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President's Note

By Judy Baxter

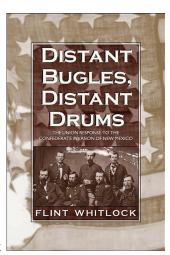
By Judy Baxter

HELLO TO OUR MONTCLAIR NEIGHBORS-HAPPY 2023. Our year is now well underway. Once again, I find the two topics of conversation that are perennial are about the speed of time passing and the weather. I am sure you've had a recent conversation with a neighbor that touched on how appreciative you are of a warm day squeezed in among the cold and snowy ones. As I was



taking Piper out for an evening stroll last week, I looked down Pontiac and for the first time in I think two months there was NO ice anywhere. Though it did not last for long, it was a sweet observation and a promise of times to come. I know spring is coming because I received my email from Gail Barry to get my tomato plant order in to her so she knows how many and what varieties to start from seed. I also saw my first tulip leaf emerging out of a south facing bed—as you can see the tips of the leaves have been nipped by the cold, but like us that little bulb is undaunted in its quest to bloom.

I am writing this column just following our 5th Annual Historic Montclair History Night. We are so fortunate to have as part of our community the expertise and the interest to broaden our knowledge of history. Especially the lesser known, though important aspects, of how we have arrived to where we are today. For his second appearance with us, Flint Whitlock spoke on How Colorado Won the Civil War for the Union. Flint, a well-recognized World War II historian, has turned his keen eye on the Civil War to bring us important insight to a subject that gets little attention—Colorado's role in the Civil War. Now I know where the names of streets like Gilpin, Downing, and Cook came from. You could always read his book, Distant



<u>Bugles, Distant Drums</u>, to get an even deeper dive into the subject.

We had a great turn out of about 40 very inquisitive Montclarions—great questions and discussion. I would like to give a special shout out to **Jersey Street Liquors** for their donation of wine and once again to our board member Rachel Roth for being our certified bartender. And to all the board members and neighbors who helped with putting the event together and for providing a terrific spread—Gail Barry, Caryle Faust, Toni Kuper, Carrie O'Shea, Gail Wallace, Judy Mercer, and Rachel Roth. The truth is I want to give a shout out everyone on the HMCAI Board and to all those who connect, engage and support Historic Montclair Community Association as volunteers, with your supporting memberships or as advertisers. Without you, we could not create the kind of community connectedness that is our vision.

Get your bunny ears out for the Easter Egg Hunt coming to your favorite park on Sat. April 8th—see details in the newsletter.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart." – Elizabeth Andrew

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

HMCAI 2023 Board

HMCAI Events Calendar 2022

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| February 24 | Wine & History Evening | 6:30 p.m. |
|--------------|------------------------|------------|
| April 8 | Easter Egg Hunt | 10:00 a.m. |
| July 4 | July 4 Picnic | 10:30 a.m. |
| September 22 | Beer & Wine Reception | 6:30 p.m. |
| October 21 | General Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| October 29 | Halloween Party | 3:30 p.m. |
| December 9 | Treats with Santa | 10:00 a.m. |

All events take place at the Molkery (Montclair Civic Building) and 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)

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

Name(s)_____

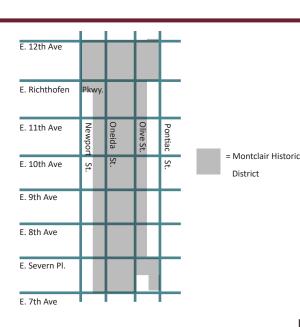
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What would you like to help with?_____

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

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



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City Council District 5 Updates

by Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer, District 5



Council District 5's 2023 Work Plan

Spring is around the corner and your District 5 team is hard at work advocating for the things you care about in our neighborhoods, including crime, traffic safety, and homelessness. Learn about some of our work scheduled for 2023 below. You can find details about

all of these projects on our website at www.denvergov. org/District5 under the Projects page. And don't forget, municipal elections will be held April 4th, so please get out and vote!

2023 Traffic Study

To address traffic concerns and build upon the work our office did in 2021 and 2022, our office has once again partnered with the DOTI and local traffic engineering firm Fehr & Peers to conduct a traffic study of Uinta Way in Lowry, from 11th Ave. to Lowry Blvd. Uinta is one of the roads we receive the most calls and emails about from residents. We will host virtual community meetings in addition to our resident survey and data collection by our traffic engineers. Please participate in these meetings!

ADU's in Montclair

Do you want us to rezone the Montclair statistical neighborhood (including parts of Mayfair) to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units? ADU's are a good way to add much-needed attainable housing while also maintaining the unique character of our neighborhoods. Our office is hosting two public meetings and sharing a community survey to get your feedback on the proposal. Please join us!

Wednesday, March 8, 6 p.m. Zoom Register at: bit.ly/MontclairADU_Mar8

Tuesday, March 14, 6 p.m. at the Montclair Civic Building,

6820 E. 12th Ave (12th & Newport)

Take our survey by April 7 at: bit.ly/MontclairADUSurvey

Design Standards Along East Colfax

During the East Area Plan process, we heard from residents that you want to see more businesses and a safer pedestrian environment along East Colfax. To respond to these concerns, we are partnering with all

Councilmembers along Colfax from Broadway to Yosemite to implement design standards for future development along the corridor. We held two community meetings in January, and hosted a community survey, and are analyzing the responses now. Stay tuned for updates!

Lights On to Enhance Safety in Montclair

Did you know that brighter lighting can enhance community safety? We proved it in 2020 with a lighting study done in East Colfax in partnership with Excel Energy, DOTI, and the Denver Police Dept. We added brighter lighting in a pilot area and were able to reduce crime by almost 30% in that area. To address safety issues in Montclair, our office asked Excel to donate two lightbulbs to every house in Montclair to help residents light up the neighborhood. You should have received your lightbulbs in February. Thank you for partnering with us to help stop crime in our neighborhoods!

We also wanted to share a quick update on our 2022 gun buyback program. We are proud to report that we were able to collect almost 1000 weapons and turn them into garden tools! Additionally, don't forget that 2023 Spring Parks Cleanup Day is April 30th! You can volunteer online at https://bit.ly/SpringParksCleanUpDay23. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office if there's anything we can do to support you. Find the D5 team at:

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Dear Fellow Montclarions,

I hope everyone has been staying warm through this extra cold winter.

We are halfway through the 2023 legislative session and I have exciting bill updates to share with you: My Greenhouse Gas

Emission Reduction Measures (SB23-016) and Advanced Industry Acceleration Programs (SB23-066) bills are headed to the Senate Appropriations Committee, my Earned Income and Child Tax Credits bill (HB23-1112) has been introduced in the House, and my bill to enable more informed ruling by judges in Family Courts is set to be introduced in the Senate. Please track the progress of these bills and more at https://leg.colorado.gov/legislators/chris-hansen.

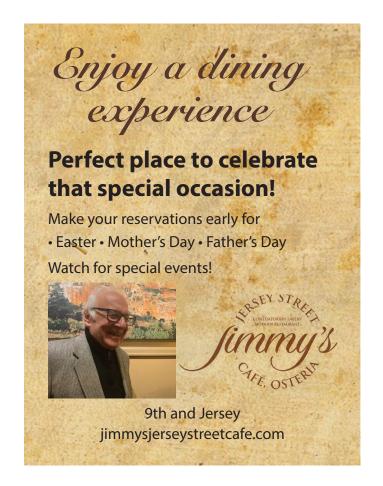
On a heavier note, I was incredibly sad to hear about the gun violence at Denver East High School on Monday Feb. 13th. With two teenage boys in the DPS system, reducing gun violence in our schools is a deeply personal issue for me and has been a priority for my work in the State Senate.

Our legislature has taken meaningful steps to promote gun safety and reduce violence in Colorado over the past ten years, including strengthening our background check system, further restricting those with violent records from accessing firearms, and removing the statewide preemption so that local governments could pass their own gun violence prevention ordinances. I sponsored the requirement of safe storage and the establishment of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention, which treats gun violence in communities as the public health crisis that it is. But clearly there is more work to be done.

As legislation is introduced at the state level, I am committed to supporting policies that will keep our friends, family, and neighbors safe while ensuring we consider all ramifications of each policy. This session, I am sponsoring a bill to restrict ghost guns and a bill to enact a waiting period for gun purchases. I continue to be encouraged by community actions, such as the East students demanding action at Denver City Council, and I know that together we can enact tangible solutions to end this crisis.

Your feedback and comments throughout the session are appreciated and influential in the bill making process. 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,







Spring is in the air and summer will be upon us before we know it. Denver Parks and Recreation, The Denver Zoo, The Denver Museum of Nature and Science, and countless other summer camp registration opportunities have already come and gone. For those of us who were not quick enough with our sign-up skills to secure all the future kids' activities we wanted, luckily, we still have camping and fishing along the front range.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2022 Giving Tree. We had another robust response from our neighbors demonstrating the generosity of our community.

Our principal Susan Miller-Curley will be leaving us at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. She has been instrumental in building a strong, cohesive school community in which all students are seen, honored and challenged. We wish her well and thank her for all the effort and leadership she has provided during the past few years. DPS has announced their goal of hiring a new principal for our school by April 10, 2023. This date may change according to their website. See dpsk12.org for more information on the process and hiring timeline.

Montclair.dpsk12.org is a great resource if you have questions about the school, how to participate or learn about future events, or to learn more about the school and our community. The Montclair front office can be reached at (720) 424-5380 with any questions.

Schedule Alerts:

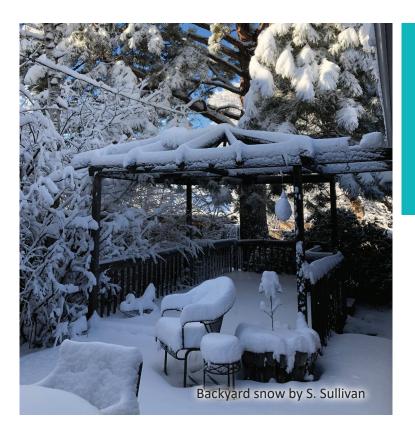
- Little Dragon Dine out or take out fundraiser: March 1st-May 15th. **
- Spring Break: March 27th March 31st
- Montclair Art Show: Thursday, April 6th @ 4:30 pm
- Montclair Earth Day-inspired Craft Day: Saturday, April 15th at 10 am
- International Night: Friday, May 12th
- Colorado Rapids Game Fundraiser for Montclair: Saturday, May 13th***
- Last day of school for 2022-2023: Thursday, June 1st
- First day of school for 2023-2024: Monday, August 21st
- ** See Montclair.dpsk.org for the Little Dragon details and printable flyer to use to get 20% donated back to our school. Must bring a copy of the flyer for us to qualify. **
- ***May 13th Colorado Rapids Game tickets for \$20 each. All are welcome. Buy and pick up tickets at Montclair Front Office. Devin Lopez is the point of contact. You can connect with her at the front office or contact her at devin_lopez@dpsk12.net or (720) 424-5385***

Montclair has been working diligently for more grant help. Recently the school was awarded a \$1,000 grant for our outreach with the Parent Teacher Home Visit Program.

Special shout out to F45 located in the Mayfair shopping center. They are a proud Sponsor of PEAK (Parents, Educators, and Kids). See Devin Lopez if you or your company wishes to learn more about sponsorship opportunities. Our PEAK program helps support all of the wonderful enrichment programs. Please join us for future craft days, art shows, or fundraising events.

Volunteers and community involvement are always welcomed!

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



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10 a.m. Saturday, April 8th at the Molkery, 6820 E. 12th Ave., and Montclair Park

Small children and their parents are invited to coffee, cookies and juice served to all in the Molkery after the hunt.

This is a free event for Montclair neighbors. Just bring a basket, bag or box to carry your

goodies home (we will recycle the plastic eggs, so all eggs are emptied and left in designated boxes at the event)

Rain or snow the egg hunt is on!

We need volunteers to help scatter eggs throughout the park, stuff eggs, serve snacks, clean up etc. It will only take one hour of your time to help us pull off this fun event for the kids! Please consider volunteering and contact Judy Baxter at baxterj.jb15@gmail.com.





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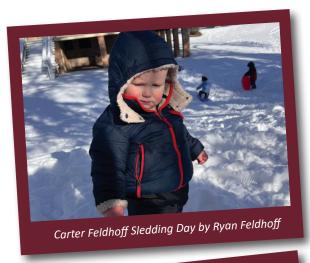
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In Brazil when you visit your neighborhood bakery, you are visiting a Padoca - a slang term that elicits a vision of a local hangout where you are greeted by name and enjoy the tastes of delicious home-baked goods.

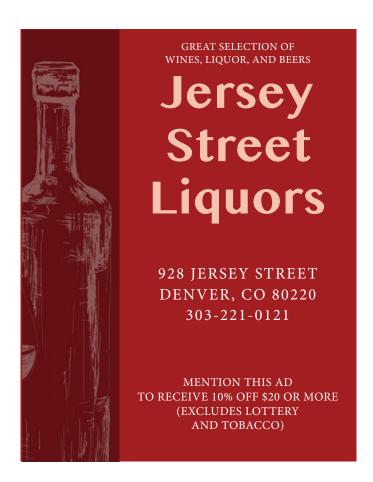
In Montclair, we are only a short bike ride away to our very own Denver Padoca, located at 950 Jersey Street, which is a local family-owned business dedicated to bringing that neighborhood bakery feel to all of its customers.

After several visits, I can say that everything is delicious. Most items are hand-held, but easily shared with a fork and knife for those who want to sample everything. They have Risole de Presunto e Queso (Ham and Cheese Croquette), Empada de Frango (Chicken Pie), Pão de Queijo (Brazilian Cheese Bread), and Coxinha (Chicken and Cream Cheese Croquette) which was my absolute favorite, just to name a few. The kids enjoyed the variety of drink boxes from the market area and I ordered a delicious latte. As



spring nears I am looking forward to biking over, grabbing an array of goodies, and heading over to Mayfair Park, which is just across the street.

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| Officers | 2022/2023 | | | | | | | |
| Offense | | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | | |
| Aggravated Assault - Other | | 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 | | |
| Aggravated Assault - Firearm | | 2 | 2 | | 1 | | | |
| Homicide | | | | | | | | |
| Sex Offense | | | | | | | | |
| Simple Assault | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | |
| Robbery- Business | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| Robbery- Street- Res | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Crimes Against Persons Total | | 10 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | | |
| Burglary | 5 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | | |
| Criminal Mischief - Graffiti | | | | | | | | |
| Criminal Mischief - Property | | | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | | |
| Criminal Mischief - Vehicle | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | | |
| Larceny | | 11 | 11 | 11 | 7 | 6 | | |
| Theft From Motor Vehicle | | 5 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 3 | | |
| Auto Theft | 11 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 6 | | |
| Crime Against Property Total | | 27 | 25 | 24 | 28 | 23 | | |
| Drug Offenses | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | |
| Weapons Offenses | | | | | | | | |
| Crimes Against Society Total | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | | |
| All Other | 3 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 8 | | |
| Total | 51 | 39 | 36 | 36 | 40 | 39 | | |

Data Sources:

This data was compiled on 2/2/2023 from Denver Police Department data. All files used to generate this report are dynamic, and are therefore subject to additions, deletions, and/or modifications at any time. Due to continuous data entry after reports are compiled, subsequent reports may be subject to change.

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Baseball in Denver

By Erick Stragand, Montclair Resident and Baseball Nerd

This spring will mark exactly 30 years since the Colorado Rockies began playing. To set the stage, a bit, the #1 song at the time was "Informer" by Snow. The #1 movie at the box-office was the Burt Reynolds flick "Cop and 1/2".

The hashtag symbol was still known as a "pound sign". Here in Denver, Wellington Webb was in his first term as mayor, "LoDo" was mostly warehouses and industrial buildings, and our airport was still off of Quebec St. and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

On April 5, 1993, the Rockies' second baseman Ei plate in Shea Stadium to fac

Gooden. It was a signal that Major League Baseball had finally included Denver, after decades of anticipation. Denver finally had their own brand-new team. Made up of expansion draft picks, free agent signees and a former MVP (Don Baylor) as their manager, it was impossible to predict how the season would play out for the fledgling club.

After losing their first two games in New York, the Rockies played their home opener at a converted Mile High Stadium on April 9, 1993 in front of a record crowd of 80,227 fans. Mile High was famous for its moving stands, as the entire east side of the stadium would move about 100 feet to convert it from football to baseball mode. Addtionally, temporary bleachers were added to the gaps in right field and center field to create a fully packed house. Eric Young once again led off the game and on the first pitch, he connected for a home run, and the party was officially ON. The Rockies racked up 3 more runs in that first inning en route to an 11-4 victory over the Montreal Expos.

While Denver has always had its baseball fans, we really didn't know what to expect. Sure, the Nuggets played 40-some home games, per season, but we were mostly accustomed to the 8-9 Broncos home football games, per year. Now, with Mile High Stadium scheduled for a staggering 81 Rockies home games, it seemed like we were set for a non-stop party for 1993!

Even though the Rockies soon settled into last place in the National League West, the fervor over the new team couldn't be tarnished. The old department store chain, Joslins, was a key sponsor and they a had a few free autograph signings at their stores. Eager to check this out, I went to one to see Eric Young, at the old Buckingham Square Mall in Aurora. The Joslins store was located at the

the mall...and the line stretched all the way through the entire mall, to the South end, then doubled back. To his credit, Young stayed there for almost 3 hours, signing autographs for everybody in that line. Just a few days later, a similar event was held at the Joslins in Villa Italia Mall for catcher Joe Girardi...and the scene was almost identical! The line stretched throughout the entire mall with just as many people. Like Young, Girardi stayed there until the line had dwindled down to nothing.

A few weeks later, I saw a small autograph announcement for pitcher Butch Henry in the Rocky Mountain News. Anticipating another mass crowd, I gave myself several hours to attend the event at a B&H Sports store in Lakewood. Yet I got there, and found maybe 10 people in line. I chalked it up to promotional efforts, as Joslins had a much wider reach than the smaller B&H Sporting Goods. As the years wore on, I became something of a baseball autograph hound, but those three cards I have from Young, Girardi and Henry are still some of my favorites. Even though I was a bit embarrassed that I didn't have cards of them in their new Rockies gear.

Now...about those 81 home games. Obviously, after the novelty had worn off, crowds soon dwindled to more reasonable sizes of 20,000-50,000. With such a surplus of seats, ticket promotions were abundant. A drug store chain offered two free tickets with the purchase of a 12-pack of Coca-Cola products. Always looking for a deal, I enthusiastically purchased my 12-pack and got two free tickets to a Rockies/Astros game in mid-September. However, with Denver being Denver, it actually snowed that day and the game was postponed. It was the first of many "snow outs" for me.

On the field, the Rockies turned things around in July, 1993. They went into Dodger Stadium and swept the Los Angeles Dodgers in 4 games. It was the first time an expansion team had swept an established team in that team's own park. The improvement wasn't a fluke, as the Rockies avoided finishing in last place and/or losing 100

games-- both of which were common predictions before the season. Furthermore, the team had established its

initial stars. First Baseman Andres Galarraga was the team's first All-Star selection and won the 1993 National League batting title. Along with Young and Girardi, guys like Dante Bichette and Charlie Hayes were veterans who had breakout years in their new home.

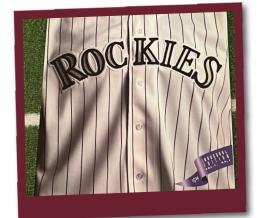
30 years later, both Bichette and Hayes now have sons playing in MLB (Bo Bichette for the Blue Jays and Ke'Bryan Hayes for the Pirates). Young also has an offspring (Eric Young, Jr), who played for the Rockies from 2009 to 2013. Girardi has gone on to

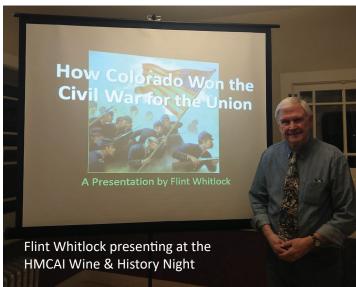
have a lengthy managerial career, even leading the New York Yankees to a World Series Championship in 2009.

Henry played until 1999, then coached/managed in the minor leagues until 2010. Galarraga led the NL in home runs in 1996, had three more All-Star nods (two more with the Rockies, one with the Braves) and played in MLB until 2004.

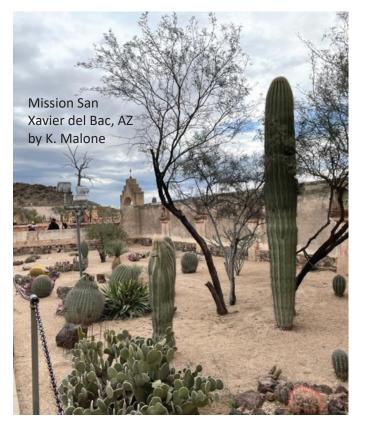
Overall, a truly wild and euphoric time for Denver and the Rockies in 1993. Proof that you can't predict baseball and never know what to expect. It's been 30 years and I'm looking forward to updating this

column in another 30 years.









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Always the eager beaver, as far as gardening goes, I am looking forward to the season emerging. I have been cutting down my grasses and tending to areas that need pruning as weather permits. I have all my seeds ready to start and have planned out my gardens for the coming growing season.

As you contemplate your own garden spaces, remember to amend your soil where any annual plants will be growing. If you use pots the soil may also need amendment or renewal to support good growth. If the soil can be worked then it is time to seed/plant cold hardy plants and also time to transplant any plants that need it. Be sure to water in any transplants. While you are planning your garden, keep in consideration the height and width of mature plants and their sun and shade requirements. Plant plants together that have the same water requirements. Try to practice crop rotation so you don't plant things in the same place every year. And consult a chart showing companion planting, easily available online, as some plants do not like others or, conversely, some plants really do better next to others.

going. I start basil and peppers first, then a couple weeks later I start tomatoes. Toward the end of April, I start other vegetables (corn, squash, cucumbers and the like) to be planted in the garden after danger of frost. All these plants will need to be hardened off before planting. When the weather is nice, start putting seedlings outside for an hour, gradually increasing the time outside as weather allows. Don't forget to water them as sun and wind dry them out fast. Plants will be much stronger as a result.

Since many of you may have come from other parts of the country, if you are uncertain what plants grow well in our somewhat difficult environment, consult CSU extension service. They have many info sheets, on all kinds of topics including plants of all types, especially adapted to Colorado. They are continuously testing new varieties and publish those results as well.

Best wishes for a good garden in 2023!



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By Idelle Fisher

Gardening season is coming!

Would you like to grow organic vegetables, fruits, herbs or flowers and be part of a friendly neighborhood project? Do you dream of growing your own zucchini, tomatoes, peppers, lettuces, kale, radishes, herbs and flowers? The Historic Montclair Community Garden is just the place to fulfill your horticultural ambitions and meet new neighbors. Our garden members love to swap seeds, seedlings, produce, and growing tips. We also donate any extra produce to the Greater Park Hill Community Free Farm Stand, so if you grow too much it's easy to share the abundance with the community. Tucked off-street in the 1400 block of Niagara St., our community garden has 29

plots available, shade trees, a pollinator garden, pumpkin patch, compost bins and a community picnic table.

The fee for each 6x8' plot is \$35 a season which covers water, compost, some garden supplies and repairs. We have a couple plots opening up, so reach out to secure a plot or get on our waiting list.

Contact Idelle at HMCGarden@gmail.com to find out more and possibly join our community garden.





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