop skins off, scrape out if skin is stuck. Leaving tomato meat in the pan.
- Add reserved juice to pan, sprinkle of sugar (neutralizes acid), lace/squirt with balsamic glaze or vinegar, whole and chopped basil and flat leaf parsley.
- Roast another 5+ minutes.
- Cool. Spoon sauce (all of it-tomatoes, juices, oil, etc) into jars.
- Freeze for long term storage or refrigerate for use within 7-10 days.

## DPD District 2 Community Resource Officer

Heidi Lewis, [Heidi.Lewis@denvergov.org](mailto:Heidi.Lewis@denvergov.org)

## Report Animal Abuse

Denver Animal Protection at 720-913-2080. For emergencies in progress, call 911.

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# Denver District 2 Crime and Safety Report

From Denver Police Department

Data for Denver District 2 Offenses from the beginning of January 2021 to the end of September 2021.

Offense	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Aggravated Assault - Other	39	19	26	47	53	32	46	49	36
Aggravated Assault - Firearm	9	28	16	29	42	39	36	15	12
Homicide	3	1	1	1	1	4	2	2	2
Sex Offense	8	8	6	6	8	9	5	6	5
Simple Assault	53	49	52	39	44	54	57	76	57
Robbery-Business	3	5	4	5	10	1	1	6	5
Robbery- Street-Res	9	7	9	7	13	14	18	14	16
<b>Crimes Against Persons Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>133</b>
Burglary	71	82	90	83	107	97	111	95	74
Criminal Mischief- Graffiti	6	6	8	6	9	7	8	6	3
Criminal Mischief-Property	47	23	23	40	51	52	42	60	36
Criminal Mischief-Vehicle	76	56	60	71	61	56	88	65	69
Larceny	142	88	120	103	97	142	134	143	93
Theft from Motor Vehicle	189	135	171	161	167	165	199	171	144
Auto Theft	164	147	149	134	146	157	153	192	157
<b>Crimes Against Property Total</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>576</b>
Drug Offenses	28	23	17	18	20	13	7	15	18
Weapons Offense	54	47	55	41	57	31	56	67	40
<b>Crimes Against Society Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>58</b>
All Other Crimes	251	176	260	112	104	103	108	117	101
<b>Total</b>	<b>1152</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>1071</b>	<b>1099</b>	<b>868</b>

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

This data was compiled on 10/12/21 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.

## Baseball in Denver

By Erick Stragand, Montclair Resident and Baseball Nerd

Perhaps the most common misconception about Denver's baseball history is "who hit the first-ever home run for the Colorado Rockies"? Most folks are likely to answer: "**Eric Young**". Yet, that is incorrect, and is something of a "Mandela Effect". It is true that Eric Young hit the first home run in DENVER in 1993, when the Rockies played their first home game at Mile High Stadium. It was a pretty cool moment, as Young led off the game and blasted a home run off of the Montreal Expos' Kent Bottenfield. However, that was the Rockies' *third* game of the season. They actually started the 1993 season on the *road*, playing two against the New York Mets in Shea Stadium.

So who hit the first home run for the Rockies? It's another Rockies hero: **Dante Bichete**. He went deep in the Rockies'

second game of the 1993 season, off of the Mets' Bret Saberhagen in the 7th inning. It was the only run that the Rockies scored that day, as they lost, 1 to 6.

Bichete was one of the first heroes of the Rockies and also the owner of an epic mullet hairstyle. He was definitely my first favorite Rockie, as his wild play in the outfield made every flyball an adventure.

In a funny coincidence, both of the pitchers who surrendered those home runs ended up playing for the Rockies. Saberhagen came in August 1995 and Bottenfield in July 1993. So Dante Bichete hit the first homer in Rockies' history, while Eric Young hit the second....and both were off of their future teammates.



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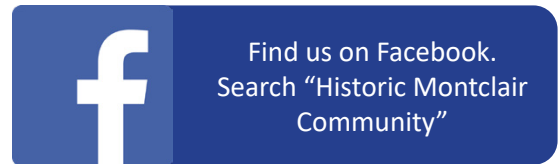
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