



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.

HISTORIC
MONTCLAIR
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION

2022

4th Quarter

HistoricMontclair.org
HistoricMontclair@gmail.com



Table of Contents

- 2 President's Note
- 3 HMCAI Info/Historic Info
- 4 Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer
- 5 State Senator Chris Hansen
- 6 Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment Update
- 7 HMCAI Annual Meeting
- 9 Montclair History - Rebirth of the Montclair Civic Building
- 10 Colfax Offers Unique Shopping
- 12 Baseball in Denver
- 13 Cut Your Own Christmas Tree
- 14 Fax Partnership Update
- 15 Waste Collection Services

President's Note

By Judy Baxter

It is October 27th and as I write this the sun is coming out after a cold, blustery day. I am not sure it counts as our first snow, as it didn't amount to much. You got to love Denver – it is the best city in the country for a 4-season climate. It seems to me the fall has lasted longer. Like everyone else, it is what I talk about. Our weather—what is and isn't happening, the good, the beautiful, the dreary, the dangerous, the hard work—all observations that accompany the transitions from one season to the next. Here on Pontiac St. we had bountiful crops of all sorts, especially tomatoes (though many of mine were delayed in ripening) and some epic confrontations with the squirrels over squash. This picture is a small fraction of what I pulled off the vines a week ago.



After yesterday, the leaves have been falling in earnest. We will have our work cut out for us to get these into the compost bin, which I am so glad to be doing. Though I know it isn't easy for everyone to compost and there are real concerns around the fairness of the new waste management pricing, I think it is worth knowing that compostable garbage that goes into the landfill doesn't break down properly because it gets buried, and instead creates methane gases that contribute to warming. I, for one, was naïve in thinking that material like food that can break down, can do so anywhere—why compost? Not so, especially if it's all in plastic trash bags.

Here's a before and after the cold snap of my front Catalpa tree. Thanks be inventor of trees for those lovely big leaves—so easy to pick up, nothing as challenging as locust tree leaves that I think have a half-life of 2000 years.



This fall HMCAI events have come back to being in-person. The weather gave us a perfect evening for the September Beer and Wine Reception, with neighbors making laughter and connection on the porch of the Molkery. Thanks to our very own **Rachel Stanfield** for bartending and to all who contributed to a great spread of appetizers to go along with the donated beverages from **Mayfair Liquors**. I met many newcomers and realize again how good it feels to be back in community. We also had a great turnout for the General annual meeting last week. Our Secretary Caryle Faust has a complete write up of the event in this newsletter. The meeting was focused on the theme of traffic and safety issues of concern to Montclair. It was from this event that several commented we should do more such forums. As Margaret J. Wheatley said: **"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."** I agree and ask you to send in topic suggestions to us.

Be well, Be safe, Be in Touch with us: historicmontclair@gmail.com.

HMCAI 2022 Board

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

At Large Board Members:

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

HMCAI Events Calendar 2022

December 10	Treats with Santa @ Molkery	10:30 a.m. – noon
-------------	--------------------------------	----------------------

The Molkery aka Montclair Civic Building,
 6820 E. 12th Ave. in Montclair Park

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

Annual dues per household: \$40 (\$20 seniors, ages 65 and older)

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

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

Email _____

What would you like to help with? _____

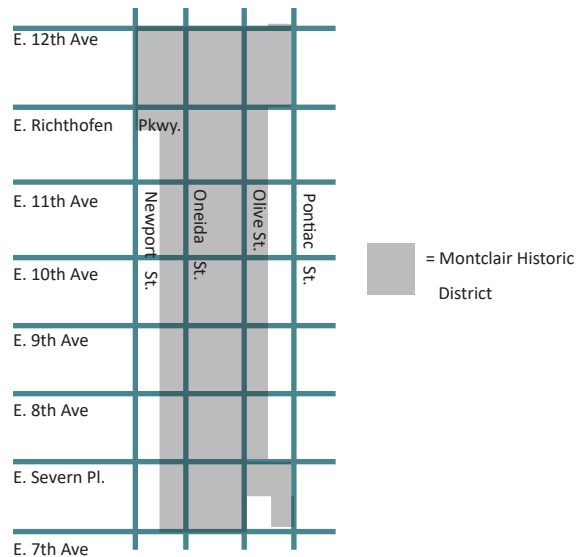
Possibilities include: Treats with Santa, July 4th, Easter Egg Hunt, Cocktail Party, Halloween Party, Board Member, Other (please specify)

2. Or, pay securely online with Square:



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, garage, second story, porch, add solar panels, replace windows, roof, sidewalks, or demolish the house and build new, you must first contact Denver's Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC), submit an application and receive approval before any work may be begun. Your proposal must meet the design guidelines for historic districts. This is mandatory for residents of all historic districts in the City of Denver. To schedule an appointment for a pre-application meeting, discuss your building project, or ask questions contact the LPC at 720-865-2709 or landmark@denvergov.org



City Council District 5 Updates

by Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer, District 5



Happy Winter Holidays to everyone! From the entire Council District 5 Team, we hope your season is bright and joyful - and spent celebrating an extraordinary year with family and friends!

At the city, we're addressing the larger issues that affect community health and safety; but

in our neighborhoods, we need your help to maintain the incredible sense of community that makes Montclair special. Denver has processes for our residents to submit feedback about issues you see in Montclair. Without this feedback, which creates data points for City staff to reference, it is difficult to make a case for needed improvements.

To address this issue, participate in 3-1-1 Thursdays with us next year! Please help us create these data points by reporting something that needs to be addressed in our neighborhoods to 3-1-1 or pocketgov.org every Thursday in 2023. For example, you could report a sign that needs replacement in a local park, weeds that need to be cut back, or a pothole along one of our roads. How else can you help?

Get to Know Your Neighbors!

- Bring in their packages or trash cans to stop crimes of opportunity
- Join your HOA, neighborhood organization, or school PTA

Light up the Neighborhood at night!

- Keep your porch and alley lights on at night to deter crime
- Contact our office to request additional street lights from Xcel

**MAYFAIR
VISION CLINIC**
FAMILY VISION CARE
CONTACT LENSES

Janice I. Jarrett, O.D.
303-333-9898

1336 LEYDEN STREET • DENVER CO 80220

Please Slow Down!

- Stop at stop signs, don't text and drive, and share the road with pets, kiddos, and bikers
- Grab a "SLOW DOWN" yard sign from our office

Keep an Eye Out for Each Other!

- Take the DPD District 3 Neighborhood Watch Training and start a Neighborhood Watch program on your block
- Install a Ring Doorbell and/or cameras

If you haven't already, please also fill out our annual 2022-2023 D5 Resident Survey at <https://bit.ly/D5AnnualSurvey22> by December 31st. The feedback you provide helps ensure that we are advocating for the issues that matter to you. And as always, don't hesitate to reach out to our office if there's anything we can do to support you. Find the District Five team at:



QR Code
to access
D5 website

Gratefully,
Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer
Phone 720-337-5555
Email denvercouncil5@denvergov.org
Sign up for our monthly newsletter at
bit.ly/Council5News
twitter.com/denvercouncil5
Facebook.com/DenverCouncil5

**Surprisingly
great rates
right around
the corner.**

Moskowitz Ins and Fin Svcs Inc
Adam Moskowitz, Agent
930 Jersey St.
adam@adammoskowitz.com
Bus: 303-985-1529
In the center of Mayfair,
right next to Jersey Street Liquors.

I'm your one-stop shop for the service you deserve at a price you want. Call me for surprisingly great rates and Good Neighbor service right in your neighborhood.

**Like a good neighbor,
State Farm is there.®**

Individual premiums will vary by customer.
All applicants subject to State Farm®
underwriting requirements.

State Farm
Bloomington, IL
2001880

State Farm®

From the Desk of Chris Hansen, State Senator

District 31



Dear Fellow Montclarions,

I hope you enjoyed the beautiful fall we're lucky to have here in Colorado, and are gearing up for a snowy winter. I have been using the interim months to meet with fellow legislators, community members, and subject matter experts to shape priorities for the

upcoming legislative session in January.

My first bill in the next session will be to bring back an even bolder version of Senate Bill 22-138 for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Colorado. It will set improved state targets, reduce emissions in the agricultural sector, reduce local ozone pollution, and support the study and use of new solar siting technologies called agrivoltaics and aquavoltaics. As the effects of climate change become more and more pronounced, it is obvious we must implement bold policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate its effects. This is a challenge we will meet head on in the next session.

My second bill will address the shortcomings of family law courts. Judges serving on family courts are often under-prepared and under-resourced while making decisions for the self-represented families and individuals they typically oversee. The bill will increase the training judges are required to have before they hear family law cases, enabling judges to make more informed and compassionate rulings on issues that impact families throughout our state.

My third bill will increase the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) rate and the Child Tax Credit (CTC) eligibility. Without a new bill, the EITC will decrease from 25% to 20% in 2023. My bill will increase the EITC to 40% of the federal level and increase Colorado's current CTC eligibility that expires at age 6 to match the Federal CTC eligibility of age 16. I will make sure these proven anti-poverty tax credit tools are in place to support working Colorado families.

This is an initial bill list, but coming off of a 2022 session of sponsoring more than 60 bills, I would love to hear more ideas and priorities you have for our community and state in 2023. You can reach me at chris@hansenforcolorado.com or 303-866-4861. Also, feel free to subscribe to my newsletter on my website www.hansenforcolorado.com for regular updates. Thank you for letting me serve you and our community in the State Senate.

Sincerely,

HistoricMontclair.org | HistoricMontclair@gmail.com

CURRENT COLLECTION:
Wild Western Winter

Taylor Woodard
Owner & Principal Curator

On a mission to evolve the way we shop and style our lives.

CONSCIOUSLY
The Shop
CURATED

10% of all sales are donated to charity // 1% for the planet

Interior Design + Styling Services
Vintage • Antiques • Rarities • Furnishings • Attire
Curios • Home Accents • Adornments

5728 East Colfax Avenue • Denver, CO • 303.993.4995
shoptheshop.com • @totheshopwego

Montclair School of Academics and Enrichments

By Merritt Pullam



A big thank you to the teachers and staff at Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment for working towards and achieving a Green rating according to Colorado's School Performance Framework. This was accomplished with a strong emphasis in literacy from a specialized grant, targeted math skills, and by providing continuous educational enrichment opportunities. If you, or someone you know, is looking for a great school, come check us out before the school choice deadline, early in 2023. Round one of school choice ends on February 14th, 2023. For more information about the school, please visit Montclair.dpsk12.org.

At the time of press, we have just received word that DPS is proposing to consolidate Montclair and Palmer Elementary Schools. The two attendance areas would merge, and Montclair would become the K-5 school, and Palmer the ECE Center School. There will be community meetings at Montclair in early November along with a proposed DPS Board of Education vote on consolidation recommendations in Mid-November. Susan Miller-Curley, the Montclair Principal, will keep the community updated and provide multiple opportunities for input as we move through this process. If this consolidation goes forward, the two school communities will need to come together for the students to thrive. Change is never easy, but if it is determined to be necessary, I am hopeful we can honor both schools' traditions and cultures.

Once again, The Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment looks forward to the opportunity to spread holiday joy amongst our community members. We 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. Come visit after November 11th during school hours to select a tag from our Giving Tree located near the front office. Wrapped and tagged gifts will be due no later than Friday, December 9th. Gifts will be distributed on or before Wednesday, December 14th. Questions about the Giving Tree or how you can donate to the school can be answered by Devin Lopez at devin_lopezdpsk12.net or Merritt Pullam at 303-419-2622 or merrittpkw@gmail.com. You may also contact the school's main number – 720-424-5380.

Over the past few years our community has continued to be so supportive and charitable. Thank you to the members of our community who have continued to donate money directly to PEAK (Parents, Educators, and Kids) throughout the pandemic and beyond. We have been using those funds to help support our "Backpack" program which helps feed some of our families in need. If you, or someone you know, would like to help support our backpack program or food bank, please contact Debra at dsefird62@gmail.com or Devin at devin_lopez@dpsk12.net.

Ideal donations for our food bank include:

- Dried Pasta along with canned pasta sauce
- Rice
- Beans (canned or dried)
- Dried or canned/shelved milk
- Peanut Butter
- Snack/breakfast bars
- Packaged meals (like mac and cheese)
- Dried or canned meats
- Oil, Flour, sugar, salt

Donations can be left at the front office of the school.

You may also donate via PayPal at: treasurer@montclairpeak.org

Your generosity is appreciated.

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

HMCAI Annual General Meeting Recap

By Caryle Faust, HMCAI Secretary

Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc (HMCAI) held it's annual general meeting on 19 October 2022 at the Molkerei (6820 12th Ave). The turnout for the meeting was approximately 45 attendees.

President Judy Baxter welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. She went on to explain in the coming year, we will be canvassing members on the mission of our regional neighborhood association (RNO). Does HMCAI remain a mostly social and informative organization or do we take positions on neighborhood and city issues?

Mr. Dave McCord announced the 2023 slate for the HMCAI board which was subsequently nominated and then elected without objection. The 2023 board is as follows:

President	Judy Baxter
1st Vice President	Carrie O'Shea
2nd Vice President	Meg Goos
Treasurer	Gail Barry
Members at Large:	
Valerie Alford	Jim LeDuc
Gretchen Armijo	Brian Narber
Jennifer Bolda	Rachel Roth-Stanfield
Bill Keesom	Lynn Van der Weilen
Toni Kuper	Gail Wallace

Lt. Engelbert, the overnight officer of District #2 gave an update on crimes committed in Montclair in the last quarter. He also explained the DPD has defined the area between 13th – 17th and Quebec – Yosemite as a “hot spot”. As such, this area will be patrolled more frequently despite diminished resources.

Concern was expressed by attendees concerning cars being stolen in the area. The lieutenant advised “if you see something, say something”, lock your car, do NOT keep valuables in your car, if you have a garage use it. He also recommended getting to know your neighbors, take in their trash bins if they are away, bring in your neighbors' packages if left on the porch, leave your porch light on. An active neighborhood watch noticeably lessens crime. Councilwoman Sawyer interjected that a new street light in the East Colfax area decreased crime by 38%.

He admitted the police department is understaffed and they are trying to address throughout the city the best they can. DPD is having trouble recruiting people for their positions. There are few people applying for law enforcement positions and once a new recruit is hired, it takes eighteen months of training to be ready for active duty.

Street racing and gun shots are crimes in progress CALL 911! Loud noise that disturbs the peace, for example, amplified music past 10 p.m. can be reported to DPD non-emergency number, 720-913-2000. Caller must be willing to give their name and number in order to request police intervention at the address of the noise violation.

As a point of reference, Denver Police District #2 extends approximately from Yosemite to Five Points and from I-70 to 6th Avenue.

To avoid duplication, Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer's update can be found in this newsletter and her presentation will be put on Historic Montclair website. Please fill out her survey to provide information on what your concerned about at <https://bit.ly/D5AnnualSurvey22> by 31 December 2022. Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Vision Zero presentation is available on Historic Montclair website, historicmontclair.org. State Senator Chris Hansen's article can also be found in this newsletter, in addition he promised an exiting announcement in the coming weeks!! President Baxter thanked everyone for their attendance and was enthusiastic about the future of the RNO and looked forward to increased neighborhood participation.



HMCAI Annual Beer & Wine Reception

**Thank You Mayfair Liquors
for their generous donation!**



THE MCWILLIAMS TEAM: YOUR MONTCLAIR REAL ESTATE EXPERTS

The market is adjusting, let's talk.
Ed and Anne are third and fourth
generation Denverites with 44 years
in 80220.



The **McWilliams** Team



Kentwood

Real Estate

- A Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate -



Ed McWilliams

Broker Associate

303.902.1558

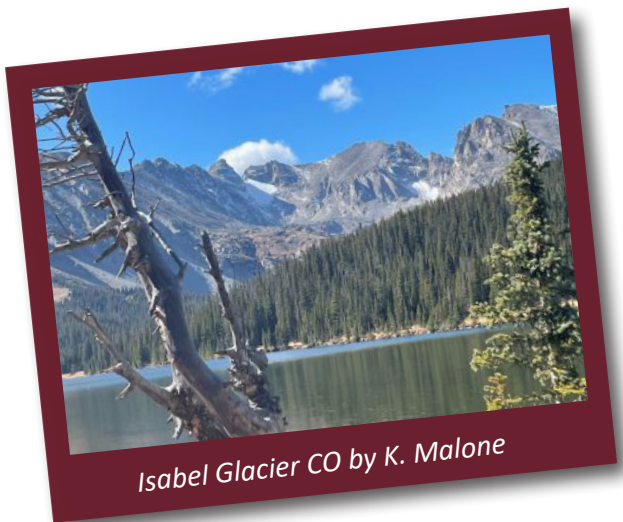
EMcWilliams@kentwood.com

Anne McWilliams

Broker Associate

312.320.8219

AMcWilliams@kentwood.com



Isabel Glacier CO by K. Malone



Kittredge Park by S. Sullivan



Fiery fall maples Colfax & Quebec by J. Homstad



Beer & Wine reception

Montclair in the 1970'S to the 1990'S and the Rebirth of the Montclair Civic Building

By Bill Hansen



Montclair Civic Building- 1997

Couples noisily cavorting in the dark under the sagging porches of the old Molkeny would suddenly be interrupted by a flashlight shining through one of the basement windows. Young people smoking pot at night in Montclair Park would be chased off by the mysterious sudden activation of the sprinkler system. Derelicts drifting south from seedy East Colfax encountered similar nocturnal disruptions. Many wondered whether the aging grounds were haunted.

Little did people know that the dilapidated Montclair Civic Building housed Denver's last live-in park caretaker. Mike Hood and his wife had inconspicuously lived in the unheated basement of the Montclair Civic Building since September 1975. His predecessor since 1934, Paul Crocker and his wife, had presided over the heyday of the building's usage, claiming as many as 4,000 people per month in the winter using the heavily booked facility for numerous organization dinners, the Montclair Women's Club, Scout programs, Masonic rites, the Emily Griffith Opportunity School, various religious functions, a branch of the Denver Public Library, wedding parties and family reunions, and, of course, the Montclair Community Association, reorganized as the Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc. in 1990.

The building itself had fallen on hard times. The cupola and chimneys had been amputated due to sagging structural supports. The roof and upper floor had been ravaged by a fire in 1979 caused by defective electrical circuitry requiring \$50,000 in repairs. The exterior timberwork was rotting and there were cracks in the masonry. The porches had been enclosed and the decorative balustrade had been covered with plywood. An unsightly stairway to the second floor had been added to the front with a metal-railed staircase in the rear. Seven layers of water-stained wallpaper were dripping from the interior walls. Linoleum had been added to the second floor and carpeting to the

first floor to cover the heavily worn original wood floors. Much of the façade was hidden by overgrown evergreens.

As the building deteriorated, so did its usage. ADA noncompliance condemned the building as a popular polling place. Other organizations fled for better accommodations. By 1997, besides the HMCAI, only a group of wiccans practicing their pagan sabbaths garbed in black hooded robes were regular users. According to their leader, Karen Walter, the aging Molkeny "exuded a certain energy and power" ideal for their rituals.

HMCAI and Denver Parks and Recreation were able to pass bond legislation in 1998, supported by grants from the Colorado State Historical Fund and others, to totally restore the Montclair Civic Building to its former 1909 glory. Slater Paul Architects completed the award-winning restoration in 2004, just in time for a celebratory dedication at the annual July 4th picnic. The Montclair Civic Building was reborn. The only losers were the Hoods, who were displaced early in the restoration process, as well as the coven of witches, who were banished to haunt other venues.

Built in 1888, the Molkeny was designated a Denver Historic Landmark in 1973.

1385 Krameria St. | Denver
mayfairliquors.com
303.322.0810
Next to King
Soopers
at 14th &
Krameria

THE BEST PLACE
TO STOCK UP
FOR ALL OF YOUR
UPCOMING HOLIDAY
CELEBRATIONS!

Facebook icon
Instagram icon

Wine * Beer * Spirits *
Mayfair Liquors
Denver, CO
* Since 1959 *

Scan for
Mobile App

10% off Liquor & Beer | 15% off Wine

Excludes sale items, tobacco, and case prices.

Must present original coupon.

Valid on in-store purchases only. | Expires 2.28.23

**PAY LESS FOR DELIVERY AT
MAYFAIRLIQUORS.COM**

**\$10 OFF YOUR FIRST \$40+ for Delivery or Pickup
with code 10OFF40 at Checkout***

Can't combine with other offers | First time orders only · Min order \$40

Conscious Gift Giving Challenge on Colfax

Can you believe it's time to talk holiday shopping? It is indeed that time of year – parties, quality time with friends and family, lots of holiday cheer and of course gift giving. As you embark on your holiday shopping list it's a wonderful opportunity to step back and evaluate how you could approach your list from a different angle this year? Instead of buying from big box stores, could you buy local, second-hand, vintage, antique, woman-owned? YES, YES, YES, YES, and YES.

As Colfax continues to evolve we are seeing more and more vintage and artisan stores opening up, providing shoppers with an opportunity to find just the right gift, and a gift they can feel good about giving.

"There is nothing better than finding the perfect present for someone they couldn't have found anywhere else, and to tell a story about how and where you found it is priceless" says Taylor Woodard, owner and curator of the vintage boutique The Shop located on Colfax & Ivy.

Woodard opened the doors to The Shop 1 year ago and is seeing continued momentum for customers looking to make a conscious choice when it comes to how they are shopping. "When I uncovered the stats that roughly 80% of our furniture ends up in landfills and the clothing industry contributes up to 10% of the pollution driving the climate crisis, I knew I had to do something" says Woodard, "I wanted to bring both a highly curated and consultative approach to the shopping experience by helping customers both see and believe that you don't have to jeopardize style when buying pre-loved pieces."

With the addition of The Shop, Park Hill Treasures, The Local General and the mainstay Antiques Etc. there is a wide array of options to find what you are looking for this holiday season that will not only delight the recipient, but your planet will thank you too. "If everyone in our community could buy 1 item second-hand, vintage or antique we would be making an impact right here, right now" says Woodard.

We invite you to take the challenge with us and see if you can swap out at least 1 item on your list for something from one of the wonderful shops in your neighborhood.





1304 Olive St Denver, CO - 4 Beds | 4 Baths

Valerie Alford
 Your Castle Premier Real Estate
303.641.6823
 valerie@valeriealford.com
 www.valeriealford.com



OPEN 11 - 5 | WEDS - SAT

The
LOCAL
 EST. ★★★ 2020
General

APOTHECARY CANDY · CARDS HOUSEWARES	GIFTS <i>AND</i> GOODS	ACCESSORIES KIDS · JEWELRY AND MORE!
---	------------------------------	--

HANDMADE

www.thelocalgeneral.com
 @thelocalgeneral

Shop local
for the holidays
\$5 OFF
 your purchase
 of \$25 or more

1502 KEARNEY STREET | PARK HILL

VINTAGE

GREAT SELECTION OF
 WINES, LIQUOR, AND BEERS

**Jersey
 Street
 Liquors**

928 JERSEY STREET
 DENVER, CO 80220
 303-221-0121

MENTION THIS AD
 TO RECEIVE 10% OFF \$20 OR MORE
 (EXCLUDES LOTTERY
 AND TOBACCO)

Baseball in Denver

By Erick Stragand, Montclair Resident and Baseball Nerd

As I sit writing this article, I look out the window and see that the first official snow of the season has hit Denver. The MLB Playoffs are also happening. These two factors lead me to wonder: what was the Coldest MLB Playoff Game in history? Officially, the coldest regular season game was in April, 2013 when the Colorado Rockies hosted the Atlanta Braves. The temperature was a balmy 23 degrees at first pitch. Yet the coldest playoff game in MLB history is a little tougher to track down. Not surprising, it appears to also have also taken place in Denver, in October 2009.

That year, the Rockies had rebounded from their 2008 hangover and returned to the playoffs as a Wild Card team. This team was led by a trio I liked to call “The Three O’s” in Cargo (outfielder Carlos Gonzalez), Tulo (shortstop Troy Tulowitzki) and Ubaldo (pitcher Ubaldo Jimenez). They drew the defending World Series Champions, the Philadelphia Phillies, in the National League Division Series. The first two games were held in Philadelphia, with each team winning one game. The series then moved to Coors Field for the next two games. However, Denver had one of its patented wild weather switches and an unusual snow and ice storm moved into the Mile High City. The first game at Coors Field was canceled due to snow, and had to be pushed back a day. Temperatures fluctuations are not surprising to locals, yet it was strange nonetheless. Only a few days earlier, the Rockies had clinched their playoff berth, at home, in a wonderful 70-degree sun-drenched day! The storm wasn’t a thick snow, either. It was one of those situations where it seems like “it’s too cold to snow”, so we were all treated to freezing and

lingering weather with a trace of snow on the ground.

Game 3 of the NLDS was then scheduled for an 8:05 pm local start on October 11. Yes, 8:05 pm. At night. The high for the day was in the mid-30’s and it shot down to about 30 degrees at the first pitch. The game lasted 4 hours, as temperatures sank into the 20’s.

The game itself wasn’t so bad. Unfortunately, the Rockies lost despite a home run from Carlos Gonzalez. The score was tied 5-5 going into the top of the 9th inning, but Rockies closer Huston Street gave up a run to the Phillies and the final score was 5-6, Phillies. In a small silver lining, former Cherry Creek high school athlete, Brad Lidge, recorded the save and locked down the win for the Phillies.

A friend and I had the bright idea of attending this game. When we had purchased the tickets, earlier in the week, we felt like the envy of our friends and family. “Wow, you guys are going to the Rockies’ playoff game! That’s awesome”. Three days later, we couldn’t give the tickets away and the sentiment was: “wow, you guys are going to the Rockies’ playoff game! You’re crazy”.

Our idea got even brighter: we had purchased Rockpile tickets. So we ended up sitting in the uncovered METAL bleachers above center field, with the wind blowing. I’m not a walking weather gauge, but unofficially the temperature was -6 on my person. I don’t care if there will ever be an “official” Coldest MLB Playoff Game in history. As far as I’m concerned: I was there and I’m willing to testify on the matter.

Festive Cheddar Chutney Dip

By Jennifer Bolda

My family loves making this appetizer for guests and serving it in a pineapple. It is really tasty and pretty at any event. I can remember being at parties at my grandparents and at my parents’ house and seeing it served. I hope you enjoy it as much as we have. The flavor is amazing and it is easy to make!

Festive Cheddar Chutney Dip

8 Oz Sharp Shredded Cheddar (Hand Shredded is best)

8 Oz Cream Cheese

½ tsp. Curry Powder

1 ½ Tablespoon Red onion finely chopped

Dash of Tabasco

3 Tablespoons Cooking Sherry

Major Grey’s Chutney

Mix the first 5 ingredients together using a mixer.

Spread into a flat dish or even a hollowed-out Pineapple cut lengthwise.

Spread the Major Grey’s Chutney over top and serve with Crackers.

This cheese mixture can sit in the fridge up to one day before serving.

Just wait to top with Chutney when you are ready to serve.

Enjoy!

A "Charlie Brown" Harvest

By Meg Goos

Repeating the same entertaining activity or celebration in a manner that can transcend generations is tradition. Our family was going to start this tradition. A tradition which would bring out the Colorado in any transplant; harvesting a Christmas tree to help maintain the national forest's health through the USDA National Forest Service's holiday tree permit program. I pictured the Hallmark movie, kids trampling through the snow, car rides filled with singing. A marvelous tree, chopped by us, giddy as we hoist the beauty onto the roof to tie it.

The "are we there yet?" vibe from the back seats was hushed by the sight of the Coney Island Hot Dog Stand, in Bailey, CO. The views were breath-taking around each bend up Kenosha Pass and down into South Park. We found a good kicking-off point for the Mission. The kids trampled through the snow and laughter erupted with each landing of a snowball. We saw it - the perfect tree. The kids took off running through the field, parents in tow. Our perfect tree began to grow before our eyes, too tall, not the perfect tree. We drove a little further. Perfect tree, walking . . . nope . . . the tree is actually three or four growing together (which is actually the whole reason to harvest). The kids begin to question the tradition. As dusk is quickly approaching, temps are dropping. We make the decision - we will be going home with Charlie Brown. But Charlie Brown was great. We received lots of compliments from neighbors and friends. And we all learned the joy of downsizing our collection of ornaments and the need to compromise.

Year after year we return to our tradition. We have experienced a roller coaster of trips from the Ranger Station closing early to leaving our tree permits at home and not checking highway closures due to high winds. Beautiful drive together as a family ... no trees and definitely no singing.

We have become more efficient. Permits are now available online and with more time spent in the mountains we are better prepared. Our vision for that picture-perfect, "Charlie Brown" tree is much improved. We are more patient, driving further into the forest. We are better at perspective, understanding location and the depth associated with it. We are more tolerant, seeing the beauty in the imperfections that only exist if you are willing to get close up. Tradition is not something you do but rather, something you make. It might look ugly or imperfect the first few (or five!) times you do it but persevere.

For \$20 dollars you can harvest your own tree. If you go, read and follow the USDA regulations. Be prepared. Not only with your hand saw (no chainsaws allowed!), but with appropriate dress and provisions for travel in inclement weather. And remember - the overarching purpose of the USDA's tree-program is to help thin and maintain the forest. Leave it better than you found it.

<https://tinyurl.com/2jdrv2at>

Annual HMCAI Treats with Santa

Saturday, December 10th from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at the Molkery, 6820 East 12th Ave. in Montclair Park

This is a chance for the kids to talk with Santa in a friendly, low stress environment. They can make Christmas crafts and enjoy some breakfast treats. After speaking with Santa each child picks a gift from the gift box. ***An adult must accompany all children.

We provide the glue, glitter, craft supplies, etc. so the kids can create gifts, cards or Christmas ornaments while waiting their turn to speak with Santa. Enjoy muffins, fruits, scones, juices, coffee and tea.

This is a gift exchange, so every child in attendance must arrive with a wrapped present to be placed in the gift

box, value at \$8 maximum, suitable for either a boy or girl. This provides assurance that each child lining up to talk to Santa will receive a gift.

No standing in line here! Each child should take a number when they arrive to indicate their turn to talk to Santa. Be sure to bring your camera.

There is no charge for this event other than the cost of the wrapped gift.

This is a festive and popular longtime neighborhood event. We need help setting up, crafts set up, monitoring the craft supplies, and cleaning up. To volunteer contact Carrie O'Shea at historicmontclair@gmail.com



MONTCLAIR DENVER'S TRUSTED LOCAL REALTOR

RECEIVE A FREE CONSULTATION when mentioning the Montclarian.

KELLY MEHTA

303-773-8221
kelly@guidere.com
www.montclairdenverhomes.com



GUIDE
REAL ESTATE

“I’M NOT ONLY A REALTOR, I’M A NEIGHBOR.”

Summary of East Colfax Cultural District

The Fax Partnership (The Fax) is a long-standing nonprofit established in 2004 that has been working the past year to designate East Colfax as a cultural district. With the extensive input from the community and the Registered Neighborhood Organizations, The Fax successfully selected a district name and finalized a mission statement that best represents the East Colfax community. In addition, a treasure map was created to help identify our community’s assets and strengths to document what is special about the East Colfax neighborhood.

To develop the next phase of the Cultural District initiative, The Fax was awarded grant funding from City and County of Denver to design a logo and create a branding guide. The Fax has hired a professional graphic designer and illustrator, Samantha Hutchinson-Ouranos, to develop a branding guideline and a logo that truly represents the East Colfax neighborhood.

The Fax will be working closely with the community until early 2023 on the process of designing a logo by conducting surveys and engagement activities. Incorporating this community input, Sam, the graphic designer, will provide potential logo designs that the community can vote on at a Fax-hosted webinar on

November 30. Finalized logos will then be voted on over the month of January with the final logo to be revealed at an event on February 16, 2023. Follow us on social media to learn more and get involved! Website: www.thefaxdenver.com Facebook: The Fax Partnership Instagram: [faxpartnership](https://www.instagram.com/faxpartnership) Twitter: [PartnershipFax](https://twitter.com/PartnershipFax)

The Fax Acquired Two Motels for Affordable Housing

The Fax has acquired two motels, The Westerner and The Sand & Sage, located on East Colfax to provide temporary shelter for unhoused families and individuals. The acquisition was completed with the help of multiple lenders including the Regional TOD Fund, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority and the Latino Community Foundation of Colorado. The City of Denver and State of Colorado will be providing grant funding. The Fax will be partnering with Volunteers of America of Colorado in 2023 to operate the buildings as shelter. Redevelopment will begin in 2028 with new, affordable homes with neighborhood-serving ground floor use. To learn more visit our website or scan the QR code below.



Expanded Waste Collection Services Update

From denvergov.org

Volume-Based Pricing to begin in 2023

Beginning in 2023, Denver will expand residential recycling and compost collection services to reduce the amount of trash Denver sends to the landfill and the production of harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Waste in the landfill decomposes and generates methane — a powerful greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming and climate change.

DOTI will begin directly billing customers for residential waste services based on trash cart size. The smaller the trash cart, the lower the fee. Weekly recycling and weekly composting services are included at no extra charge. This applies to Denver Solid Waste Management customers (single family homes and apartments up to 7 units).

Fees

- \$9 per month for small trash cart + recycling + compost
- \$13 per month for medium trash cart + recycling + compost
- \$21 per month for large trash cart + recycling + compost

Services

- Weekly trash, recycling and compost collection service for all customers
- Monthly large item pickup
- Cherry Creek Recycling Dropoff
- Seasonal programs including LeafDrop, Treecycle, Mulch Giveaway, Recycle Your Holiday Lights and others

Financial Assistance

Denver will also offer an instant rebate program for low-income residents who may be disproportionately burdened by a fee; the rebate could cover up to 100% of the new fee. The expanded collections ordinance also ends the practice of having the general fund subsidize trash collection services for only some Denver residents, directly charging residents who receive the services.

Recycling reminders

Don't put your recyclables into a big trash bag and then put the bag in your purple cart!

Your recyclables are going straight to the landfill if you put them into a trash bag. Sorters don't have the time to rip the bags open to see what's inside. Closed plastic bags are also considered a safety hazard for workers since they have no way of knowing if medical needles or any other potential danger may be inside.

Recycle right. Most holiday food packaging - such as empty bottles, cans, cartons, and tubs - are recyclable. Plastic bags, wrapping paper, glittery cards, photo paper, bubble wrap, packing peanuts, old toys and tissue paper ARE NOT. These should be avoided, reused or placed in the trash. Save room in your recycle cart by breaking down and flattening boxes. Anything soiled with grease cannot be recycled because grease is a contaminant. If you want to increase the odds of your pizza boxes being reincarnated, the best bet is to rip them in half so the non-greasy side can be recycled. The greasy side can go in your green compost bin.

Recycle your burned out or tangled holiday lights for free by dropping them off at the Cherry Creek Recycling Drop-off at S. Quebec St. and E. Cherry Creek South Drive from mid-December to early January.

Recycle your tree by setting it out for collection on your scheduled trash collection days during the first two weeks in January. Remove all decorations, lights, and the tree stand. Reclaim free mulch made from your tree at the annual Mulch Giveaway & Compost sale in May.



Beer & Wine reception



Beer & Wine reception

Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc.
PO Box 200125
Denver, CO
80220

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT 4470
DENVER, CO



Montclair's Best Spa
Skincare by Emilia
A quiet sanctuary offering refreshing & relaxing services

Customized Facials
Waxing
Brow & Lash Tint, Lash Lifts
Acne & Anti-Aging Treatments
Perfect for teens & busy moms

Montclair Resident Special
1-hour custom facial \$65

Call for appointment: 720-724-0817
www.skincarebyemilia.com


BERTHA'S BAJA BISTRO



10% discount on your order (dine in or takeout)
900 Jersey St, Denver CO 80220 • 720-216-5735 • Online
ordering available: www.berthasbajabistro.com

**Reach over 3,000 neighbors
with your ad. Become a
Montclarion advertiser today!**

Contact Jennifer Bolda
Jenniferbolda@gmail.com



Find us on Facebook.
Search "Historic Montclair
Community"

Ireland's Finest Painting Co.
Bringing Color to Montclair

10% OFF
all interior jobs performed in
December - March 2023

Complete Interior & Exterior Painting
Residential & Commercial
(303) 512-8777
irelandsfinestinc.com



EST. 1995

Logos for Google, Facebook, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express