



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.

3rd quarter 2020 | HistoricMontclair.org | HistoricMontclair@gmail.com

Historic Montclair Community Garden

The Historic Montclair Community Garden, located in the 1400 block of Niagara St., has donated lots of vegetables every week, this season, to the Park Hill Community Free Farm Stand and Food Bank. Here's one week's donation, including fresh eggs from one of our gardener's chickens!





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President's Note

By Judy Baxter



You may remember that the theme of the last note was about letting go of the plans and schedules built in January 2020 and begin to embrace the times in which we find ourselves. Our hopes were that we would be through the worst of the COVID restrictions and enough on the rebound in the fall that we might be able to have some of our fall events. Though I think we live in a community where the reality meets the hope we had — where our staged reopening has been thoughtful — the rebound is longer than expected and the requirements for extended caution continue. We have to show up for the reality that is in front of us. As you will see in this newsletter, this means we will not be having in-person gatherings and events, in order to promote the safety of our community.

The other ways of staying connected need to rely on individual activity rather than organized events. Walking the neighborhood is great way to stay connected. I have seen many more people out walking or running. Have you noticed that you see different walkers and dogs depending on the time of day? There are more dogs and especially puppies than ever. It is really telling when the little 3-month old retriever is now 7 months and getting so BIG—I wish I had a before and after picture of DOC who lives on Pontiac. And I love the names. We just met ALBUS on our walk this morning, a new addition to the neighborhood, which made me want to go look for Dumbledore wisdom reminding us of how we can still grow and stay in this moment.

“..... there will be a time when we must choose between **what is easy and what is right.**”

We hope getting the newsletter brings a sense of continuity and connection. Some neighborhoods are cutting back on having a hard copy sent out and just posting online. HMCAI is fortunate to be able to deliver as well as post to the website. We are trying to assess the possibility of doing a virtual general meeting in October that might bring us together. To have a larger virtual meeting requires a bit more in the way of organizing and capacity of the meeting platform. Stay tuned to announcements via email, Facebook and Nextdoor. If you have ideas for what HMCAI might do to support the community in these times, we would welcome your ideas by emailing: historicmontclair@gmail.com.

Wishing you all a lovely safe end of summer and energy to get ready for what lies ahead. More Dumbledore wisdom:

“Happiness can be found in the darkest of times, when one only remembers to turn on the light.”

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

HMCAI Cancellations

The following HMCAI Fall events are canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic:

- September Beer & Wine Reception
- Neighborhood Garage Sale
- October General Neighborhood Meeting*
- Halloween Party

*Stay tuned for new developments on joining the October annual meeting online. Send us your email if you wish to be included and are not a member of HMCAI. Even better, join HMCAI and be included in all our official notices.

HMCAI Events Calendar 2020

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

February 28	Wine & History Evening	6:30 p.m.
April 11	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 a.m.
May 16	Garage Sale	8:30 a.m.
July 4	July 4 Picnic	10:30 a.m.
September 18	Beer & Wine Reception	6:30 p.m.
September 19	Garage Sale	8:30 a.m.
October 21	General Meeting	7:00 p.m.
October 25	Halloween Party	3:30 p.m.
December 12	Treats with Santa	10:00 a.m.

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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

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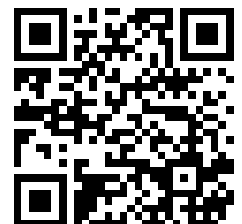
Phone(s)_____

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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)

2. Or, pay securely online with Square:



Reflections on My First Year As Councilwoman

by Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer, District 5



It has been an extraordinary first year as your City Councilwoman, and I have learned and grown in a myriad of personal and professional ways over the course of the past twelve months. No one could have expected the challenges that our City has

had to face, but it has been my honor to serve you, and to represent our neighborhoods, on Denver City Council this year. I am truly grateful for your support. When I was elected to office, my mission was simple: to bring the voice of the neighborhoods back to our local government. And to achieve that vision, my staff and I strive to embody four important core values: transparency, accountability, customer service, and good communication. While we always have room for improvement, I hope you feel we have exemplified these values over the past year.

Here are just a few examples of the ways in which I have been working hard to represent you and help our community thrive over the past twelve months:

- I have written over forty articles, editorials, and newsletters for various news outlets, ranging from our own District 5 monthly e-newsletter to neighborhood publications to Denver media outlets. I have also attended nearly one hundred community meetings, partnering with RNOs and other community service providers to answer questions, share news and get feedback from neighbors about all the things happening in our community.
- I created www.WeAreOpenDenver.com, a website that directs local users to open, local businesses as a way of helping support Denver's small business community during the COVID-19 economic crisis.
- My first piece of legislation, a proposed Charter change amendment, was unanimously referred by Council to the November 2020 ballot. If approved by the Denver voters, it will give City Council confirmation power over 14 Mayoral appointees, including Mayoral Cabinet members like the City Attorney, the Manager of Safety, the Director of Community Planning & Development, the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and the Denver Sheriff.

- I have kept my campaign promise to be more thoughtful about development in our neighborhoods. There has been only one rezoning in District 5 during my first year in office - an accessory dwelling unit in the East Colfax neighborhood. Additionally, I have worked hard to ensure that residents who live in the area affected by the East Area Plan are aware of its existence, and that they have had the opportunity to participate in its design. As it enters the final stages, I would like your feedback on the plan. Please fill out our survey at <https://bit.ly/d5eastareaplan>.
- My staff and I worked in partnership with a local muralist and the Mayfair community to renovate the bus stop at East Colfax and Monaco Blvd., turning it into a piece of local artwork that the entire neighborhood can enjoy and be proud of.

The coming weeks and months are sure to bring more opportunities to represent the District 5 community through challenges and successes. To that end, we would truly appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete our second annual resident survey here at <https://bit.ly/D5survey2020>.

Our staff looks forward to continuing to serve you and carrying your voices into city government. As always, do not ever hesitate to reach out to our office if there is anything we can do to assist you.

Gratefully,
Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer
Phone 720-337-5555
[Denvergov.org/CouncilDistrict5](https://denvergov.org/CouncilDistrict5)

If a Tree Falls in Montclair, Does Anyone Hear It?

The microburst that hit Denver on May 30 brought down a lot of trees and branches all over the area, including a 70-foot blue spruce near the corner of Richthofen Parkway and Oneida Street that stood in the front yard of Mary Ann Watson and Flint Whitlock.

The tree, which stood for almost 80 years, luckily fell away from homes and ended up blocking most of Oneida St. for several days before SavATree was able to cut it up and remove it.



Mary Ann Watson in her front yard

Montclair Park Update

Denver Parks and Recreation continues to make progress on the construction documents for the park's improvements. The tennis court will be removed this fall including vegetation along the west edge and at least 1 evergreen tree that is over hanging the court. The construction of the new tennis court, parking lot, horseshoe pits, picnic area, and walks will start in the Winter and likely wrap up in Spring of 2021.

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Montclair School of Academics and Enrichments Summer 2020

By Merritt Pullam

Hello Montclair! This summer has been like no other before. Whether you have a child in DPS or not, it's a good idea to stay connected with what is going on in our city, state, and country. We have opportunities to interact with and possibly to change our education system for the better. It is up to all of us — those with kids and those without — to determine how we move forward with educating our youth.

School is scheduled to begin again on August 24th with 100% remote learning until October 16th. Teachers will spend the week of August 17th reconnecting with families and laying groundwork for learning remotely. Per www.dpsk12.org, DPS is working toward bringing back small groups of ECE students and other high-priority students for in-person learning as soon as Sept. 8.

Stay connected to the latest news within the DPS community by visiting montclair.dpsk12.org and www.dpsk12.org.

We do not anticipate any field trips, extra enrichments, or to be able to hold any in-person fundraising events this fall semester; however, you can still contribute to our school

community in several ways: visit montclair.dpsk12.org, click on the green DONATE button (this will take you to PayPal – login and search “treasurer@montclairpeak.org” to donate funds); participate with Amazon Smile; or utilize the King Soopers Community Rewards program. All donations during Covid-19 will go to Montclair families in need. Be on the lookout for more information about our virtual Montclair Giving Tree during the holiday season.

When we do return to school in person, we will be hiring ECE paraprofessionals and before & after school crossing guards (perfect for a neighborhood local who has an hour in the morning or afternoon)! Anyone interested can email amanda_jones@dpsk12.org.

If you or someone you know would like to support our school community via PEAK (Parents, Educators, and Kids), please reach out to me at 303-419-2622 or merrittpkw@gmail.com. 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! Go Cougars! Montclair Rocks Woohah!!!



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Restaurant Review: Jimmy's Jersey Street Café & Osteria

By Jennifer Bolda



Restaurant: Jimmy's Jersey Street Cafe & Osteria

Location: 932 Jersey St, Denver, CO 80220

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I had the pleasure of eating out at Jimmy's located in the Jersey Shoppette on 9th and Jersey in the middle of August, and it was a wonderful experience. The atmosphere was pleasant, the staff was polite and the food was delicious. We even had the pleasure of Jimmy himself coming over to introduce himself and check in on us.

We went early on a warm night and there were sun screens pulled on the outside patio to keep the sun out of our eyes and off of our skin. The inside was an open space concept, inviting and clean. There were about five to six tables outside distanced from each other that were nicely decorated with fresh flowers, candles and table cloths. We were greeted right away and had a choice of where to sit. We had called ahead and arrived early, which helped us to get a table outside. The staff was very friendly and offered suggestions for food and pairings

and were quick to get answers to the questions they were not sure of. We were brought water and bread and olive oil upon sitting. The menu changes on a seasonal basis, and we were happily surprised with the choices.

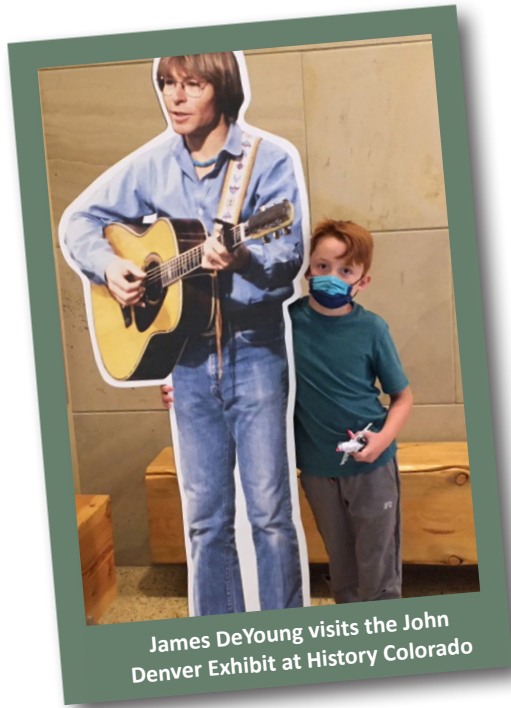
They had about four different salads to choose from in addition to my favorite Burrata as well as a variety of first (Primi) course goodies to choose from both cold and hot. We ordered the Formaggi plate, which had a daily selection of cheeses and meats to choose from and was accompanied by crostinis, fruit, jam and nuts. We ordered some white wine, which was reasonably priced as well, and the pair went well together. We also wanted to order the Burrata, the Carpaccio, the Lamb Chops, Grilled Artichoke and a few others, but stuck to just one appetizer.

The entrees came with a soup, and there were three to choose from. We ordered a cold watermelon mint and a cantaloupe soup. Both that were suggested to be served with a shot of vodka, so we had that as well! The soups were flavorful and refreshing on a hot night! The menu has about 20 different items on it and has about four seasonal specialties that change. We ordered Linguine with White Clam Sauce, which was made with baby clams, white wine, garlic, Italian spices and white cream sauce. It was delicious. They had the option to order it with a red marinara, which I am sure would be flavorful as well. We also ordered the Tagliata Chianina a Tenderloin of Beef, Chianti Wine Reduction, Lemon Asparagus Risotto. The beef had wonderful flavor and was perfectly cooked to our specification of medium. It was tender and juicy. We were full by the end of dinner so didn't order dessert, but we will definitely return and try some other menu items. I would highly recommend that you take the time to head over to Jimmy's, and enjoy a meal with your friends or family!



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Search "Historic Montclair
Community"

How Montclair Neighbors Are Spending the Summer



James DeYoung visits the John Denver Exhibit at History Colorado



Luca Saporito kite flying at Kittredge Park



Julie & Luca Saporito riding bikes



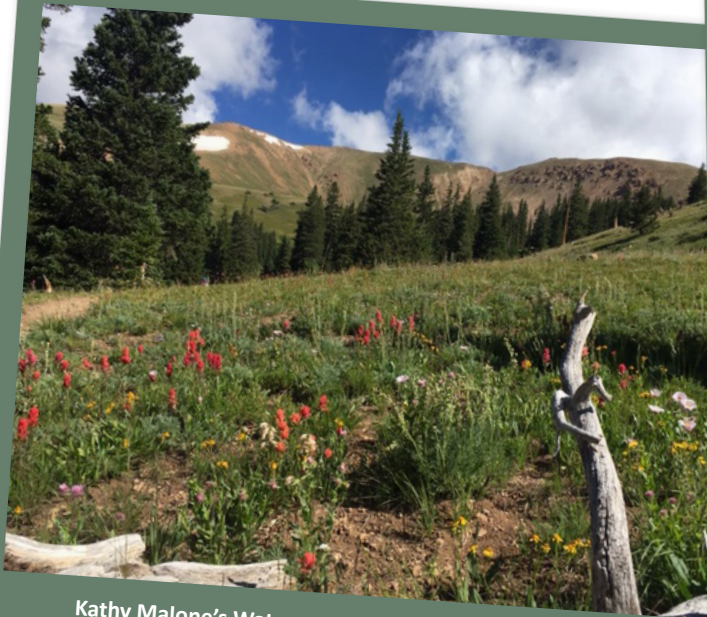
Cayden Eloise tends her garden in Montclair



Ben and Sally Menard out for a stroll



Afternoon nap



Kathy Malone's Watrous Gulch hike off of exit 218, I-70



Christina Clayton's day trip to Dillon Reservoir

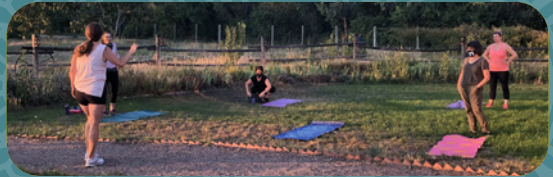
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From the Desk of Chris Hansen, State Senator

District 31



Dear friends and neighbors,
Thank you for the well-wishes and support I've received since my primary election victory in June. I look forward to hearing from you about how I can best represent you at the Capitol.

In terms of legislative work, although the General Assembly has been adjourned since June 15th, the work has not stopped. One of the most confounding difficulties that we had to confront this year was the state budget and in 2020, we faced a \$3.3 billion – or a 20% – general fund deficit that forced us to make difficult decisions about where to cut and where to prioritize funding. This legislative session I took this challenge head on, and was proud to sponsor Senate Resolution 001--a referred measure which received more than 2/3 bipartisan support in each chamber and asks voters to repeal the Gallagher Amendment this November. This amendment along with TABOR, mandates how property taxes are assessed, and is in large part why our schools, hospitals, fire districts, and local governments are so underfunded. Now that it is officially on the ballot, I have been working this summer to educate and advocate for its passage so that we can freeze property tax assessment rates and protect the public services that we all depend on while addressing the budget issues we'll face in 2021.

In addition to my legislative work, I have been grateful to spend the summer working with university students to give them a crash course in state government. Specifically, I -- along with Senator Bob Rankin (R-Carbondale) -- co-founded the Colorado Science & Engineering Policy Fellowship in 2018, and this year is our third installment. Overall, the fellowship is designed to give policy-making experience to undergraduate and graduate students with backgrounds in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), with the goal of increasing the presence of individuals in public policy that come from science and engineering backgrounds. This year we've been fortunate to host 14 students from CU, CSU, Mines, Metro, Mesa, and the University of Denver, and it's been a great opportunity for me to learn from their fresh thinking and new ideas.

Though times continue to be tough, I know we will persevere and get through this together. Please continue to wear a mask in public and social distance, and don't hesitate to reach out if there's ever anything I can do to help you. Thanks as always for the opportunity to represent you in the General Assembly.

Your neighbor,

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East Area Plan Update

By Marti Holmes

The Steering Committee for the East Area Plan met remotely on July 30th to review the changes that have been made to the Plan after the last round of community feedback. The Steering Committee has been meeting for over three years to study all aspects of life in Montclair and to create a Plan that affects all aspects of life in Montclair and the adjacent neighborhoods for the next twenty years. This Plan has been further shaped by the feedback of 450 community members, who have attended community meetings, workshops, and office hours and have submitted 1,100 comments.

The Plan addresses:

- Transportation
 - » Improve mobility
 - » Increase bus connections
 - » Improve parking options
 - » Respond to BRT impacts and implementation
- Reduce traffic
- Safety
 - » Increase walk and bike ability
 - » Provide more north/south options for bikers
 - » Provide safer streetscape
 - » Create multimodal parkways while retaining the historic character
 - » Improve traffic congestion
- Housing
 - » Maintain and increase historic interest areas
 - » Integrate affordable housing options
 - » Avoid displacement by either gentrification or age
- Increase small business viability
 - » Provide job training
 - » Create an international district
- Outline building heights along corridors
- Increase convenient fresh food options
- Improve live ability
 - » Increase child care opportunities
 - » Increase opportunities for community engagement
 - » Address historic steam corridors to prevent flooding
 - » Increase open spaces
 - » Maintain and increase tree canopy
 - » Plant more native, drought-tolerant plants

You may review the plan at www.denvergov.org/eastplan.

Next steps:

- The last virtual open house will be held in September via WebEx. This will be your opportunity to comment on the draft. Watch your email and NextDoor for the date.
- In mid-September the Steering Committee will meet to vote on a Plan that will be brought forward to City Planning Board and to City Council in October or November for consideration.

Questions or comments? Contact Elizabeth Weigle
Senior City Planner
elizabeth.weigle@denvergov.org

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		#	%	#	%	#	%
VIOLENT CRIME	Murder	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	NA
	Rape	3	2.7%	0	0.0%	-3	-100.0%
	Robbery	3	2.7%	6	4.0%	3	100.0%
	Aggravated Assault	6	5.4%	7	4.6%	1	16.7%
SUBTOTAL		12	10.7%	13	8.6%	1	8.3%
PROPERTY	Burglary	11	9.8%	18	11.9%	7	63.6%
	Larceny (Except Theft from MV)	52	46.4%	74	49.0%	22	42.3%
	Theft from Motor Vehicle	14	12.5%	21	13.9%	7	50.0%
	Auto theft	23	20.5%	25	16.6%	2	8.7%
	Arson	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	NA
SUBTOTAL		100	89.3%	138	91.4%	38	38.0%
TOTAL		112	100.0%	151	100.0%	39	34.8%

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Montclair Home Sales Snapshot

By Valerie Alford, Your Castle Real Estate

Entry level homes have been hit the hardest during Covid -19. Good news is that mid-range homes \$500k-\$900k are leading the recovery. More and more buyers and sellers are trading up, surging the demand by taking advantage of low interest rates. Downsizers are taking advantage the low rates and the equity in their homes, causing this to be a strong market.


June -August 7th

- 50 sold single family, condos and town homes
- 37 single Family homes
- 17 Actives
- 17 Under Contract

Average List:	\$839,992
Average Above Sq. Ft:	\$508
Average Price per Total Sq. Ft:	\$332
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Community Corner – Finding Wellness in the Chaos

By Celeste Stragand

The world is a tough place right now riddled with different triggers and anxiety inducing stressors. How can you ensure you are staying well not only in body but also in mind? We took a few minutes to speak with Alison Olyer-Mitsch, owner of Refresh Studios to gather some tips on wellness. Self-care during a normal week is necessary, during a pandemic, it's vital.

What would you say is the key to starting a self-care routine during this time?

There is so much stress with the unknown. Exercise and deep breathing are huge proponents of relieving that stress. Even two hours a week really helps you release the anxiety and stress everyone is feeling right now.

Take a moment to breath.

Meditation is a practice of deeply focusing one's mind for a period of time. It allows the mind and body to settle, clear and achieve a stable state. Adding mindfulness to your daily practice can reduce stress and lower levels of anxiety. Interested in trying it out? Drop in to a Healing Meditation on Tuesday nights.

Move your body.

Whether it be stretch and strengthen yoga, Zumba or belly dancing, getting the blood flowing releases endorphins and improves your general state of being and wellness. Refresh offers in-person and on-line classes allowing you to choose your level of comfort and social distancing.



Overall, be gentle with yourself.

We are in unprecedented times. There is no perfect prescription for self-care and wellness. Take each day one-at-a-time. Use your neighborhood resources and reach out to one another.

Should you be wondering, Alison joins every class offered at Refresh Studios personally guaranteeing the quality and cleanliness. The studio is cleaned with specialty products. All high-touch surfaces and bathroom facilities are regularly cleaned throughout the day. She uses a HEPA filter with UV light, a venting system for air clarity and keeps the two back doors open to allow for constant fresh air flow. Inside the studio, stickers mark off personal 7'x10' spaces that gives you plenty of room to practice in a socially distant manner and masks are always required while inside the studio. Should you choose to take a class at 4-mile Historic Park, given the expansive space, you can take a class outside sans mask.

Accessibility and inclusion are central to Refresh Studios' purpose and each class offers modifications for the beginner, intermediate and advanced practitioner. Regardless of age, level or ability, the teachers will provide you with guided movements to meet your needs. Refresh offers a seasoned talent pool of teachers, including a former physical therapist. Each instructor is mindful and aware working to adapt the class to meet your needs. What better neighbor than one who cares about your wellbeing?

Interested in trying out a course to move, align, relax and rejuvenate the mind, body and soul? Visit www.refresh-studios.com today!



Late Summer Gardening

By Gail Barry

What a year this has been. Late fall and early spring frosts caused dieback and loss of a number of plants. Most fruit trees did not get a crop this year, but roses and other flowering plants looked lovely for a month until those dastardly Japanese beetles came along. Squirrels and now bunnies seem to be in abundance everywhere causing difficulties for those of us who like to grow vegetables. I have resorted to netting and other protection to keep squirrels from the particularly seedy kinds of plants like squashes and cucumbers.

As we approach the end of the season, think about drying herbs and flowers for winter use, as well as making jams and jellies, pickling, canning and freezing produce. If you need help, I recommend the *Ball Blue Book*, a long

standing and updated methodology and recipe book for preserving many of the fruits and vegetables we harvest. Don't forget to purchase and plant bulbs in October and November for spring interest. Garlic should also be planted in October. Once your crops and annual flowers are done for the season, remove weeds and dying plants and plan to enrich the soil for spring. Spreading compost and mulching with leaves will add to the soil health. Make sure you give everything a long soaking drink of water before closing down for the winter. We also need to be prepared to water in the winter in this arid climate. If it has been dry and the temperatures are above 40 degrees F go out and water. You could still plant some kinds of vegetables, especially lettuce, which tends to like cool weather.

Baseball in Denver

By Erick Stragand, Montclair Resident and Baseball Nerd

Like all professional sports teams, the Colorado Rockies have a long and amusing history with promotional giveaway items. Show up at a game and get a free tchotchke— a small item, usually with an intended collectible or promotional purpose. Over the years, I've received countless baubles from baseball games that have ranged from mundane (a schedule magnet) to useful (a golf umbrella) to humorous (a Sasquatch bobble-head) to downright bizarre (a loaf of bread).

One of my favorites is the "free t-shirt promo". In fact, the bulk of my gym/yardwork shirts are made up of various free Rockies t-shirts I've picked up from attending games at Coors Field. I've had t-shirt replica jerseys of players like Jason Jennings, Garrett Atkins, Brad Hawpe, Ubaldo Jimenez and even Rockies icon Todd Helton. Yet one particular shirt has a notorious place in Rockies history: a free replica jersey of All-Star shortstop Troy Tulowitzki that was given out on July 26, 2014.

Playing with the Rockies from 2006 to 2015, Tulowitzki was a huge part of the team. He was a five-time All-Star and a two-time Gold Glove winner. He was integral in the Rockies' World Series trip in 2007, as well as their playoff run in 2009. If you went to any Rockies game from 2007-2015, you probably remember his clap-along "Tu-lo" chant. Honoring him with a free t-shirt seemed natural.

On that night in 2014, I got through the gates and was given another t-shirt. Thinking nothing special of it, I

placed it over my shoulder and began to carry it around all night. Yet, sometime in the middle of the game I was standing in a beer line and noticed the person in front of me was wearing a rather odd shirt that read "#2- Tulowizki" (missing the second "T"). I thought it was maybe a homemade shirt, then looked closer and thought: "hey, that looks professional" and then "waitasec... is that the one they gave out, tonight?!" I unfolded the shirt on my shoulder and there it was— the Rockies' star shortstop had a mass-produced t-shirt with his name spelled incorrectly. To compare, imagine if the Denver Broncos had given away shirts that read: "#7, John Eway".



I can understand how errors like this occur. It's embarrassing, but the best you can do is apologize, laugh about it, then press forward, and look out for it in the future. Yet the Tulowitzki error became an overnight viral sensation. Knowing this, the next day I proceeded to list my new shirt on eBay. The sale retroactively paid for my 2 tickets, 2 beers and meal for the game. I had a picture to remember the shirt and can honestly say that it was more satisfying than having yet-another "gym shirt" in my closet. Baseball routinely scores errors, on the field, but this was a memorable (and humorous) off-field error.

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