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Our Neighborhood

Annexed by the City of Denver in 1902, Montclair incorporated in 1888 as a Denver suburb. One of Denver's 78 statistical neighborhoods, its borders include Colfax Ave. to the north, 6th Ave. to the south, Quebec St. to the east and Holly St. to the west.

Formed in 1907 as a not-for profit corporation, the Historic Montclair Community Association, Inc. (HMCAI), is the oldest neighborhood association in Denver. Officers and at-large board members serve without pay. HMCAI is a Registered Neighborhood Organization and is a member of Denver's Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation. West of Monaco, we overlap with Mayfair Neighbors, Inc.

Dedicated to innovative educational, civic and social activities, we offer all Montclair residents quarterly newsletters, flyers and public announcements. We inform members of important zoning issues, historic preservation, construction and planning activities, elections and other activities impacting the neighborhood. HMCAI frequently collaborates with schools, churches and other local organizations for the common good. Interested in being a part of the community? Join today.

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2024
4th Quarter

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President's Note

By Judy Baxter

"Autumn leaves don't fall, they fly. They take their time and wander on this their only chance to soar."

— Delia Owens. *Where the Crawdads Sing*

Once again, we are having a wonderful extended fall.

I start this year's 4th quarter Note as I did last year.

Yesterday, as the wind picked up I could hear the branches of the plum tree bounce against the window, with the leaves being shook free, bringing to mind is Delia Owen's image of leaves soaring. **Once again**, Montclair is getting in the fall spirit, led by our Oneida Street neighbors going all out. I took a visiting friend on a walk through the neighborhood. We were among several lookie-loos walking and driving to take in the decorations, especially on Oneida. We were impressed by the amazing display of skeletal Olympic talent at the NW corner of Oneida and 8th. There, reminding us that summer and Paris was not so long ago, is Simone Biles, Stephen Nedoroscik and Katie Ledecky displaying their incredible talents.



Once again, our Fall Beer and Wine gathering brought neighbors together to enjoy a beautiful night of laughter and connection. Thanks to all who contributed to a terrific spread, you are too many to name and to **Mayfair Liquors** for the donated beverages. A special thanks to board member **Rachael Stanfield** for bartending. Rachael will be rotating off the board, as she will be moving to the west side of town later this year, so it is a good thing she likes us and doing this, as she is all in for being our TIPS certified bartender at future events. Always great to see long-time friends and make new ones at this event.

Once again, our General Annual Meeting was well attended on October 16th. This is when we elect the board for the upcoming year. We are welcoming two new board members: **Marika Rietsema Ball** and **Anne Canon**. We wish Rachael Roth-Stanfield well, with gratitude for her service. I also want to extend my gratitude to our 2024 board for the investment of so much energy in our wonderful community. **Once again**, **District 5 Councilwoman Sawyer** gave us an energetic presentation on the issues important to Montclair, with explanations about the finalized method for funding the sidewalk initiative and challenges with the roll out of the compost bins. From the **Dept Transportation & Infrastructure (DOTI) Jonathan Stewart**, gave us a detailed overview of the Colfax Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) started in early October, which will be making its way to our section of Colfax in 2025-26. Our **Secretary Lynn VanderWielen** has a complete write-up of the event in this newsletter.

Once again, we at HMCAI wish you all good things as the year draws to a close, and we **once again** start a new one.

HMCAI 2024 Board

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HMCAI Events Calendar 2024

Mar. 1	Wine & History Night	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Molkery
Mar. 30	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 am	Montclair Park
Jul. 4	July 4 Picnic	10:30 am -2:00 pm	Montclair Park
Sept. 27	Beer & Wine Reception	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Molkery
Oct. 16	Annual General Meeting	7:00 pm	Molkery
Oct. 27	Halloween Party	3:30-5:00 pm	Molkery
Dec. 7	Treats with Santa	10:00 am - Noon	Molkery

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

HMCAI Membership Form

Two ways to become a supporting member: 1- Please print legibly on form and mail with check to: **HMCAI Treasurer, PO Box 200125, Denver, CO 80220** 2. Or, pay securely online with Square:

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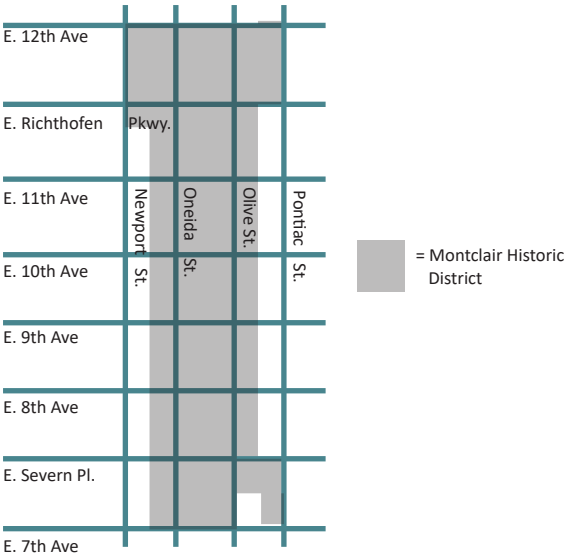
What would you like to help with? _____

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



Important Information

If you live in the designated Historic District (see map to the right) within the Montclair neighborhood and you’d like to build an addition, second story, porch, garage, retaining walls, add solar panels, replace windows, roof, sidewalks, or demolish the house and build new, you must first contact Denver’s Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) and receive approval. Your proposal must meet the design guidelines for historic districts. This is mandatory for residents of all historic districts in the City of Denver. To schedule an appointment for a pre-application meeting, discuss your building project, or ask questions contact the LPC at 720-865-2709 or landmark@denvergov.org



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

City Council District 5 Updates

by Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer, District 5



#WeBackTheFax – Support Our Local Businesses!

The long-awaited Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project on Colfax Avenue is finally underway! Construction on the new bus stations began in early October, and will continue

until mid-2027. During that time, the entire street will not be closed, though you should expect delays along Colfax Ave. in some stretches during construction. The project is split into multiple phases starting at Broadway and Williams, and is expected to move east from there. To find more information about the Colfax BRT project, including expected timeline and phases, please go to:

<https://bit.ly/ColfaxBusRapidTransit>.

Though the entirety of Colfax Ave. will not be closed during construction, we know that access to some of our fantastic local businesses will be difficult. The best thing you can do to help support the community during this time is to patronize Colfax businesses. We Back the Fax is a community-driven initiative that encourages Denver residents and visitors alike to support local businesses

along East Colfax Avenue before, during and after BRT construction. Here's how you can play a part in keeping the heart of Colfax vibrant and bustling!

Visit East Colfax

- **Eat or Drink:** Visit a local restaurant or bar on East Colfax
- **Shop:** Support retail stores along the East Colfax corridor
- **Play:** Enjoy live music, entertainment venues or your favorite gym or salon on East Colfax
- **Get Involved on Social Media:** Snap a photo or video of yourself supporting a Colfax business and share it on social media using the hashtag **#WeBackTheFax**. Make sure to tag or include the name of the business you're supporting!
- **Spread The Word:** Tell your friends, family members, neighbors and fellow Colfax lovers to join you in supporting small businesses. The "We" in We Back the Fax includes everyone!

When you tag #WeBackTheFax, you'll automatically be entered into a monthly raffle with a chance to win amazing prizes, including gift cards to your favorite local businesses on East Colfax! Thank you for supporting our local businesses! As always, please 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

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Annual HMCAI Treats with Santa

Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Molkery, 6820 East 12th Ave. in Montclair Park.

This is a chance for children 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 craft supplies so the children can create Christmas ornaments, etc. 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 \$7 maximum, suitable for either a boy or girl. This provides assurance that each child that speaks 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. Cash donations accepted and greatly appreciated! If you'd like to volunteer please contact Carrie O'Shea at historicmontclair@gmail.com



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The Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment

By Merritt Pullam, Parent, volunteer, neighbor, HMCAI Board Member

The Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment has continued to maintain the sought after Green rating according to Colorado's School Performance Framework. Over the last eight years my children have attended this school with pride and have experienced a great sense of community. The students and staff should be commended for their efforts. Even with multiple leadership changes throughout the years, the school continues to improve and be a highlight for our community! If you, or someone you know, is looking for a great school, come check us out before the school choice deadline, early in 2025. For more information about the school, please visit [Montclair.dpsk12.org](https://montclair.dpsk12.org) or schoolchoice.dpsk12.org

Beginning in November 2024, The Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment looks forward to the opportunity to spread holiday joy amongst our community members. We will be hosting our annual **Giving Tree** where you can anonymously select a request to fulfill one or more of our young community members' wants or needs for the holidays. Montclair students or siblings under the age of 18 years old are eligible to receive a gift for the holidays. You can be assured that your generous gift(s) to one of our neighbors will be greeted with joy and appreciation.

Visit our school website [Montclair.dpsk12.org](https://montclair.dpsk12.org) or stop by the main office in mid-November or later for more information about how to participate.

Questions about the Giving Tree or how you can donate to the school can be answered by Devin Lopez at: devin_lopez@dpsk12.net or Merritt Pullam at 303-419-2622 or merrittpkw@gmail.com. You may also contact the school's main number – 720-424-5380.

Donations can be left at the front office of the school. You may also donate via PayPal utilizing the QR code with this article. If you do not use PayPal, you may also write a check and mail it to the school at 1151 Newport St Denver,

CO 80220. Please indicate PEAK or Giving Tree in the memo line of the check. Your generosity is appreciated.

Upcoming School Events:

- **November 25th – November 29th**
Thanksgiving Break – No School
- **December 12th –**
Montclair Winterfest – This is a great community event if you are interested
- **December 16th – December 20th**
Giving Tree Distribution
- **December 23rd – January 6th**
Winter Break – No School

This is my family's last year at Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment. We have thoroughly loved being a part of this community. With our children completing their time at Montclair in the spring, I am looking for a parent or neighbor who would like to take over this article. Please reach out to me if you might be interested. merrittpkw@gmail.com It would be great to have a parent at the school continue to inform the neighborhood about what's going on at the school. Thank you!

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

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2024 Late Fall Gardening

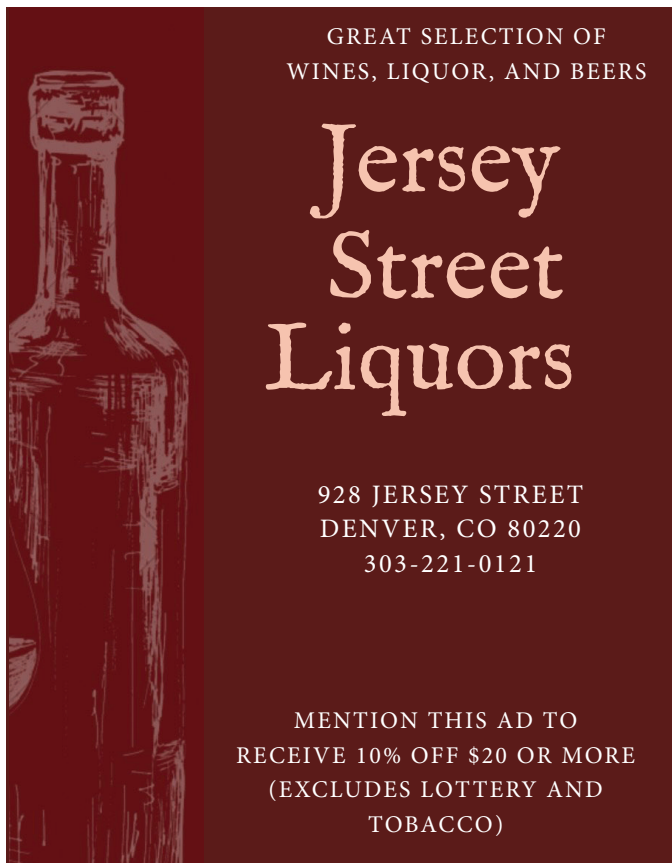
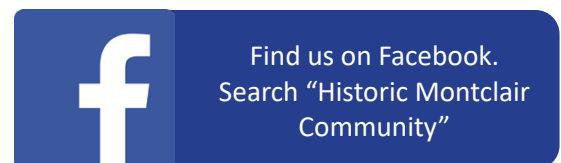
By Gail Barry, Landscape architect and gardener

As I am writing this, the sun is out and it is nearly 80 degrees. We are officially in Fall but have had no frost yet. It has been a long, dry growing season. I have had fruit from all my fruit trees and berry patches. Many people have enjoyed the somewhat rare crop of peaches this year. Other crops have also produced well. Flowers also have been prolific. As the season winds down, and with the inevitability of a frost, many tasks can be accomplished in the garden. As always, you can harvest and dry herbs and flowers, make pickles, freeze or can tomato products, harvest and store beets and carrots for later use. Right before the frost hits, I always pick any green tomatoes and allow them to ripen in containers indoors. Usually, I get tomatoes, suitable for use, until at least the end of November and sometimes later. If interested, 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.

October and November are great for planting all kinds of bulbs. I always plant garlic in October. Once your crops and annual flowers are done for the season, remove weeds and dying plants and enrich the soil for spring.

Spreading compost will add to the soil health. It is a good time to renew mulch, giving your spaces a fresh look while conserving moisture during our often -dry winters. 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. I often plant lettuce seeds in the fall or very early in the spring. It will decide to come up when conditions are ready. Several annual flower seeds can be planted in the fall and allowed to come up in the spring. Marigolds and Cosmos are two examples.

Be sure to compost your leaves or use them as mulch in your garden beds. Although a few scattered leaves won't hurt, do not allow any thick piles to remain on your lawn. You can also dig up a small quantity of some of your herbs and put them in pots in a sunny window sill to be used during winter. If you have planted chrysanthemums in pots outside, plant them in a garden bed and water them well for the winter. They will often stay as a hardy perennial. Once dormant, many plants can be transplanted if desired. Have a happy Thanksgiving and peaceful winter!!

A vertical advertisement for Jersey Street Liquors. On the left is a dark, textured image of a liquor bottle. The right side has a dark red background with white and gold text. At the top, it says 'GREAT SELECTION OF WINES, LIQUOR, AND BEERS'. Below that, 'Jersey Street Liquors' is written in a large, stylized font. The address '928 JERSEY STREET DENVER, CO 80220' and phone number '303-221-0121' are listed. At the bottom, a promotional offer states: 'MENTION THIS AD TO RECEIVE 10% OFF \$20 OR MORE (EXCLUDES LOTTERY AND TOBACCO)'.

The Baron's Terrifying Great Danes

By Bill Hansen



Caesar, the Great Dane

"[Baron von Richthofen] built his castle in the 1880's and kept two Great Danes that would come running down and leap over his fence. We children were so afraid of them." So recalled Helen Ingersoll, who grew up in early Montclair.

His first two massive canines, Caesar (above) and Censer, had been imported from Germany in 1889 and immediately won ribbons at Denver's dog shows. In 1899, a Denver paper reported that "the most valuable Great Dane ever owned in Denver was probably Baron von Richthofen's Rex, worth \$1,000 (almost \$35,000 today). He looked so like a tiger that people wouldn't go near him."

Great Danes were large German Mastiffs with no connection to Denmark. They had been bred by Prussian aristocrats over the years to hunt vicious wild boars on their estates. Others were bejeweled and pampered "Chamber Dogs", who slept near their master's bed for protection. By the 1890's, Denver dog connoisseurs viewed Great Danes as merely "handsome brutes"- good only for show as their hunting instincts had been bred out of them but breeders were still struggling to tame their fierce, fearless, unpredictable, and overly protective dispositions.

The Baron's regal Great Danes became the "pride of Montclair", often accompanying him as he met tally ho coaches of prospective lot purchasers on horseback in a red velvet tailcoat and black top hat. Striding across the largely barren prairie, his loyal dogs always followed. When he drove his carriage into town, they would often lope

alongside for most of the way. On one such occasion in early 1890, after heading downtown, the Baron lost track of his Great Danes. He anxiously returned to his Castle only to find the pair guarding an enclosed streetcar shelter emitting "savage and ominous growls" to those passengers who had been trapped inside for over three hours awaiting the dogs' "liege and master". Pleas of "Good Doggie" were rebuffed by vicious snarls at those trying to free the hostages from a safe distance "And they did it, stormy protest, coquettish wiles, flags of truce, stones, clods of earth and human threats to the contrary notwithstanding". Only the Baron's arrival saved the day.

In February 1891, the Baron and Baroness sold the Castle to fellow German promotor John Miller as they took off for extended worldwide travels. With the estate went the Baron's prized Great Danes. Miller, himself a dog fancier, soon grieved the loss of one of the valuable canines until he found it three years later at a Denver dog show, exhibited by a local saloonkeeper as "Lady Venus". The dog had had her white tail cropped to conceal her identity but instantly and excitedly recognized her true owner and vice versa. A lawsuit followed and Miller quickly recovered the cherished family pet. The Great Danes continued to protect Montclair's premier German manor.

Eventually, the "Adonis of Dogs" became the docile "gentle giants" of today. But, in the Baron's time, his Great Danes could be terrifying.

HMCAI Annual General Meeting Recap

By Lynn VanderWielen, HMCAI Secretary

Thank you to everyone who was able to join our Annual General Meeting on October 16th at the Molkery! We had an excellent turnout of neighbors and two informative presentations.

Our first presentation from District 5 Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer highlighted several areas of work over the past few years and insight for future happenings in Montclair including a focus on:

- Crime/Safety
- Traffic/Mobility Infrastructure
- Homelessness/Affordable Housing Availability/Cost of Living/Development
- Parks and Open Space
- Climate Change Effects

Councilwoman Sawyer shared updates regarding sidewalks as a result of the 2017 ballot measure which is currently focused on an asset scan that will inform implementation. Homeowners should expect an annual \$150 fee (for a vast majority of residents) which will be reflected on your wastewater bill. This has been a challenging ordinance in terms of planning and implementation and we should await specific plans shared in the future.

Several traffic safety improvements have been approved along Monaco including six upgraded traffic lights as a result of a traffic study. The team is working diligently to move this forward.

The Montclair community can expect access to compost carts/bins by the end of 2025.

Councilwoman Sawyer shared several ways how you can help our community to thrive. Importantly, if you see something that needs a change, please make sure the city knows about it! This includes reporting it to 311 and contacting the Councilwoman's office. The more reports on the same issue, the better. So if you see a tree that is blocking a stop sign or a pothole that needs fixing, for example, please report this to 311 and encourage others to do the same. You can also text HEY311 to 439311 to make a report. Other ways you can help out:

- Get to know your neighbors and support our community! Bring in trash/recycling bins when neighbors are out of town, help bring in packages/deliveries when others are at work, and let each other know when you are out of town or need support.
- Thoughtfully light up the neighborhood at night! Well-lit areas discourage crime. Of course don't put a spotlight on your neighbors but ensure that your home doesn't

provide easy opportunities for would-be thieves.

- Please slow down when driving and obey signage.
- Keep an eye out on each other. Stop by to say hi and check on each other.

We also had a presentation from Jonathan Stewart who is the Project Director for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project on East Colfax. The project aims to move people more safely and sustainably down Colfax, which is the second most dangerous street in Denver and also has a very high ridership for the 15 and 15L which move through the corridor. The project includes five segments of work:

- 1) Broadway to Williams
- 2) Williams to Monroe
- 3) Monroe to Niagara
- 4) Niagara to Yosemite
- 5) Yosemite to I-225

Each section of work will take place in three phases which will maintain traffic in both directions and access to businesses at all times. The team will first complete work on the south side of the street, then the north side of the street, and then the center of the street. All stops in sections one through four will include raised bus stops in the center of Colfax with two dedicated center bus lanes moving in either direction. Once fully implemented, the corridor will include new buses at more regular intervals, including 27/4 access.

Lastly, all of the nominated existing and new HMCAI board members were voted to participate on the board and we look forward to a supportive and energized 2025!

Thank you to all who attended our 2024 General Meeting. We look forward to a safe, thriving, and joyful 2025.

From the Desk of Chris Hansen, State Senator

District 31



Dear Fellow Montclarions,
Happy autumn! Temperatures are finally starting to drop, leaves are changing, and the 2024 Election is top of mind for many. Here at the State Capitol I have the honor of serving on a number of interim committees that are committed

to continuing to work on essential policy issues and contribute to improvements across the state:

- As the Chair of the Property Tax Commission, we have worked hard to address the complex issue of property tax in Colorado and balancing meaningful relief to taxpayers and stability for essential community services. I am grateful to all the members of the commission for their dedication and their ongoing commitment to finding the best possible solutions. We are now looking to the 2025 Legislative Session and are starting our work to prepare our recommendations to the legislature.
- The Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning Tax Policy is working to determine the scope of tax policy, recommend legislative changes as bills for next session, and is responsible for the oversight of the task force.
- Joint Technology Committee works year-round and has oversight of major state technology projects and the Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT).
- Legislative Council is responsible for approving staff budget, approving requests for interim study committees, and reviewing legislation created by other interim committees. We also approved the "Blue Book," the ballot information booklet prepared by Legislative Council Staff for the November election.
- Pension Review Commission studies the funding of police officers' and firefighters' pensions in this state and

benefit designs of those pension plans. The commission also studies Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA) and proposes legislation relating to all groups.

I was honored in September as the recipient of the 2024 Solar and Storage Champion Award alongside Senate President Fenberg for our work on Colorado renewable energy infrastructure and the passage of SB24-212 Local Gov't Renewable Energy Projects, SB24-218 Modernize Energy Distribution Systems, and SB24-207 Access to Distributed Generation.

Advancing Colorado's renewable energy framework requires not just vision but actionable steps, which is what these legislative measures represent. By modernizing our energy distribution systems, expanding access to distributed generation, and creating a market for virtual power plants, we are laying the groundwork for a resilient, sustainable future. The collaborative efforts seen in the passage of these bills demonstrate our commitment to lowering consumer bills, reducing carbon emissions in Colorado, and creating thousands of great jobs.

Your feedback and comments throughout the year are appreciated and influential in the policy 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Hansen".



George Washington High School Food Pantry Needs Your Help

By Kate Douglas, George Washington High School Patriot Cares President and Parent

GWHS operates an on-site food pantry to provide fresh food, staples and toiletries to families and staff in need. Over the past year, our Food Pantry has seen a 400% increase in use.

This service cannot survive without the generosity of our community! The best way to give is cash. It allows us to purchase bulk quantities from the Food Bank of the Rockies well below retail and wholesale prices, stretching your donations further.

There are four ways to donate:

1. Cash or check dropped off in the GWHS Main Office (please write checks to Patriots Care, Inc.)
2. Cash or check can also be dropped off in my mailbox at 935 Oneida Street
3. Zelle to GWHS.Food.Pantry@gmail.com (please put "Food Pantry" in the memo)
4. Venmo to @GWPC-Be-Inspired (please put "Food Pantry" in the memo)

Our Food Pantry is also looking for volunteers to help on a weekly basis to cover a range of tasks. If you have time to give, you can sign up at <https://rb.gy/8cshl5>. If you have questions or would like more information, please reach out to gwhs.food.pantry@gmail.com.

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Photos from the HMCAI Beer & Wine Reception- September 27, 2024



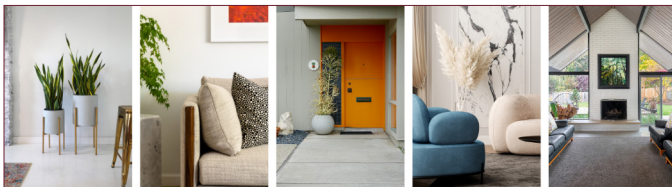
Restaurant Review

By Lynn VanderWielen

Are you looking for a new place for a sweet treat or a delicious loaf of fresh bread? Look no further than Petite Gateaux Bakery in the Lowry Town Center across from Chewy's!

The Gateaux team has transformed the once-popular gelato store to a French-inspired bakery as their second location in Denver. They offer individual pastries, cake pops, cookies, specialty cakes, and breakfast pastries. The cookies are especially nice for the kids as they are beautifully decorated, delicious, and offerings change regularly. Our family has enjoyed several back-to-school cookies and fall-inspired treats, though admittedly the kids ate them so quickly the artistry was not fully appreciated.

Visit the store Tuesday through Friday from 7:30am to 6pm or Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 to 4pm. They are closed on Mondays.



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1st Annual Montclair Glow Ride- August 24, 2024, 7 pm in Kittredge Park



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Staying Active with Families in the Winter

By Jennifer Bolda

Now that the weather is getting a little bit cooler, I find it is tougher to find fun things to do with an active family. Our family enjoys biking, hiking, and skiing together. During these cooler months, when there is not enough snow to ski and a little too cold to bike, it is hard to fit in active time outside. If you are like me, we are always looking for new things. So here is a list of ideas:

Some of the things our family does to keep ourselves moving, is to gear up on cold nights, and take night walks and look at the lights outside. We make it fun and buy color changing gloves that light up or rechargeable glow sticks and wear them around our necks so people can see us when it's dark outside. We fill our cups with a warm beverage and get walking. I always find it interesting that at 8:00PM in the summer, everybody's out and about and at 8:00 in the winter, it seems like nobody's out. It does make it a little bit magical to have nobody on the streets! We also went to Big Bear ice Arena and went ice-skating as a family. None of us are very good but it creates fun memories!

Another idea is walking out by Bluff Lake in Aurora. It is usually nice during the cooler months because it is so open.

A pricier option, yet relaxing, is to do a staycation in Cherry Creek or Tech Center, where they have a year-round pool, so the kids can play in the pool, swim and relax in the hot tub.

When the weather starts to get colder and snowier. We enjoy snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, sledding, and of course skiing. We enjoy going up to Nederland and skiing at Eldora at the beginning of winter. It's easy to get to, not too expensive, and it doesn't take all day sitting in traffic. They have lots of snowshoe/cross country ski trails around the area. The skiing is not great when there's not enough snow, but if you have beginner skiers, it's a great place to go with them.

Of course there are also all the trampoline places, indoor sports fields, etc. you can get your kids into, so they are moving around, but some are not as fun for adults. I'm always looking for something I can do with my family and hope that some of these ideas help you get out and move. If you know of other options, please reach out and share so we create more lasting memories as a family.

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	Type of Offense	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Crimes Against Persons	Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Aggravated Assault	1	1	0	1	0	6	1	0	2	12
	Forcible Sex Offenses	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	4
	Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	4
	Simple Assault	2	0	6	3	1	5	4	3	0	24
	Intimidation	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	7
Subtotal		4	2	10	8	3	12	6	3	3	51
Crimes Against Property	Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Burglary	5	6	3	3	4	5	9	11	8	54
	Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Criminal Mischief/Damaged Property	4	0	5	6	8	8	2	2	4	40
	Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Extortion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Fraud	1	0	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	14
	Larceny	17	15	13	6	15	14	13	20	18	131
	Theft from Motor Vehicle	5	3	2	3	2	3	8	7	5	38
	Motor Vehicle Theft	6	3	4	0	2	7	7	3	5	37
	Robbery	1	2	1	4	6	0	3	2	1	20
	Stolen Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal		38	29	32	24	40	37	45	47	43	336
Crimes Against Society	Drug/Narcotics Violations	5	1	2	0	0	0	6	3	1	18
	Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Pornography	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Prostitution	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Weapon Law Violations	0	3	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	9
Subtotal		5	4	2	2	3	0	7	3	2	28
All Other Offenses	Fraud - NSF-Closed Account	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Curfew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disorderly Conduct/Disturbing the Peace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Family Offenses / Nonviolent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Liquor Law/Drunkenness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
	Violation of a Restraining/Court Order	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
	Harassment	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
	Criminal Trespassing	2	1	2	0	3	3	5	1	2	19
	All Other Offenses	2	0	1	1	0	1	6	4	1	16
Subtotal		5	3	3	2	3	5	12	6	4	44
Grand Total		53	38	47	36	49	54	69	59	52	459

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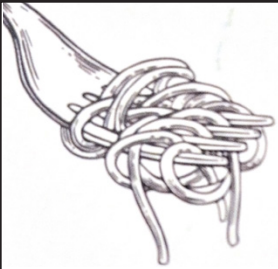
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