

# 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.

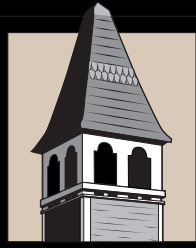
Dedicated to innovative educational, civic and social activities, we offer all Montclair residents quarterly newsletters, flyers and public announcements. We inform members of important zoning issues, historic preservation, construction and planning activities, elections and other activities impacting 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

Before starting these notes, I frequently look back at the note I wrote in the previous year for that quarter. Sometimes the more things change the more they stay the same. Last year the focus was on the rapidity of the change and uncertainty. In my view those elements still define our times, though I fear we are becoming numb. One thing that is dramatically different this year is our winter, or the lack of it. Sixty-degree days during the stock show? What? Where am I? As I write this I am off to Chile and Easter Island, and there are, at last, reports of significant snow in the mountains. I have had my trees and shrubs watered, but I wonder if my lawn and beds will survive. Maybe time to turn to a new landscape plan.

I was reminded recently, that though Historic Montclair Community Association is the oldest neighborhood organization in Denver, we don't always do a great job of describing what it means to be a neighborhood association, including touting the benefits of being connected as a supporting member. In the 70's the City of Denver created an ordinance to have organizations such as HMCAI, register with the city to better facilitate communications and information between the city and its neighborhoods. Thus the term Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO) was born. How these function varies widely across the city. HMCAI is dedicated to supporting our community to be in community, by providing innovative educational, civic, and social activities. All households living in our boundaries are members. We try to reach everyone with this quarterly newsletter, which announces the activities we have planned for the year. We want to encourage everyone to consider being a supporting member of HMCAI. In taking this extra step, you support us to produce this newsletter and to put on the events throughout the year that bring us together to build community and stay connected. While everyone can attend all 6 events, there are 3 events a year that are free to only supporting household members—History Night, 4th of July picnic, and the Fall Wine & Beer Reception. It is our goal and hope to provide you with opportunities to connect, to learn about each other and contribute to something bigger than ourselves. Please consider joining, remember to renew and consider donating to support these efforts.

In the last 6 months, HMCAI has tried to bring the neighborhood together with the city's Department of Parks and Recreation to better understand decisions being made related to the playground replacement project at Montclair Park and the removal of the legacy American Elm tree. We know it has been a challenging time to have the playground closed while the city waited for the repair of the equipment needed to take the tree down. It came down on February 19th.

When this newsletter comes out we will have had our 8th Annual History Night. This year's presenter-**Kate Fritz** from the Denver Mountain Parks Foundation, will tell the story of the history of Denver's Mountain Parks and the role they play in conservation, especially of the American Bison. Don't forget the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 4th. Come rain or shine, the eggs will be out and ready for all the hunters. It is a fun time and we welcome anyone who would like to volunteer.

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

## HMCAI 2026 Board

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## HMCAI Events Calendar 2026

Mar. 6	Wine & History Night	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Molkery
Apr. 4	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 am	Montclair Park
Jul. 4	July 4 Picnic	10:30 am -2:00 pm	Montclair Park
Sept. 25	Beer & Wine Reception	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Molkery
Oct. 15	Annual General Meeting	7:00 pm	Molkery
Oct. 21	Halloween Party	3:30-5:00 pm	Molkery
Dec. 5	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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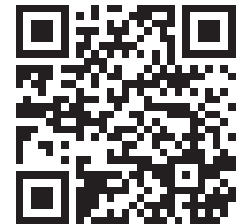
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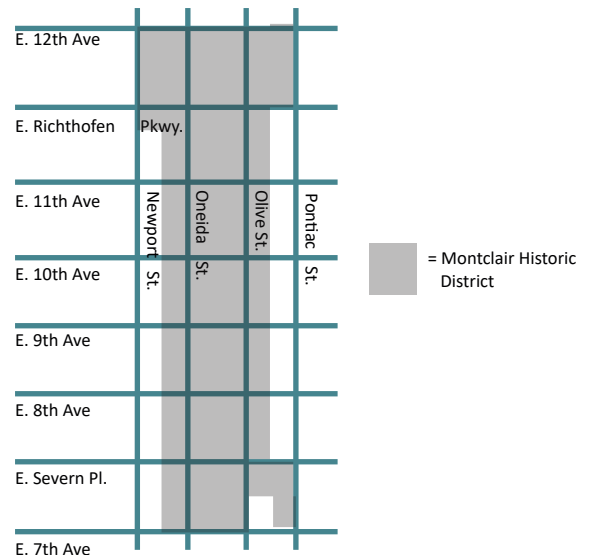
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*Possibilities include: Treats with Santa, July 4th, Easter Egg Hunt, Cocktail Party, Halloween Party, Board Member, Other (please specify)*



## 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



With spring approaching, new projects in Montclair are taking shape. From playground renovations to the Vibrant Denver Bond and transit upgrades, these efforts are helping create a stronger, safer, and more welcoming neighborhood—read on to

discover the latest updates in District 5 and ways to get involved!

### Passage of Vibrant Denver Bond Brings New Investment to District 5

Thank you to Denver voters for approving the Vibrant Denver Bond, allowing critical infrastructure and community improvements without raising taxes. District 5 will receive more than \$30 million over the next six years for park development, street safety upgrades, and traffic calming measures. The bond also includes \$75 million for a new First Responder and Public Safety Training Center. These investments will help build safer streets, stronger neighborhoods, and more vibrant public spaces across our community. Stay tuned for information about a community meeting on the redesign of 13th & 14th Avenues, which we expect to happen later this year.

### Montclair Park Playground Renovations and Community Cleanup Day Coming Soon

Late last year, community members met with Denver Forestry to protest removal of the large tree at the Montclair Park Playground. Unfortunately, the tree could not be saved and had to be removed. It took a while to because equipment was in the shop, and we appreciate your patience during the temporary closure! We expect the playground renovations at Montclair Park to begin later this summer or early fall. In the meantime, residents can help

keep the park in top shape by joining our Spring Community Clean-Up Day on Sunday, April 19, at 8:30 am at Montclair Recreation Center. Volunteers will refresh parks, trails, and bus stops by removing debris, clearing vegetation, and repainting benches. Breakfast, tools, and materials will be provided! Sign up at [bit.ly/D5SpringCleanup2026](https://bit.ly/D5SpringCleanup2026).

### East Colfax Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project Nears Halfway Point

The BRT project is approximately 40% complete, with the Cherry Street Station and Hudson Street arches recently installed. The center-running system will feature new stations, improved connections, and more frequent service along the corridor. Visit [denvergov.org/ColfaxBRT](https://denvergov.org/ColfaxBRT) to learn more and sign up for updates on construction and project progress. You can also discover ways to 'Back the Fax' by supporting small businesses along the corridor.

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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## From the Desk of Matt Ball, State Senator

District 31



Montclarions,  
The 2026 Legislative session is off to a strong start, and I am excited to share some updates with you. This year, I'll be serving as Vice Chair of the Transportation and Energy Committee and am also serving on the Local Government and

Housing Committee. Sitting on these committees allows me to directly work on housing, energy, and the environment.

Since the session began in January, my colleagues and I have taken on important issues facing Coloradans. I'm bringing legislation focused on strengthening our communities by advancing mental health, childcare, protecting kids online, energy, and the environment. I remain committed to making our state stronger, healthier, and more affordable for families across Colorado. As a father of three young kids—3, 5, and 7—I understand firsthand the challenges parents face in finding affordable childcare. This session, I am proud to be working on several pieces of childcare-related legislation. Senate Bills 19 and 20 will help ease the burden of childcare by streamlining the rules and regulations that apply to providers. One will make changes to the county-based Early Childhood Council system, making it easier for families to find and access local programs. The other will establish a task force to reduce unnecessary regulatory barriers while maintaining strong protections for children.

I have received an enormous amount of contact from constituents in our district and across the state who are outraged and frustrated by our federal government and the actions being taken by ICE. Renee Good and Alex Pretti were murdered, plain and simple, and I am committed

to doing everything I can to prevent what happened in Minneapolis from happening in Colorado. To that end, my colleagues and I are bringing Senate Bill 5, which will allow Coloradans to sue federal officials if immigration officers violate the Constitution. I also encourage you to contact our federal Representatives and Senators who have more direct authority to enact legislation to rein in the federal government; if you need assistance getting in contact with Senator Bennet, Senator Hickenlooper, Representative DeGette, or Representative Crow, please let me know. Finally, Senate District 31 Day is happening on February 27th. We'll have breakfast at 8:00 am, head to the Senate floor to view as my guest, and explore the Capitol on a guided tour from 10:00-11:00 am.

Email [matt.ball.aide@coleg.gov](mailto:matt.ball.aide@coleg.gov) to secure your spot!

As always, don't hesitate to contact my office with whatever you need at [matt.ball.senate@coleg.gov](mailto:matt.ball.senate@coleg.gov), or call (303) 866-4861. You can also check out my website at [www.mattforcolorado.com](http://www.mattforcolorado.com)

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# Traveling with Kids 101: Packing Lists

By Merritt Pullam, HMCAI Board Member

Over the years, my wife and I have done our best to try and refine our packing list essentials for when our family leaves the house on another travel adventure with the kids. I have found that lists help alleviate anxiety or the fear of forgetting something when we reach the airport or arrive at our destination. We all know it is so much more cost effective to bring it from home...that is if it will fit in our baggage.

In my previous article, I wrote about involving your kiddos as much as possible. Having our kids pack their own clothing and handle their carry-on bags has taught them responsibility and makes it more enjoyable for us all. That is until they leave their favorite stuffed animal at home and get upset. I firmly believe that when the kids help us get them ready, they learn self-management, how to build routines, and gain independence. Below is a list we use to try to help guide them to get themselves ready.

## Entertainment:

- iPad or Nintendo Switch – and all the games and controllers
- Noise Canceling Headphones
- Activities for the plane (Book, cards, stickers, and travel games)
- Wireless charger/chargers
- Disposable camera

## Toiletries:

- Tooth brushes, flossers, tooth paste
- Deodorant
- Lotion/skin care
- Tissues
- Vitamins, or daily care items
- Retainer case and cleaner
- Wipes

## Personal Care:

- Snacks
- Water bottle
- Portable fan/Hand warmers – weather dependent

- Hats and gloves – weather dependent
- Rain jackets/ umbrella
- Comfort items: stuffed animal, Rubix cube, etc.
- Emergency outfit/spare shoes – accidents do happen
- Emesis bag or vomit bag – again, accidents happen
- Gum or applesauce pouch for ear popping on plane – trust me on this one
- Night light
- Travel pillow/blanket/hoodie – it can get cold on the plane

## First Aid:

- 1st aid kit - Band aids
- Ice bag/ace bandage
- Hand sanitizer
- Masks
- Inhaler/simple saline
- Advil/cold meds – just in case
- Sunscreen/insect repellent/aloe

## Other:

- Grocery tote bag
- Disposable bag for trash
- Extra zip-lock bags for things to bring back home (seashells, rocks, sea glass)
- Small flashlight and spare batteries
- Zipper locks for back packs

## Security/ID:

- GPS tracker/Airtags
- Health insurance cards
- Photo of kids – if they are ever lost
- Passports

Please write to me at [merrittpkw@gmail.com](mailto:merrittpkw@gmail.com) or [historicmontclair@gmail.com](mailto:historicmontclair@gmail.com) to provide any feedback or suggestions on improving this list. I would be happy to give you a shout out for helping me improve my packing list in the next article on Traveling With Kids 101. Safe travels!!!

## 2026 Late Winter and Spring Gardening

By Gail Barry

In this particularly dry and warm winter I find it amazing to discover, as I write in February, that the ground is not frozen and thus I have my garden beds dug and compost added already. Grasses and spent perennials have been cut down. It is a very good time to prune shrubs and most trees. Don't forget to water all your trees and shrubs if the temperatures are above forty. I was given a raised bed on wheels for Christmas and I have it filled with potting soil and have planted lettuce. You can also plant lettuce and other cold hardy seeds in the ground or in a large pot. Assuming they get watered, they should germinate when ready.

It is possible that this weather will continue into the frost-free months of June -September but often, when we have a dry winter, we get a lot of moisture in the spring. We will just have to wait and see. In the meantime, in addition to the suggestions above, you can prepare for the spring by starting seeds indoors. There are several devices that are helpful for this endeavor. Using a heat mat under the pots with seeds helps with germination. Keeping plastic over the watered seeds until they emerge often helps them germinate. Grow lights are also useful to prevent plants

from getting too leggy indoors. However, the plants will be stronger if you can put them outside when the weather is good and bring them back in when the weather is cold. Start with an hour or two and gradually increase the time as weather allows. I usually use 40 degrees as the measuring point. All plants need to be "hardened off," before planting in the ground. Tender plants must wait to be planted until after danger of frost is past. Combining flowers and vegetables together is another way to add interest to the garden and I think both do better that way. Using flowers as low border plants, or planting taller flowers to the back of shorter vegetables works well. There are some plants known to keep bugs away and planting them with your other plants is a good way to avoid problems later. Marigolds, calendula, and basil, are among the easily grown plants that help.

Consult CSU extension for any garden subjects you may have questions about. Their information is oriented to our specific Colorado requirements

Happy 2026 Gardening!

## Annual HMCAI Easter Egg Hunt

Small children and their parents are invited to **HMCAI's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 4th at the Moltery, 6820 E. 12th Ave., and Montclair Park**

Coffee, cookies and juice served to all in the Moltery 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, serve snacks, and clean up. 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](mailto:baxterj.jb15@gmail.com).

Check out some highlights from previous years:



# Montclair Community Garden

Come garden with us!

Would you like to grow organic vegetables, fruits, herbs or flowers and be part of a friendly neighborhood project? Lacking enough sun or garden space at your home? Do you dream of growing your own zucchinis, tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins, eggplants, corn, lettuces, kale, radishes, herbs and flowers?

The Historic Montclair Community Garden is just the place to fulfill your horticultural ambitions and meet neighbors. Our garden members love to swap seeds, seedlings, produce, and growing tips. We also donate extra produce to the Fresh Food Connect ([freshfoodconnect.org](http://freshfoodconnect.org)), so if you grow too much it's easy to share the abundance with our community. Tucked off-street in the 1400 block of Niagara Street, our community garden has 29 plots available, shade trees, a pollinator garden, pumpkin patch, compost bins and a community picnic table. We have a couple plots opening up so please reach out to join us. The plots are 6x8' in size and cost \$40 for the summer, which covers the cost of water and some supplies. Learn more at: <https://www.picklewix.com/garden>



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## Meet Your Neighbor

Tom Noel, Newport St.

### How long have you lived in Montclair?

I came Montclair in 1966 to go to DU and lived in my favorite aunt's (Margaret Jacob) basement at 1026 Oneida St. and later at 1023 Poplar St. and since 1974 at 1245 Newport Street. I did an M.A. in Library Science at DU. I always loved books and did an M.A. and a Ph.D. in history at CU-Boulder. After Aunt Margaret retired, she became a full-time gardener and I served as her apprentice. We took trips to the mountains where I became fascinated with "ghost towns" such as Central City and Georgetown.

### What do you like most about Montclair?

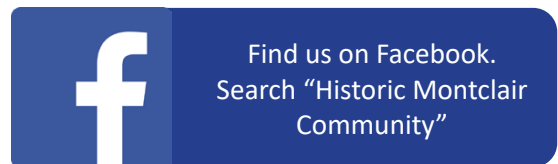
History seems closer here than in Massachusetts where I was born. My mother Louise Jacob and my father, Dix W. Noel, met in Boston and married there. Summers they came to Montclair where I fell in love with Montclair Park, the big old homes and the Richthofen Castle and Molkery, a half block from where I currently live. The stone sidewalks and setback, landscaped homes made walks inviting. I became involved with creating the Montclair Historic District in 1976. That became a way to preserve Montclair from the contagious change disrupting many Denver neighborhoods.

### Tell us a little about your career.

I served as chair of the Denver Landmark Preservation Commission and on the National Register Review Board at History Colorado where I also worked. I loved walking around Montclair and hiking in the mountains, my favorite spots. My wonderful wife, Vi Noel, has made my life easy in many ways, including trips to Hawaii to visit her family.



As the author or co-author of more than 50 books, starting in 1976 with *Richthofen's Montclair*. I appeared as *Dr. Colorado* on Channel 9's *Colorado and Company* for nine years and as a longtime Sunday history columnist for the *Rocky Mountain News* and then *The Denver Post*. I have been blessed to be able to share my love of Denver and the entire state with many of you through my many publications, classes and tours. I have tried to popularize Denver and Colorado history through walking, bus, railroad, bar, costume, and cemetery tours. My latest book, *The Colorado Book* with Sandra Dallas appeared in 2026, when I also received the CU Regent's Medal for 50 years of teaching Colorado History at CU Denver.



## Farewell, Old Friend

On February 19 city forestry crews removed the American Elm tree from the Montclair Park playground. The tree, estimated to be over 100 years old, shaded generations of neighborhood children as they played on a variety of equipment from swings, teeter totters, metal slides, merry go rounds, jungle gyms, concrete climbing/stepping pillars and tunnels to wood and plastic equipment. Denver Parks and Recreation recently determined that the tree was unhealthy and posed a safety hazard. HMCAI had strongly advocated for pruning, treating, and saving the tree but were unsuccessful.

Playground renovation and new play structure installation is scheduled to begin in the spring. The remaining section of trunk will become an as-yet-unnamed sculpture for the playground.

*Photos and text by Carrie O'Shea*



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## Transformation of a Montclair Victorian

By Bill Hansen



The 1891 Anders residence was Montclair's only mansion on Colfax, at 1503 Poplar.



In 1913, the porches were enclosed and it became the Sunnyrest Sanitarium.



In the 1930's, it became the Sharon Home for Bishop Alma White's Pillar of Fire Church. Evangelism was preached in a gospel tent in the backyard and over her own radio station KPOF, "The Gospel Station of the Rockies". It was demolished in 2004. Today it is the site of Phoenix on the Fax, a retail and apartment building.

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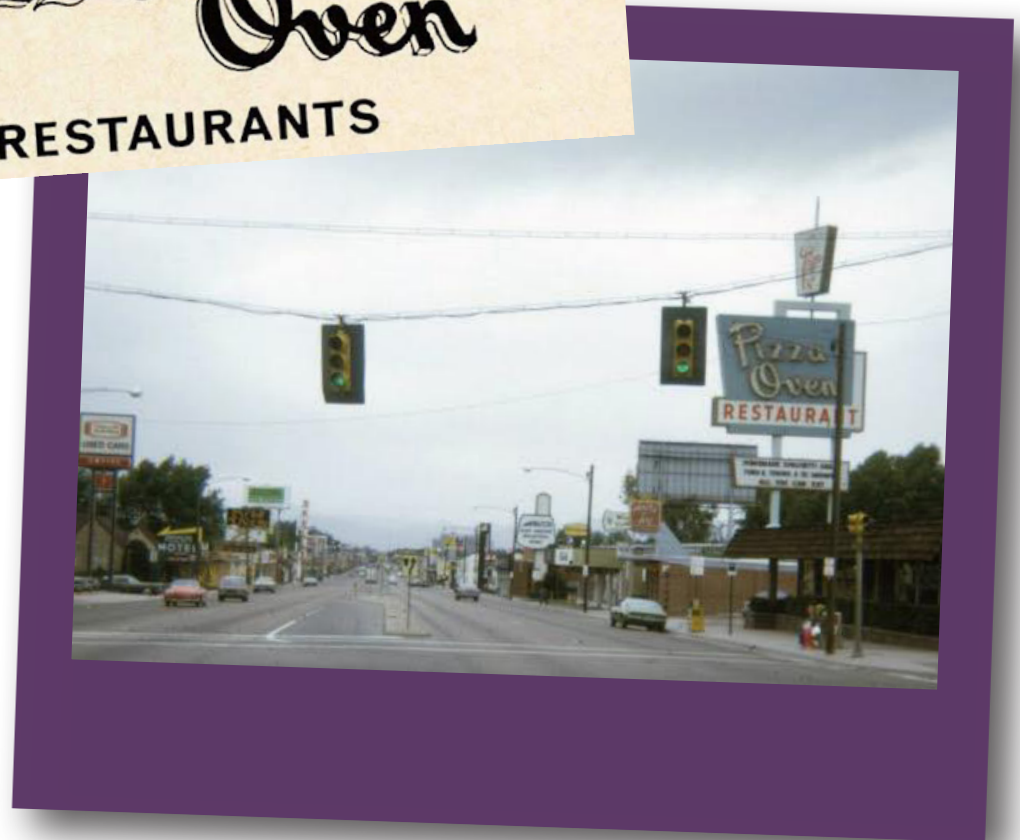
The Denver Police District 2 Station is located at 3921 Holly Street. The station phone number is 720-913-1000 and the station email is [2.Dist@denvergov.org](mailto:2.Dist@denvergov.org).

## From the Archives

Opened in 1961, Pizza Oven Restaurant was located on the NW corner of Colfax and Krameria. It closed sometime in the '70s and became Los Sombreros Mexican Restaurant. Currently a shuttered Good Times Burgers is on that corner.

Photo credit #1: ColfaxAve.org

Photo credit #2: Colorado Rust & Revival



14th and Krameria, 1974

# Baseball in Denver

By Erick Stragand, Montclair Resident and Baseball Nerd

It's been a few years since I've babbled about Baseball OUT of Denver; my unofficial title for Colorado Rockies Spring Training in Arizona. 2026 is special for not only the Rockies, but for Major League Baseball as it's the sixth World Baseball Classic. Essentially, it's baseball's version of the Olympics as teams from around the world are assembled for a tournament. Some teams are comprised of MLB players who have a heritage to a certain country. Yet some teams also include players from outside MLB, including North American independent leagues, Japanese leagues, Latin American leagues, Korean leagues and many more. When it premiered in 2006, the World Baseball Classic was seen as a gimmick or an annoyance, yet it has grown past that stigma as the tournaments have produced a unique atmosphere, great competition, national pride, and some great entertainment for fans.

This year, to get the assembled WBC teams some practice, select MLB teams hosted them. And myself, too. On March 3, the Rockies took on Team USA at their Salt River at Talking Stick facility in Scottsdale, Arizona. Led by 3-time MVP Aaron Judge, pitching phenom Paul Skenes and the recently retired Clayton Kershaw, Team USA brought a media circus and a huge crowd to the Rockies' field. Former Olympian Michael Phelps, and his son, were there to throw out the first pitch. Team USA hit 5 homers and routed the Rockies 14-4.

However, as this was essentially a warm-up game for Team USA, any animosity between the teams was dialed down. A few Rockies "switched teams" for the day and were on the USA roster. This led to a somewhat unusual box score, as Rockies pitcher Carson Skipper not only pitched against his parent club, but was credited with the win! Thus, Skipper can playfully brag that he got the win for a team of perennial MLB All-Stars. Another case was Rockies prospect Ethan Holliday; son of former Rockie Matt Holliday; who replaced Bobby Witt, Jr. at shortstop for Team USA. This was not only part of the "training" part of Spring Training, but a nice show of sportsmanship and a chance for some young dudes to get a cool experience.

After the game, I got to talk to Ethan Holliday for a brief moment. I quickly told him the story of how I caught his dad's third home run ball in 2004 (and highlighted, here, in the Montclarion a few years ago). He smirked and simply said: "sick".

This was my first time to visit Salt River Fields and hopefully I can provide some pointers. The park and the surrounding training facility are shared by the Rockies and the Arizona Diamondbacks. Each team has an equal amount of space

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and you can bump into players from both teams at the practice fields outside the actual stadium. At some locations, it feels like you're at a zoo, as walkways have 10 foot high fences that separate you from certain areas. Thus, be prepared to walk.

Arizona seems to have two seasons: hot and night. So if you plan to spend more than an hour at the site, bring sunscreen, take a break from the sun every 30 minutes, and hydrate often. When you're in the actual stadium, they have public sunscreen stations, similar to hand sanitizer stations. Unfortunately, there's not too much shade inside the stadium. I spent most of the game standing in the shaded concourse, as my seats weren't shaded until the 8th.

For additional fun, the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens are located in the parking lot. While there is a small indoor exhibit, the vast majority of the site is an outdoor art installation and accessible all day and night. Metal pillars outline the footprint of the USS Arizona and light up at dusk. If you're into water slides and family fun, the Great Wolf Lodge is located right next to the Memorial Gardens.

My other suggestion is to be friendly. I was attending solo, but swapped a lot of stories with folks and never felt alone. Spring Training games usually have all the intensity of a stuffed animal tea party, so it's very easy to talk and joke with people. No heckling or smack talking; just go and enjoy baseball. But lather up with sunscreen.



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