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Celebrating Our First Schools

Dedication of Westerly Creek and Odyssey Schools



Top: Students perform at the dedication of the new schools.
Below: Trish Kuhn, principal of Westerly Creek, and Nelson Chase, director of The Odyssey School, cut the ribbon to dedicate the new campus.

Denver Public Schools Superintendent Jerry Wartgow recently led a packed house of parents, teachers, students and other residents of Stapleton and the surrounding neighborhoods in the dedication of the new Westerly Creek Campus at Stapleton.

The new DPS campus at Stapleton opened in August as the home of The Westerly Creek Elementary School and The Odyssey Charter School. The schools occupy separate wings of an 80,000 square foot building located at 8800 East 28th Avenue, while sharing common facilities that include a cafeteria, gymnasium and library. Designed by the Denver architectural firm of Anderson/Mason/Dale, the building features a distinctive tower that recalls the control tower of the former airport.

Superintendent Wartgow joined Westerly Creek Elementary School Principal Trish Kuhn and The Odyssey School Director Nelson Chase on stage to cut the ribbon following an evening of music, dance, readings, and a slide presentation from students of the two schools.

Westerly Creek Elementary School

Westerly Creek Elementary School offers classes for Early Childhood Education through 5th grade in a "Core Knowledge" curriculum. With a current enrollment of 125 students, Westerly Creek Elementary School offers instruction that is designed to provide strong fundamentals in Language Arts/

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Jennifer Moulton

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Earlier this year, the citizens of Denver suffered a tragic loss when a bone marrow disease took the life of Jennifer Moulton, Denver's longtime planning director. As a former member of the Stapleton Development Corporation's Board of Directors, Ms. Moulton was a tireless advocate for creating the kind of diverse, pedestrian-friendly urban neighborhoods that are now taking shape at Stapleton.

Born in Concord, Massachusetts,



Jennifer Moulton discussing the redevelopment of Stapleton in a 2000 interview in The Front Porch.

Jennifer Moulton moved to Denver following her graduation from Colorado College. She later earned a degree in architecture from the University of Colorado at Denver and utilized that training to contribute to the preservation of many of Denver's historic structures, most notably the boathouse in Washington Park.

Prior to joining Mayor Wellington Webb's administration as the director of planning, Jennifer Moulton served

from 1989 to 1992 as the president of Historic Denver. In that role, she not only led the

organization's historic preservation efforts but also was active in working to make certain that the Sixteenth Street Mall in Downtown Denver would be an active, sunny gathering place not perpetually in the shadow of the surrounding skyscrapers.

As planning director, Jennifer Moulton is credited with overseeing the redevelopments of the Central Platte Valley and Lowry Air Force Base, as well as Stapleton. She is credited by many for her role in promoting high quality design for the expansion of the Central Denver Public Library and the selection of the internationally renowned architect Daniel Libeskind to design the new addition to the Denver Art Museum.

Jennifer Moulton left her mark on Stapleton and throughout the City of Denver in a way that will be enjoyed by generations of residents and visitors for many years to come.



Stapleton's diverse, lively neighborhoods were shaped by the vision of Jennifer Moulton, Denver's former director of planning.

Westerly Creek Campus Dedication

(continued from page 1) English, History and Geography, Visual Arts, Music, Mathematics, and Science. It also allows for inclusion of other DPS curriculum, character development and activities for teaching respect for racial and cultural diversity. The Core Knowledge program at The Westerly Creek Elementary School also encourages teacher creativity, flexibility and ingenuity in developing lesson plans for the students.

The Odyssey School

The Odyssey School was established in

1998 by parents and teachers who were looking for a curriculum offered in an Expeditionary Learning Environment.



DPS Superintendent Jerry Wartgow (right) applauds the student performances.

Chartered by The Denver Public Schools to serve Northeast Denver, The Odyssey School provides Kindergarten through 8th grade instruction to a full enrollment of

219 students. The curriculum is based on expeditionary learning principles tied to Colorado State Standards with a focus on

reading and writing through literature, mathematics, and the arts. The students create portfolios as a documentation of their work and use computers to develop their research and analytical skills. The Odyssey program also includes a focus on environmental

education in a framework of programs designed to promote personal growth through physical challenge and service in the community.



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Odyssey Students Turn Out To Help Sand Creek Greenway

Charter School Project Beautifies Trail

By Kate Kramer

The Sand Creek Regional Greenway has a number of new friends, the seventh and eighth grade students at the Odyssey School at Stapleton.

In mid October, 50 students donned heavy gloves and picked up paint rollers and trash bags to clean graffiti from two bridges along the Sand Creek Regional Greenway trail. This trail is a natural urban wilderness area that passes through Stapleton as part of a fourteen mile greenway that goes from the High Line Canal in Aurora to the South Platte River in Commerce City.

The Odyssey School has a mission of community service. Having just opened its new building in the new Denver Public Schools Westerly Creek Campus at Stapleton, The Odyssey School is making tangible community service in its own neighborhood a priority for all the students at the school and a cornerstone to their education.

"The mission of the Odyssey school," says Nelson Chase, school director, "is to foster every student's unique potential and spirit of adventure through exemplary standards of character, intellectual achievement, and social responsibility. Service to our community is

an open part of our curriculum. All of our students were involved in this service to their community. In addition to the 7th and 8th graders working on the graffiti cleanup along the Sand Creek Trail, our 3rd and 4th graders were working at the Bluff

these students," stated Mary Gearhart, president of the board of directors for Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership. "We're tremendously grateful to The Odyssey School and especially to these young people who are so committed to their community."



Seventh and eighth grade Odyssey School students painted over extensive and unsightly graffiti on the bridges where the Sand Creek Greenway trail passes under I-70 and under Quebec Street. They also picked up several truckloads of trash in the area.



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SAND
CREEK
REGIONAL
GREENWAY
Wilderness In the City



Kate Kramer, executive director of the Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership

Lake Nature Center and our kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th graders were helping out at The Urban Farm at Stapleton."

The students painted over extensive and unsightly graffiti on the bridges where the Sand Creek Greenway trail passes under I-70 and under Quebec Street. They also picked up several truckloads of trash in the area.

"This was a long day of hard work by

Before going out for their workday, the Odyssey students learned about the Greenway and the importance of maintaining the natural habitat, as well as the harmful effects on the community of graffiti and littering.

To learn more about the Sand Creek Greenway, where it is and how you can help, visit www.sandcreekgreenway.org or call 303-393-7700 x297.

The clean up project was supported with supervision and materials from Keep Denver Beautiful, whose mission is to enhance the visual appearance of Denver by addressing problems of graffiti and litter through volunteer projects and educational programs. Staff from Denver's Department of Solid Waste and Denver Parks and Recreation were vital to the success of the day, supplying over 200 gallons of paint, rollers, trash bags and extra personnel.



Environmental Friendly Cleaners

Ask busy people anywhere what retail service they need most in their lives and quite often the answers will include, “A good dry cleaner in a convenient location.” If that dry cleaner makes a special effort to provide an “environmentally friendly” cleaning process, all the better.

That description of a dry cleaner that is conveniently located and friendly to the environment certainly

describes Environmental Friendly Cleaners at Stapleton’s Quebec Square Regional Retail Center. Vivian Lee (pictured) and her boss Hoon Choi offer wonderful service to customers who need high quality dry cleaning with a timely turn-around.

Environmental Friendly Cleaners is located at 7505 E. 35th Avenue on the south side of Quebec Square, across from the United Airlines Flight Center. The Store is open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday, and 8 am to 5 pm on Saturdays. The telephone number is (303) 331-6792.

PETsMART

If you walk through any of the new neighborhoods at Stapleton, you will likely encounter a number of residents walking or running with their dogs as they try to ensure that every member of the family – two legged or four-legged – remains healthy and fit.

Anyone concerned about taking good care of household pets will find almost everything they need at the new PETsMART in Quebec Square at Stapleton. Store Director Michael Carr and his Assistant Director Mike Vieweg head a staff of friendly and helpful people who clearly enjoy helping animal lovers select just the right food, toys or grooming equipment for their pets. Stapleton’s PETsMART also offers dog training (trainer Kari Shohet is pictured below) and grooming. In-store veterinary services are planned for the near future.

Stop by PETsMART in Quebec Square to find holiday gifts for your canine or feline companion. PetsMart is open 7 days a week. Call (303) 393-9156 for more information.



Meet Your Local Merchants



Tires Plus

When you talk to Lee Boyd, store manager for the Tires Plus Store in Quebec Square at Stapleton, one word keeps popping up: “Service.” Lee (shown in white shirt with head technician Ed Maggard) and his staff of nine employees recently earned their company’s award as one of the best stores in their sales district for delivering on the promise to provide “Total Car Care.” Open seven days a week, the Tires Plus store at Stapleton offers tires in a wide variety of the most popular brands, as well as alignments, oil changes, tune-ups and other services designed to keep automobiles operating smoothly. The Tires Plus Store at Stapleton is located just south of Home Depot in Quebec Square. For more information, call (303) 355-2114.



GNC

Have you heard the story about the two electrical engineers in the telecom industry who opened a store carrying nutritional products and dietary supplements catering to good health and fitness? If not, stop by the GNC store at Quebec Square to meet Sohan Grewal (pictured) and Arvind Donde, managers of one of the most popular stores in Stapleton’s regional retail center.

Combine a growing awareness of the importance of maintaining good health with a rapidly expanding population of

residents at Stapleton who are intent on enjoying an active lifestyle in walkable neighborhoods with convenient access to 1,100 acres of new open space, and it is not difficult to see why the two former engineers decided to open a GNC store at Stapleton. The store is open from 10 am to 8 pm Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays, and 11 am to 5 pm on Sundays. GNC is located at 7305 35th on the south side of Quebec Square. Call (303) 388-0383 for more information.

The UPS Store

With the holidays fast approaching, the thoughts of many people turn to shipping gifts to friends and relatives out of town. Thanks to the new UPS Store at Stapleton’s Quebec Square, that holiday chore can be handled quickly and easily.

The UPS Store Manager Mark Russ and his staff are available now to help shoppers with their holiday – as well as everyday – package-shipping needs. The UPS Store has a variety of boxes available for purchase, and the staff will even pack items to ensure they are received safely. The UPS Store at Stapleton is also a convenient place to obtain copy services, fax and receive documents, and purchase office supplies. Personal mailboxes are also available. Please call (303) 996-5660 for details. The UPS Store is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm and Saturdays from 9 am to 5 pm.

Pictured (left to right) are: Pauline Hayes (owner), Robin Russ and Mark Russ (managers) and John Hayes (owner).



History in the making

The Stapleton Timeline.



1929

Called the “Union Station of the Air,” and heralded as the most modern facility in the country, Denver Municipal Airport opens.



1950

By the late 1950's, the jet age was a reality and the need to expand the facilities and runways became a necessity. In 1964 the airport's name was officially changed to Stapleton International Airport.



1989

In the May 1989 election, Denver voters endorse the plan to build the new Denver International Airport.

1990

A group of civic and business leaders create the Stapleton Development Foundation.



1998

Forest City is selected as Stapleton's master developer.

FORESTCITY
DEVELOPMENT

1995

In February 1995, Stapleton International Airport closed. After an extensive community outreach effort, the Foundation produced the Stapleton Development Plan, known as “The Green Book” which established the framework for developing Stapleton.

2001

Forest City purchases the first land from the City of Denver and begins construction.

2002

The new year sees the opening of the Stapleton Visitor and Homefinding Center. By spring, Stapleton's first residents move into their new homes and the first model homes open.

Summertime finds Quebec Square Regional Retail Center opening. Construction begins on the East 29th Avenue Town Center and Botanica at Town Center in the fall.



STAPLETON

the art of urban living

2003

By mid-year, over 500 families are living at Stapleton and our second annual Founders' Day celebrated the opening of the first community pool. East 29th Avenue Town Center saw the opening of the King Soopers grocery in July with the balance of the retail shops, offices and apartments opening in the fall. Finally, Stapleton's first elementary school opened its doors to eager new students in August.



2004

In January, Stapleton's first apartment residents will move into their new Town Center rental homes. By springtime, over 1,000 homes will be occupied by an estimated 2,500 new Stapleton residents. Education at Stapleton will continue to grow with the opening of Stapleton's first high school, the Denver School of Science and Technology. Construction will also begin on Central Park and the 1.1 million square-foot North Town Center retail mall.

Denver’s best house blend.



The Stapleton Vision

The Stapleton Development Plan

A development of the magnitude and importance of Stapleton calls for a clear vision that reflects the values of the community as well as state-of-the-art planning and design. Beginning in 1989, with the decision to build the new Denver International Airport, a group of civic and community leaders began planning the future of the Stapleton property. In 1995, they published the Stapleton Development Plan, more affectionately known as “The Green Book”. **This document identifies a set of principles to guide the development.** These principles address economic, environmental, and social objectives, as well as the physical design of the community and methods to manage and implement development over time.

Parks & Open Spaces

Parks and open space define many of Denver’s great neighborhoods. Washington Park, Cheesman Park, Congress Park, City Park and many others are grand public spaces that are part of Denver’s legacy.



Stapleton will build on that tradition devoting nearly 30% of its 4,700 acres to parks and open space, increasing the size of the Denver Park system by more than 25%. The centerpiece of Stapleton’s 1,116-acre regional park system will be the 80-acre

“Central Park,” nearly the size of Denver’s Washington Park. Bikeways and paths, similar to those found along Denver’s Cherry Creek, will grace Stapleton’s Sand Creek and Westerly Creek Greenways. On Stapleton’s north border, the community’s extensive bike and trail system will link into the 17,000-acre Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge. On June 14, 2003, the first Neighborhood Park and Pool opened at East 28th Avenue and Tamarac Street.

focus on education with a goal of creating a community in which “**Lifelong Learning**” becomes an integral and valued component of Stapleton’s new neighborhoods. Stapleton schools will be as diverse as its residents with new neighborhood based Denver Public Schools (DPS) living in harmony with charter, private, vocational and online learning opportunities. Current plans call for at least four elementary schools, two middle schools and two high schools as well as a number of early childhood learning facilities.

Stapleton’s first elementary school, which broke ground in spring 2002 and opened in August 2003, is an innovative campus with a 350-student DPS elementary school (K-5) sharing common facilities and play areas with the 220-student Odyssey Charter School (K-8), an expeditionary learning school modeled after Outward Bound.

Education

“The Stapleton site will be a network of urban villages, employment centers and significant open spaces, all linked by the commitment to the protection of natural resources and the development of natural resources.”

— 1995 Stapleton Development Plan.



First Neighborhood Park and Pool



Westerly Creek Elementary School/
Odyssey Charter School

LIVING AT STAPLETON

Stapleton is setting a new standard for “the art of urban living.” Tree-lined streets, parks and traditional architecture grace this beautiful, walkable and wired for the technology of the 21st century community. Stapleton features a diverse and distinctive collection of homes and apartments, many less than a ten-minute stroll from shops, schools, offices and parks.

Singles to seniors, first-time buyers and empty nesters – all will find a lifestyle to fit their tastes and needs. Over the next 15 years, Stapleton’s planned 12,000 homes and apartments will create exciting residential opportunities for more than 30,000 residents.

New homes are priced from the low \$100s to over \$1 million. The Stapleton Visitor and Homefinding Center is open daily and over 20 models are now open. Apartment homes will open January 2004.



Shopping at Stapleton

Take a walk down Main Street! At Stapleton, many homes and offices are within a ten-minute walk from one of five planned Town Centers. Each Town Center offers a town green and a main street of two- to four-story buildings, with ground-floor retail shops and restaurants. Upper floors will be residential flats, townhomes and offices. **East 29th Avenue Town Center**, Stapleton’s first Town Center, features a full-service King Soopers grocery store that opened in July 2003, winter 2003/2004 will welcome Noodles & Company, Chipotle, Coldstone Creamery, Jerusalem Restaurant, Get Fired Up Pottery, Stanley’s Hare Shop, Asante Day Spa, henri’s of Denver (women clothier), Walgreen’s, First Bank, Commercial Federal, Fantastic Sam’s, Town Center Dentistry, E. 29th Avenue Wine and Spirits and Amore Fiori Flowers. Over **two million square-feet of regional shopping centers** are planned with the first, **Quebec Square Regional Retail Center**, now open with Wal-Mart Supercenter, Sam’s Club, Home Depot, Vectra Bank, Office Depot, Linens ’N Things, Just For Feet, and much more. PETsMART just opened with TCF Bank and Capri Coffee to open in the fall 2003.

Visit www.StapletonDenver.com for a complete list of stores now open.

Sustainability and the Environment

How do you create a community that will stand the test of time-environmentally, economically and socially? It’s a question that goes to the heart of what we define as sustainability at Stapleton. Simply put, our goal is to create a community that not only enhances the quality of

life for people today, but also ensures that the needs of future generations can be met. It’s an approach that involves understanding and planning for the long-term viability of the community’s natural resources as well as its social and economic systems.

While many developers today talk about sustainability, it is often treated as a concept or building philosophy. At Stapleton, we’ve taken a more practical approach, creating a clearly defined strategy.



Working at Stapleton

Proximity. Variety. Technology. Stapleton is the ideal spot to relocate your business. **Ten minutes to Downtown Denver and 20 minutes to Denver International Airport.** Twelve thousand diversely priced homes and apartments. Three million square-feet of retail space and two square miles of parks let you walk to lunch. Ten million square-feet of planned office space – from the quaint village setting of Town Square, to the premier image and views of the 12-story One Tower Center, to the more individualized settings of the Small Office sites offers a wide range of choices. Our Telecommunication Master Plan ensures a wired future for your business. And with Stapleton in Denver’s Urban Enterprise Zone, we can offer significant tax incentives.

Technology at Stapleton

The Stapleton Technology Master Plan provides for the three important components of an integrated community telecommunication plan: Home Wiring, Service Providers and a Community Network. **Stapleton Residential Wiring Guidelines ensure high capacity, high-quality home telephone, video and data wiring systems for every home, for today and the future.** Two service providers – Qwest Communications and Comcast – will provide a complete array of telecommunication services.

StapletonOnline.com, our community intranet site, connects the entire community, providing Stapleton residents and workers with lifetime learning and a closer, more convenient community network with forums, newsgroups, community calendars, chats and updates that focus on life at Stapleton.



Living at Stapleton.

Urban living just 10 minutes east of Downtown Denver.
Homes, Townhomes, and Flats from the low \$100s to over \$1 million.

CONDOMINIUMS/TOWNHOMES



Roslyn Court

1, 2 & 3 bedroom condominium homes
starting from the low \$100s
303-320-1844



Syracuse Village

2 & 3 bedroom condominiums and
townhomes starting from the low \$100s
720-249-5108

TOWNHOMES



McStain Neighborhoods

2 & 3 bedroom row homes
starting from the mid \$200s
303-399-9799

LOFTS



Fullerton Company

1 + den & 2 bedroom lofts
starting from the mid \$100s
303-388-LOFT

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES



Urban Estate Homes

3, 4 & 5 bedroom homes
From the low \$700s
720-249-5106



Sanford Homes

3 & 4 bedroom homes
From the high \$400s
303-377-4549



Infinity Home Collection

2 & 3 bedroom homes
From the mid \$400s
720-489-1060 x319



John Laing Paired Homes

3 & 4 bedroom homes
From the high \$300s
303-316-0873



John Laing Homes

3 & 4 bedroom homes
From the low \$300s
303-316-0873



McStain Neighborhoods

3 & 4 bedroom homes
From the low \$300s
303-333-0024



Parkwood Homes

3 & 4 bedroom homes
From the low \$300s
303-320-4938



New Town Builders

3 - 4 bedroom homes
From the high \$200s
720-941-0359

MANSION HOMES



KB Home

2 - 5 bedroom Gallery Series homes
From the mid \$200s
303-320-3633



Wonderland Homes

2 & 3 bedroom Garden Court homes
From the mid \$200s
303-393-9099



KB Home

2 & 3 bedroom Coach House Series homes
From the low \$200s
303-355-3875



Trimark Communities

2 & 3 bedroom flats and townhomes
combined in a large mansion home starting
from the high \$100s
303-320-4847

**Visitor and Homefinding Center Open Daily.
18 Builders and Over 20 Model Homes Now Open.**

Located 5 miles east of Downtown. Just east of Quebec at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. South Blvd. and Syracuse St.

Visitor and Homefinding Center open daily 10am – 5pm **303-355-9600.**
Models and Sales Court open Monday, noon - 5pm, Tuesday - Sunday 10am - 5pm.
KB Home Models close at 6pm.

www.StapletonDenver.com



2003 Daddy Bruce Thanksgiving Dinner

Community leaders gathered recently to announce plans for the 2003 Daddy Bruce Thanksgiving Dinner for needy individuals and families. Last year, 5,300 families were served and dinner organizers expect that number to increase this year as they attempt to provide food baskets that will include uncooked turkeys with all the basics on Saturday, November 22, 2003 at Epworth United Methodist Church. Sponsors and volunteers are urgently needed, as are the nominations of needy families. Contact Rev. Gil Ford at (303) 919-8212 or Rev. Ronald Wooding at (720) 319-1491. Contributions can be sent to “Daddy Bruce Thanksgiving” in care of Mountain States Bank, 1635 E. Colfax, Denver 80218.



Living at Stapleton Just Got Better: It Now Comes With Wheels!

Although Stapleton is a walkable community, there will be times that you need a car. Flexcar and Forest City now offer you access to two brand new Honda Civic Hybrids



(gasoline-electric technology) that you can drive by the hour! A simple hourly (or monthly) fee includes gas, insurance, maintenance and 24-7 emergency service. When

you join Flexcar, you're given a special Flexcar KeyCard that electronically opens the doors to the vehicles. You reserve the vehicle you want over the phone or Web,

unlock the doors, and enter your PIN code in a device inside to start the ignition. Take your trip and later return the car to the original spot, and Flexcar will send you a bill based on your use. It's that simple. It's like having your own car – but without the cost and hassle.

Flexcar is the nation's largest and oldest provider of car-sharing programs, currently serving more than 15,000 members in five major metropolitan areas, including Seattle, Portland, San Diego, Los Angeles and Washington DC. Learn more at www.StapletonDenver.com or 877-FLEXCAR.

A Fall Message from Your Denver Police Department



The chill of fall is in the air and the changing of the leaves and the cold weather months are just around the corner.

With the approach of the cold weather months, vehicle owners will be starting their vehicles to allow them to warm up in the morning and to assist with the removal of ice and snow from the vehicle windows prior to driving to their destinations.

Leaving a vehicle running and unattended increases the likelihood that the vehicle will be stolen. Locking the doors does not decrease this danger due to the fact that the auto thief will break the window to enter the vehicle and remove it from the parking place or driveway of the residence.

Please remain with the vehicle while you allow the engine to warm up and to clear the frost and ice from the windows prior to leaving for your destination.

As the days grow shorter, it will begin to get darker earlier in the day. Please remember to turn on exterior lighting during the evening hours to increase the visibility of your property. Lighting is one of many crime prevention techniques. If you work and leave during the hours of darkness, please try to leave in groups rather than leaving alone. When shopping during evening hours, try to park in well-lighted areas and close to store entrances.

Please contact your Community Resource Officers for further information on Crime Prevention or Neighborhood Watch Programs that are available in the community. You can contact Technician Reyes Trujillo at (303) 331-5795 and Technician Michael Rappe at (303) 331-5797.

Stapleton Sustainability Director Inducted into “Built Green Hall of Fame”

Melissa Knott, director of sustainability for Forest City Stapleton, has been inducted into the “Built Green Hall of Fame” for her role in promoting the sustainable redevelopment of Denver’s former international airport.

Ms. Knott was credited with “advancing green building and building science through a determined and resourceful pursuit of information and technical support for the builders of Stapleton Redevelopment.” Each year Built Green® Colorado, a program of the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Denver, acknowledges a select few leaders whose service and commitment to the program and the principles of sustainable development are deserving of special recognition.



This special recognition is acknowledged by induction into the “Built Green® Hall of Fame.”

Ms. Knott is a 2001 graduate of the University of Colorado at Boulder’s Business School with an M.A. in Business Administration concentrating in real estate development. Melissa Knott joined Forest City Stapleton, Inc. in 2001. Prior to directing the sustainable development for Stapleton, Ms. Knott worked in residential development on the East Coast.

Stapleton United Neighbors

The SUN now forming on a block near you!

By Christy Chaudhuri

The Stapleton United Neighbors (SUN) is being organized by residents as a means of supporting the development of our vibrant urban community. This springs from (and hopes to continue) a spirit of cooperation amongst the diverse members of the community, a sense of responsibility for everyone's well-being, and a dedication to dialogue and constructive conversation. Our neighborhood is already an enjoyable place to be, and many of the residents here feel that uniting under an umbrella neighborhood association will be one of the best ways to ensure that it remains true to the original vision of social equity, environmental responsibility, and economic opportunity.

The SUN hopes to work for the betterment of the Stapleton neighborhood and the city of Denver by providing a forum for the discussion and resolution of issues, a network of communication, and a means of acting on matters of importance to the community as a whole. The Stapleton United Neighbors is meant to provide the structure needed to stay true to the path envisioned for the develop-

ment of our community even as we adapt to the many unforeseen turns in the road of growth and change.

The formation meetings for the Stapleton United Neighbors are ongoing and all Stapleton residents — renters and homeowners — are welcome. Our most recent meeting was held

on October 14. Approximately 70 residents came to hear updates on recent progress of incorporating as a neighborhood association and to help set up committees and block captains to foster better communication. There was also discussion about how to ensure the best ways to make celebrating Halloween as safe and as fun as possible. Minutes of the meeting have been posted on the Stapleton online website. For more information, or to become more involved in the formation of the SUN, please contact us at Stapletonneighbors@msn.com.

Christy Chaudhuri is a member of The Stapleton United Neighbors.



Metro Denver HBA Honors Stapleton Marketing Director



Julie Picha accepts "Marketing Director of the Year" Award from HBA master of ceremonies Craig Zablocki.

The Home Builders Association (HBA) of Metropolitan Denver has honored Julie Picha, director of marketing for Forest City Stapleton, Inc., as "Marketing Director of the Year."

Ms. Picha received her award at the recent 2003 Bar Awards ceremony in which the HBA honored excellence in the home building industry and related services. The marketing program Ms. Picha oversees for Forest City Stapleton, Inc. was also honored with the "Best Advertising Campaign" and "The Best Color Ad Award" for ads smaller than a full page. The award-winning ad in that category was Stapleton's "Kiss the Burbs Goodbye."

Julie Picha joined Forest City Stapleton, Inc. as the director of marketing in 2002. Prior to that, Ms. Picha served as a Senior Account Manager for Barnhart/CMI advertising agency, enjoying clients consisting of real estate developers and builders, (continued on page 11)

STAPLETON STROLLERS

Stapleton Strollers is a new Exercise Conditioning Class that has begun at Stapleton. Every Saturday at 10 am the Stapleton Strollers take to the streets and parks and do various exercises from jumping jacks to lunges to stretches! Anyone is welcome — Stapleton Residents, friends, family and near-by residents! To join this energetic group, please RSVP to the Stapleton Visitor Center at 303.355.9600. The cost for each class is \$10 per person. Bring your towel, water and meet at 29th and Valentia in the 29th Avenue Parkway at 10 am with your stroller. See you there!!! (Class is limited to 20 people.)



Roslyn Court & Clyburn Ready for Occupancy

Syracuse Village to be Ready Soon



ROSLYN COURT
Duplexes, fourplexes and carriage homes over garages are available for purchase now at 26th and Roslyn Street beginning in the \$123,000s. To inquire about the one, two and three bedroom homes, call the Roslyn Court Sales Office at (303) 320-1844.



CLYBURN AT STAPLETON
Affordable apartments for seniors 55 years and older are available for immediate occupancy across from Fred Thomas Park at 26th and Quebec. To inquire about the one- and two-bedroom rental homes, call (303) 388-1515. First month's rent free and \$600 off damage deposits through 12/31/03.



SYRACUSE VILLAGE
The modern lifestyle ranch condominiums and two-story condominium town homes from the low \$100,000s are available for purchase now at 26th and Syracuse. To inquire about the two and three bedroom homes, call The Syracuse Village sales office at (720) 249-5108.

Stapleton Public Art Plan Taking Shape

The process of drafting a master plan for public art at Stapleton has been moving forward under the guidance of Barbara Neal, the former executive director of The Colorado Council on the Arts. The plan has been authorized by The Park Creek Metropolitan District at Stapleton, which is anticipated to own the public art created through that process.

Taking its cue from The Stapleton Development Plan ("The Green Book") and master plans that have already been prepared for Stapleton's parks, educational systems and other key building blocks of the new neighborhoods, the public art master plan process has solicited the input of Stapleton residents, neighbors, artists and advocates for the arts, as well as civic and business leaders. Public art at Stapleton will be funded, in part, through the process established by the Denver Urban Renewal Authority "Percent for the Arts" Program. The Stapleton Public Art Master Plan is designed to facilitate the acquisition of an exemplary public art collection for Stapleton while cultivating opportunities for the entire community — residents, workers, visitors and neighbors — to enjoy and learn through arts and cultural activities at Stapleton.

To learn more about the Stapleton Public Art Master Plan, visit StapletonOnline.com

Marketing Director of the Year

(continued from page 10) high technology, health care and travel and tourism. She also served in a similar role at Miles Advertising where she worked specifically with local, regional and national builders and developers. With an undergraduate degree in Public Relations and Marketing from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Ms. Picha also has a Masters in Business Administration with an emphasis in Market Strategy from Regis College.

Award recipients were selected from a pool of more than 300 applicants. An impartial panel of out-of-state home building industry experts judged the entries and made their selections based on rigorous requirements for each category.

The Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Denver is a trade association with more than 1,400 corporate members that serves as the leading voice for residential construction in the six-county Denver area. The HBA provides educational programs for contractors and is also home to the Council of Professional Remodelers and the Built Green Colorado program. In addition to the Parade of Homes, the HBA also hosts the Tour of Homes, an annual homebuyer's event. For more information about the HBA, visit their website at www.hbadenver.com.



2003 Parade of Homes Featured Urban Estate Homes at Stapleton



Left: Nearly 76,000 people visited Stapleton to tour the Urban Estate homes featured in the 2003 Parade of Homes sponsored by The Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Denver (HBA) and Forest City Stapleton, Inc. Visitors also toured the model homes of other Stapleton builders that contribute to a range of pricing beginning in the low \$100,000s and extending to more than \$1 million.

Far left: A young visitor inspects a custom made doghouse that was among the playhouses auctioned off to benefit Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

STAPLETON FALL FEST



The scene was reminiscent of an earlier day in small towns across the nation as more than 400 residents and neighbors of Stapleton gathered at Founders' Green in the East 29th Avenue Town Center for the Second Annual Fall Fest celebration.

Not surprisingly, many of the attractions on the 2.5-acre town green appealed to the young (and the young at heart!). Pumpkins were bountiful in a pumpkin patch for kids who then were free to express their artistic talents with a creative painting of their selections. Families engaged in building scarecrows or enjoying a hayrack ride, and a contest selected the



winners of the "scariest," "most original" and "cutest" costumes. Elsewhere in the fall celebration, a storyteller attracted a "spell-bound" audience of children who listened to Halloween tales, and a fortuneteller and tarot card reader added to the entertainment. The Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge also put on its raptor education program, which never fails to fascinate any

crowd with a close-up look at eagles and owls.

Stapleton businesses once again demonstrated their generosity as Sam's Club and Panera Bread from the Quebec Square Retail Center donated the refreshments.

