

# 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 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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## President's Note

By Judy Baxter

*"A bird does not sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song."*

— *Maya Angelou*



Spring has sprung and summer feels like it is coming early this year. What a glorious time of year for the garden—everything is busting out. How does your garden grow? I am fortunate to have Gail Barry as neighbor, advisor, friend and all-round gardener extraordinaire.

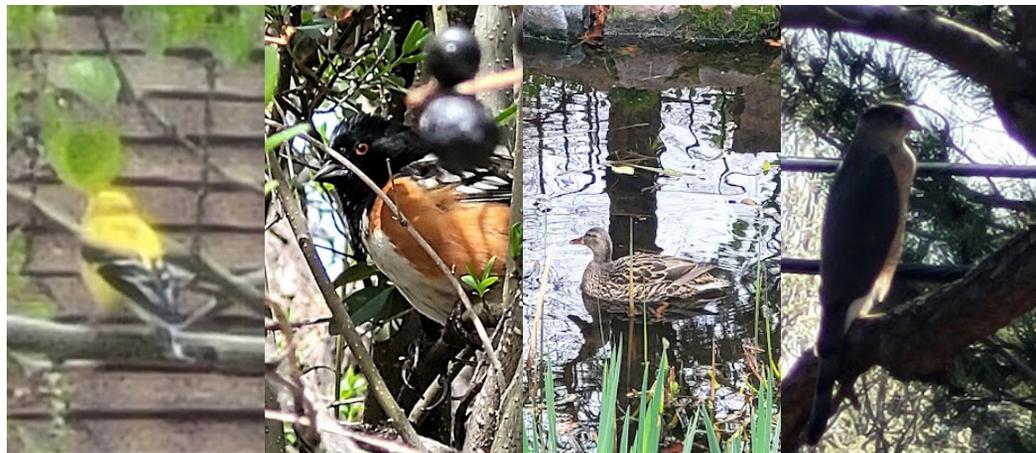
You have learned from her columns in this newsletter for years. Gail provided inspiration with all that she started from seed and promptly got into the garden. With Spotted Towhees and American Gold Finches (see below) cheering me on, I prepped soil by rototilling in organic material that comes from the Denver Composting program and got plants into the ground. I love the idea that we have done something constructive to curb waste. I know it was only in the last few months that the delayed compost bin program rolled-out to everyone, finally. This was an example when it paid to be an early adopter, as I have had my bin for a few years.

It has also been a great year seeing and hearing the birds and their songs. We must be on a migratory path. On this page are just a few of those that I got pictures of in my yard. See if you can identify them—Spotted Towhee, Cooper's Hawk, American Gold Finch, Mallard Ducks.

As I write this column, we head into the summer season and you should look for the details for the 4th of July Celebration in this newsletter. It is our biggest event of the year and we always appreciate any volunteers. By then, half of the year will be in the rearview mirror—where I already see the activities that happened in February and April. The Wine & History Night with Bill Hansen and friends was standing room only at the Molkery. Undaunted by the snow the day before, the Easter Egg Hunt had a great turnout of egg seekers and adults alike. Denver Parks and Rec got vital input on the Montclair Park Playground renovation, especially from the most intense users....the kids.

We want to thank all those who volunteered to help with these events. Your assistance makes these events a true collaboration and creates a deeper sense of belonging. You make a difference to our community.

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



## HMCAI 2025 Board

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## HMCAI Events Calendar 2025

Feb. 28	Wine & History Night	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Molkery
Apr. 19	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 am	Montclair Park
Jul. 4	July 4 Picnic	10:30 am -2:00 pm	Montclair Park
Sept. 26	Beer & Wine Reception	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Molkery
Oct. 15	Annual General Meeting	7:00 pm	Molkery
Oct. 26	Halloween Party	3:30-5:00 pm	Molkery
Dec. 6	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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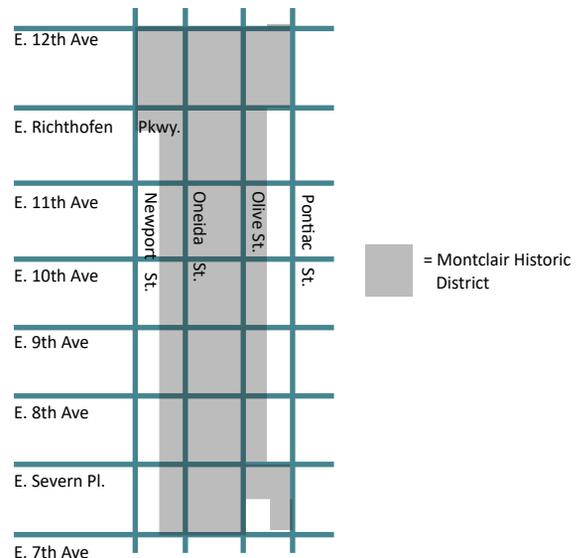
What would you like to help with? \_\_\_\_\_

*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](mailto:landmark@denvergov.org)



Questions? Suggestions? Article ideas? Contact your HMCAI Board at [HistoricMontclair@gmail.com](mailto:HistoricMontclair@gmail.com)

# City Council District 5 Updates

By Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer, District 5



Warmer weather has finally arrived, and we're thrilled to share updates on things happening in Montclair. Please stay tuned to our social media and newsletters for the latest in District 5, and read on for updates on the most recent happenings in Montclair!

## Monaco Parkway is Set to be Repaved in 2025

The city just released its annual neighborhood paving plan for 2025, and Monaco Pkwy. is scheduled to be repaved between 6th Avenue and East Colfax Avenue this year. Unfortunately we do not know the specific timeline for this work, but you should anticipate that it will be done this summer or early fall. Once the repaving is started, it will take a couple of weeks to complete. The City's repaving website is updated weekly with information on the work location for that week. You can see it at: [bit.ly/DOTIStreetImprovement](https://bit.ly/DOTIStreetImprovement).

## Updates on Montclair Park

Our office has received a number of inquiries about the trees that were removed in Montclair Park due to disease.

Denver Parks & Recreation plants trees on a rotation throughout our parks system and plans to be in Montclair either late this fall or spring of 2026. They will be replacing the lost trees at that time. Additionally, the Montclair Park playground has been prioritized for replacement. We hope you had an opportunity to participate in the survey that was sent to residents in February and provided additional feedback at the Easter Egg Hunt in April. Please continue to check our newsletter and social media as this project continues. You can find more details at: <https://bit.ly/DPRProjects>.

## Updates on the Vibrant Denver Bond Proposal

This spring, Mayor Johnston announced a potential bond package that would have to be approved by voters in November 2025. General obligation (GO) bonds are used to fund new public parks, recreation centers, libraries, arts and cultural venues, roads, bridges, police stations, and other public facilities. They are also used to repair and improve existing facilities. Importantly, the Vibrant Denver bond program will not raise taxes! Our office has put forward implementation of the East Avenues Safety Study, which you can see at [bit.ly/13and14Ave](https://bit.ly/13and14Ave), between Colorado Blvd. and Quebec Street as one of the potential bond projects. Though we do not yet know if it will be included in the Vibrant Denver Bond, you can follow the process and find out more at [denvergov.org/vibrantbond](https://denvergov.org/vibrantbond).

Please don't hesitate to reach out to our office with any questions! You can reach the Council District 5 Team at:

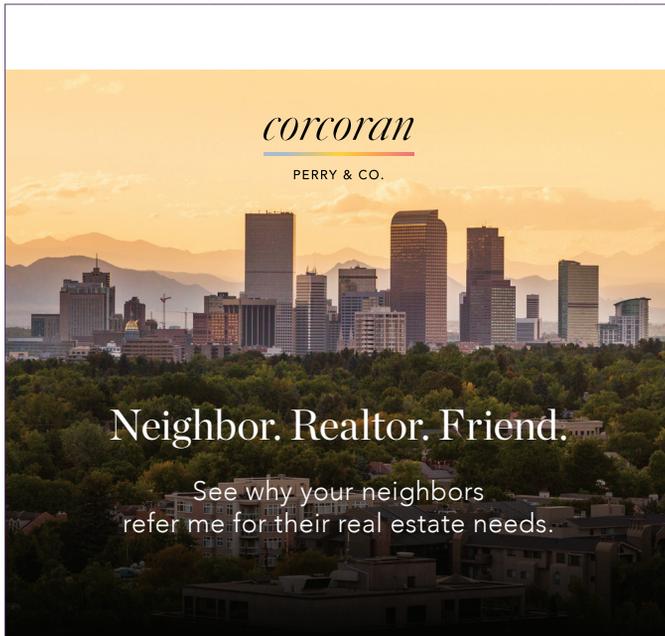
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## 2025 Late Winter and Spring Gardening

By Gail Barry

Gardening has long been a passion of mine and is great for your mind and soul as well as being pretty good exercise. If you are new to gardening, or are from a different part of the country, you may find Colorado gardening challenging. Soils tend to be heavy clay, (fine textured and hard to dig) but can be very fertile when coarse organic matter is mixed in to it to open its pores. Amending your soil, considering sun or shade conditions and proper watering techniques are key. For annual planting of flowers, vegetables and herbs, the soil should be amended yearly. If you are short on sun, large pots on wheels could be used and moved around to follow what sun you have. Raised beds can be used too. I recommend making them at least 18" tall and filling them with good quality planters mix or raised bed mix.

Most, but not all, plants like sun. Our high altitude and bright sun may be too strong for some plants that like full sun in other parts of the country. Those plants might prefer part sun in our gardens. Our dry climate calls for regular water and I advocate using a 3-4" thick mulch to conserve moisture and keep down weeds. Flowers, vegetables, and herbs can be started from seed but you need to start early, late February or March. You can also buy most plants, already started, at a garden center. If you are planting seeds outside, be sure to keep the soil moist until they germinate.

Remember that you can kill plants by overwatering as well as underwatering. One way to tell if you need to water is to take a screwdriver, or other long, sharp instrument, and sample the soil several inches under the ground. If the deep soil is dry, water, if the soil is moist, wait. The top of the soil doesn't represent the soil moisture where the roots are.

If you are interested in trying new ornamental plants, be sure to check out the plants on the CSU Plant Select website. All have been developed for Colorado. CSU extension service is full of all kinds of gardening advice, so check them out.

Compost bins are finally available for our area. I urge all of you to get one and use it for your weeds, branches, leaves, kitchen waste (including bones) and other waste products from the garden. I now have two compost bins as well as a largish compost pile. Most of the time I manage to fill up at least one of the bins, even in winter.

I wish for a gardening season with no hail and few beetles. I hope you too have a successful year of growing.



### ANNE MCWILLIAMS: 4TH GENERATION DENVER NATIVE YOUR MONTCLAIR REAL ESTATE EXPERT

The real estate landscape is shifting, and staying informed is more important than ever. Let's connect and talk about what these updates mean for you.

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# The Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment

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

Our family's time at Montclair school of Academics and Enrichment has come to an end. We have been affiliated with the school since the full eclipse way back in 2017. The experiences and bonds we have shared with multiple families across all grades has been special to us. We will cherish the life-long friends our kids have made as well as the friends my wife and I have made. It is sad to be leaving, but we are excited to see what is in store for the future of our kids and our neighborhood school.

In last year's summer article I wrote: "It goes without saying that even though we have seen a tremendous amount of change in leadership at the school, we also have a very strong group of teachers and staff that continue to care for the students and each other." This is still true. I know of a few teachers and staff that will not be returning, and we wish them well. The core group of staff and teachers remains strong and dedicated to our neighborhood kids. We look forward to attending some of the special events that continue to bring together our diverse community within the school. Events such as International Night, the Staff vs. Students soccer game, various art exhibits with Mr. Horeis, the multiple drama programs run by Ms. Harroun, and the multiple craft fairs hosted by PEAK.

## Schedule Alerts:

- **Last day of school for 2024-2025:**  
Tuesday, June 3rd
- **First day of school for 2025-2026:**  
Monday, August 18th
- **Late August 2025:** Round two of school choice is under way and will close in late August. This includes students for ECE, Kinder, and 6th grade. Go to: [schoolchoice.dpsk12.net](http://schoolchoice.dpsk12.net) for more information.

If you are looking to contribute time and support to our neighborhood school, please visit [Montclair.dpsk12.org](http://Montclair.dpsk12.org). This is a great resource if you have questions about the school, how to participate/volunteer as a parent/guardian, or to learn more about the school and our community. Please call the Montclair front office at (720) 424-5380 with any questions.

## Pressing needs:

- HMCAI is looking to find a parent or staff member of Montclair to continue to write this article. I will no longer be inside the school or a parent of a student at the school, and it is important to have a source to continue to update the neighborhood on what's going on at the school.

If you or someone you know would be a good fit to help support our school community via PEAK (Parents, Educators, and Kids) please reach out to Devin Lopez at (720) 424-5385 or [devin\\_lopez@dpsk12.net](mailto:devin_lopez@dpsk12.net) You can help make a difference with the kids, staff, and other parents. We are always looking for those that can help in a leadership/support role or with donations. You may also go to [Montclair.dpsk12.org](http://Montclair.dpsk12.org) and select the support us tab at the top of the page and find out how to donate to our school.

I would like to extend lots of love to a few of the most tenured teachers and many staff members who have been a part of our kids' and our lives...maybe you remember them when your kids were there or have them impacting your kids now:

- David Michael
- Stephanie Martinez
- Catie Santos de la Rosa
- Christina Jensen
- Elaine Moshos
- Marla Bollom
- Alanna Mulcahey
- Aileen Giardina
- Gavin Triplett
- Scott Harris
- Sammie Harroun
- Karl Horeis
- Carla Sviercovich
- Devin Lopez
- Guadalupe Lopez Morales
- Narissara Penvari
- Joe Maes
- Ashley Lorenz
- Megan Blauth
- Courtney O'Brien

You have made a lasting impression. Thank you for being there for our kids and all the other kids, too.

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

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## Important Numbers

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

**Gang Hotline**  
720-913-1339

**Report Graffiti**  
720-913-1311 or 311

**Report Trash and weedy yards**  
311

**Sex Offenders Hotline**  
720-913-6511

**Hate Crimes Hotline**  
720-913-6458

**Report Animal Abuse**  
Denver Animal Protection at 720-913-2080. For emergencies in progress, call 911. Denver Dumb Friends League animal neglect or cruelty hotline: 303-923-0022.

**Report Street Racing**  
9-1-1 and [reportstreetracing.com](http://reportstreetracing.com)

**Report Broken Street Lights**  
XcelEnergy.com

**DPD District 2 Community Resource Officer**  
Officer Mike Borquez- [mike.borquez@denvergov.org](mailto:mike.borquez@denvergov.org)

**The Denver Police District 2 Station** is located at 3921 Holly Street. The station phone number is 720-913-1000 and the station email is [2.Dist@denvergov.org](mailto:2.Dist@denvergov.org).

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## Celebrate July 4th in Montclair Park with HMCAI

Please join us for our annual Montclair neighborhood picnic. Food, festivities, & fun!

**Friday, July 4th at Montclair Park  
from 10:30 AM-2:00 PM**

Fat City Mardi Gras Band will be playing favorites from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Festivities include a bike parade, games, live music, a fire truck, and food.

Bring a blanket & beverages for the family. It will be hot, bring more than you think you need! Reusable containers are encouraged, as trash facilities are minimal.

### EVENT SCHEDULE:

10:30 a.m.: Live music begins

11:00 a.m.: Bike parade for the little ones (ages 0-5)

11:15 a.m.: Bike parade for the bigger ones (ages 6-12)

11:30 a.m.: Food service begins

12:30 p.m.: Games begin/fire truck arrives

2:00 p.m.: Picnic ends

**BIKE PARADE RULES:** The Bike Parade is in two heats: one for children 0-5 and one for children 6-12. For everyone's safety, please have your child participate only with their

age group. Parents are welcome to push/pull their smaller children as needed. Prizes will be awarded for uniquely decorated bikes! **No motorized vehicles, please.**

**COST:** If you are a current HMCAI supporting member, lunch is free for your entire household. If you are not a member or are a member's guest, please make a donation for the picnic: \$10/adult (12+) and \$7/child. Children under age 3 attend at no cost. You may join HMCAI at the picnic. Cash, credit cards, checks accepted

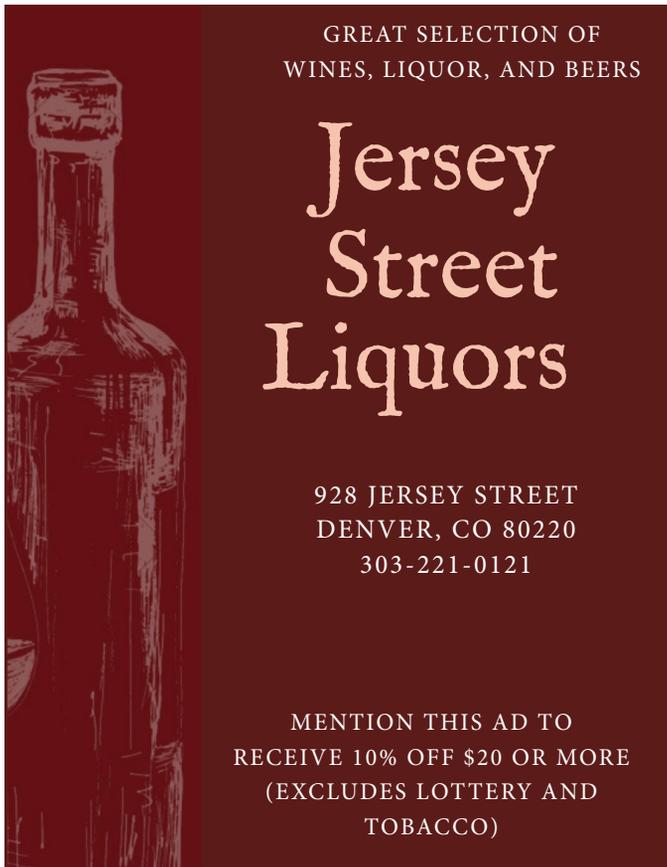
The membership table will be under the trees at the west end of the park. The annual cost is \$40/family and \$20 for seniors. Membership in HMCAI includes many seasonal family activities and two adults-only events.

### \*\*\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*\*\*\*

We are in GREAT need of volunteers for this event! We need volunteers to help with set-up/clean-up, games, the bike parade, food service.

Email HMCAI at [historicmontclair@gmail.com](mailto:historicmontclair@gmail.com) with your availability. Please help your neighbors, friends and family enjoy this longtime, treasured community event.

**WEATHER:** Rain or shine, we hope to see you there!



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## Montclair's Founder

By Tom Noel



Montclair is special in having a baron as its founder and his castle as its show home. Baron Walter von Richthofen (1859–98), a flamboyant, versatile booster and developer, came to Colorado in 1878. He bounced from one project to another, including real estate, cattle raising, a beer garden, and the Molkery tuberculosis sanitarium before championing his suburban town of Montclair.

Born January 30, 1859, in the former German province of Silesia, now part of Poland, the Baron was a kinsman of the famed explorer, geographer, and scientist Ferdinand von Richthofen, for whom Colorado's Mount Richthofen is named, and also of Manfred von Richthofen, who shot down eighty Allied planes in World War I as the celebrated "Red Baron."

The Baron joined Mathias Cochrane's Montclair Town and Improvement Company during Denver's 1880s boom. Their 1885 prospectus, *Montclair Colorado: The Beautiful Suburban Town*, showed a tree-shaded oasis with streetcars, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and his castle. "Beautiful Montclair," crowed an ad in the *Denver Sunday Times*. "Magnificent Mountain View only 30 minutes east of downtown. Pure Air. Best Public schools. Handsomest suburb in greater Denver."

As a show home for the infant community, Richthofen built his own castle on East Twelfth Avenue at Olive Street. Completed in 1887 at a cost of about \$32,000, the once vast baronial estate included the still standing gatehouse. The Baron sold off lots to customers required to spend at least \$10,000 on their houses. He urged buyers to purchase an entire block, which they could farm or subdivide. To this day many Montclair blocks include one large old home surrounded by newer, smaller, homes often built post-World War II.

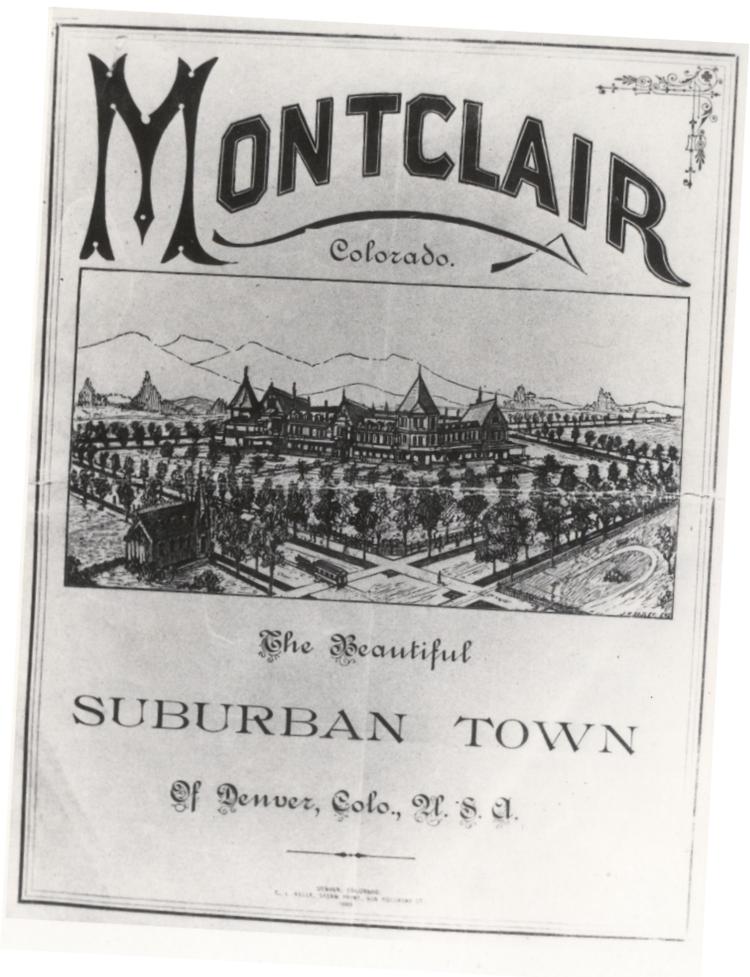
The baron died in Denver from appendicitis at the age of forty-nine. The body was shipped back to the family vault in Silesia. He is commemorated by the restored Richthofen Castle, the restored Molkery (now the neighborhood center at 6829 E. 12th Ave.), and the Richthofen Fountain, constructed in 1900 by the town of Montclair and his widow, at Oneida Street and Richthofen Parkway. All these monuments are included in the 1975 Montclair Historic District embracing the heart of the old town.

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For more see Thomas J. Noel and William J. Hansen, *The Montclair Neighborhood* (Denver: Historic Denver, 1999). Tom, a Montclair resident since 1966, is known as Dr. Colorado for his many books, tours and articles on the Highest State.

For books, events, and other info please check out:

<http://dr-colorado.com>



# 2025 HMCAI Easter Egg Hunt



## From the Desk of Matt Ball, State Senator

District 31



Hello Montclarions,

The 2025 legislative session has come to a close, and what a whirlwind this first legislative session has been.

Four months ago, I brought one guiding principle with

me when I stepped foot into the Capitol: represent the people of Senate District 31 with conviction and integrity. That responsibility never left my mind. With over 500 bills considered each session, things move fast, but I worked hard to make thoughtful, informed decisions—not based on where the lobbyists lined up, but on a single question: will this bill do good for our community?

I'm proud of my work this session, and I hope you are too. Each legislator is allowed to carry five bills of their own. I passed all five, and served as the prime sponsor on more

than twenty other bills that became law. I worked to lower housing costs, fight climate change, and protect veterans from predatory claim sharks. Two of my bills, Senate Bill 297 and Senate Bill 282, introduced innovative, first-in-the-nation policies. Every bill I worked on is designed to make a real, lasting difference in people's lives. You can find all of the information on my bills this session on the Colorado General Assembly's website:

<https://leg.colorado.gov/legislators/matt-ball>.

I hope you'll stay connected as we move into the interim. As a part-time legislature, the Colorado State Senate doesn't convene again until January 2026. In the meantime, I'll be working diligently to prepare legislation for next year, connect with my constituents, go to a few Rockies games, and spend some well-earned time with my family. If you need anything, or just want to chat, you can reach me at [matt.ball.senate@coleg.gov](mailto:matt.ball.senate@coleg.gov) or call my office at (303) 866-4861.

## Pickleball and Community Reminders

### Why No Pickleball on Montclair Park Tennis Court?

Please remember that pickleball is not allowed on the Montclair Park tennis court. Pickleball is very loud and the Montclair court is in close proximity to single family homes, which are considered a "protected district" under the Denver Zoning Code. Protected districts have stricter regulations than other zone districts, including those for noise.

### Community Reminders

- Summer is upon us and that means more folks outside at night. Help keep our nighttime streets safe and well lit. Residents are encouraged to keep their porch lights on at night. If you see a street light that is out, please report it to Xcel Energy at [xcelenergy.com](http://xcelenergy.com) or by calling 800-895-4999.
- Please remember that Kittredge, Montclair, Denison, and Mayfair parks are NOT off leash dog parks. Dogs must be leashed at all times, per Denver's Leash Law. Violators face fines of \$100 for the first offense, \$250 for a second, and \$500 for a third violation. Parks are patrolled by Denver Park Rangers. Nearby off-leash dog parks are located at Greenway Park at Montview & Syracuse and Lowry Dog Park at East 4th Place & South Yosemite Way.

- As the weather warms and doors and windows are opened, noises are heard easier and more frequently. Citizens are encouraged to be respectful and courteous to neighbors. Denver's Noise Ordinance stipulates that loud noises from lawnmowers, power tools, construction equipment, is allowed between 7:00 am and 9:00 pm on weekdays, 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on weekends. Amplified music, human voices and crowd noise is allowed between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm. Dogs must be quiet between 10:30 pm and 7:30 am or when none of the owners of the dogs are home. Noise violations may be reported to the DPD non-emergency number 720-913-2000, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Any ongoing loud noise (music, barking dogs, human voices) which affects your quality of life, particularly when it occurs after hours is considered a nuisance and merits calling the DPD non-emergency number for assistance.
- Going out of town for summer vacation? Call Denver Police District 2 at 720-913-1000 to place your house on vacation watch so that officers can keep an eye on your house during your absence.
- Report graffiti, potholes, fallen branches, trash, weedy yards, abandoned vehicles by calling 311.

## Meet Your Neighbor

David McCord, Newport St.

### How long have you lived in Montclair?

I moved here in late 1974 and purchased a house from the Emick family; their car repair garage remains on Jasmine St. operated by their son David. Kay joined me in 1977 and our children, Nate and Jill, came along a few years later. Prior to that move I lived in Aurora south of Stapleton and my goal was to get away from the airport's north-south runway noise. I moved to Colorado from Oregon to pursue a planning career and ski.

### What do you like most about Montclair?

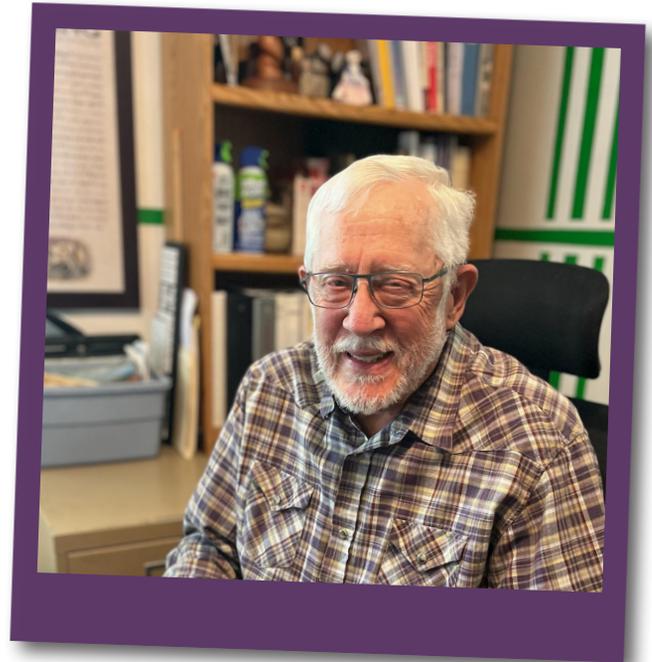
For me, Montclair was and remains an established and peaceful neighborhood. Our house was biking distance to the City of Aurora's offices, then on Colfax, my employer for 30 years. The neighborhood's strong and successful RNO has long been a favorable attribute. I had the good fortune of serving on the Historic Montclair Neighborhood Association board for about 10 years and was president for four years. During my presidency, it became apparent the Molkery, our historic community center and meeting place, was in serious need of restoration. The wonderful and talented board members took on the task of preparing a proposal to the city to place a request for funding on the ballot. I was the conduit to Council Member Polly Flobeck, to get funding on the ballot and voters approved. Work to redo the historic building and site was completed, and it remains the wonderful asset we have today. Was there a secret passageway from the Molkery to the Castle for the baron's hidden use? Maybe.

### How has the area changed since you moved in?

Changes are both positive and difficult. Before Lowry AFB closed, Quebec did not connect to Alameda and Quebec traffic was manageable, now, not so good. There is a continuing trend of new home construction via second story pop-tops additions and scrapes of lesser value properties where a much larger residence is constructed. The dynamic character of where we live remains.

### Do you have a particularly good memory or funny anecdote of the neighborhood?

Montclair has been the home of at least two Denver Directors of Aviation. George Doughty was Stapleton's chief during the planning for DIA and I would see him at joint airport planning sessions, he for Denver and I as a staffer with the Adams-Aurora-Thornton-etc. coalition ensuring DIA future was acceptable to those communities.



The informative, historic, and often humorous neighborhood episodes related by Tom Noel and Bill Hansen remain favorites. Little did I know the SW Corner of E. 11th and Pontiac in front of the Castle where we have long walked our dogs was a murder crime scene over a hundred years ago as deliciously related by Bill in his entertaining "Alienation of Affection" presentation accompanied by Robert Hardaway, author of the book of the same name, at our recent neighborhood gathering. We have a number of authors and writers here.

### What are your favorite businesses?

Kay and I favor the restaurant initially La Bola, then a series of others that came and went at the same location at 9th and Jersey. Ace Hardware has helped us through many home and yard projects.

### How do you like to spend your free time?

Early Ford V8 restorations, I have two '37s and a '35 pickup in disassembled configuration.

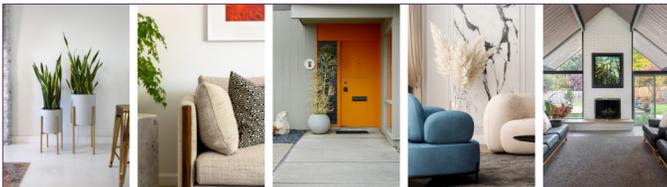
### Do you have a favorite spot in Colorado?

The Rockies remain a fond feature of Colorado, Kay and I met while skiing, but the prairie is special, go east and there is less traffic, scenery is peaceful, and wildlife, including elk, pronghorns, and deer are often in view. The state's character as visioned by Michener in Centennial is out there.

*Dave McCord is a former HMCAI president and board member.*

## 2025 HMCAI History Night

It was a packed house on February 28th for HMCAI's 7th Annual Wine & History Night featuring Bill Hansen's presentation, Murder at the Castle: The Sensational Trial of Gertrude Gibson Patterson, "The Most Beautiful Woman in America"



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## News from George Washington High School

The 2024-2025 school year has been a huge success for George Washington High School! Students have been learning, growing and engaging in so many ways:

- Students have been busy taking exams for college-level courses! From April through May, 422 students will sit for 544 AP exams across 13 subjects, and even more students will sit for IB exams across 18 subjects.
- Our winter sports season saw five sports competing at district, regional and state championships. Both our girls and boys basketball teams made Sweet Sixteen appearances, and our unified basketball team placed second in the state!
- Five seniors are National Merit Finalists.
- Our co-curricular Speech and Debate team is ranked first in Colorado, and sixth in the US!
- GWHS JROTC competed at Black Hills Raider Competition, placing third overall. JROTC also placed third in the state in the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) State Archery Tournament, and is sending four students to the NASP National Championships!
- Our eSports team boasts newly-minted CHSAA State Champions in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate!

- DECA sent seven students on to state final rounds, and two students to the International Career Development Conference.
- Three Journalism students participated in Harvard Crimson's student journalism conference.
- Our 17th Annual Go Green Day on April 19 saw our community come together to plant new trees, revive our planter boxes and freshen mulch around our grounds.
- Brendan Netherton, our very own Athletic Director and Assistant Principal, won the CADA League Athletic Director of the Year!
- Welcome Fest, an annual event showcasing academic, athletic and extracurricular opportunities for incoming freshmen, saw hundreds of new Patriots excitedly learning about all our high school has to offer.

Please visit the GWHS website, [gwhs.dpsk12.org](http://gwhs.dpsk12.org) to learn more about GWHS's diverse programs and opportunities. G-Dubbb!



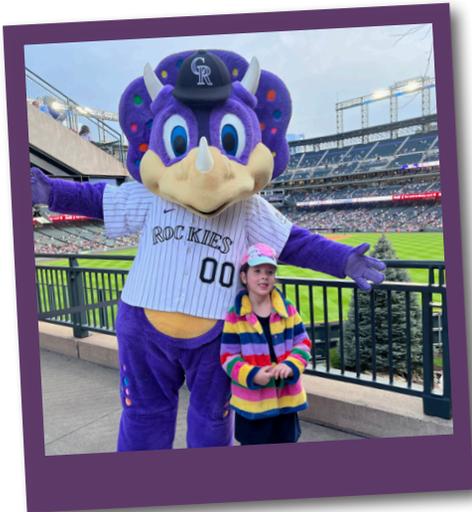
Brendan Netherton (center) receiving CADA Athletic Director of the Year



2025 E-Sports CHSAA State Champions

## Baseball in Denver

By Erick Stragand, Montclair Resident and Baseball Nerd



Colorado Rockies vs. Atlanta Braves: April 29, 2025.

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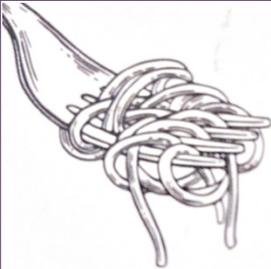
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