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Governor Owens and Mayor Hickenlooper Break Ground for Denver School of Science and Technology at Stapleton



Joining Gov. Owens at the groundbreaking for the Denver School of Science and Technology at Stapleton, from left to right are Anna and John Sie, Mark Holtzman, and Mayor John Hickenlooper.

Governor Bill Owens and Mayor John Hickenlooper joined officials from the Denver School of Science and Technology, Denver Public Schools and Forest City in breaking ground recently for the first high school to be built at Stapleton.

The Denver School of Science and Technology at Stapleton (DSST) is a charter public high school that will open its doors to 125 ninth-graders this fall on land donated by Forest City. Honored at the groundbreaking ceremony were John J. Sie, founder, chairman and CEO of Starz Encore and his wife, Anna. In recognition of a \$1.1 Million gift from the Anna and John J. Sie Foundation, the academic building

will be named, "Anna and John J. Sie Hall."

The 425-student high school will be located along Montview Boulevard between Valencia and Willow Streets in the southwest

quadrant of Stapleton, where it will serve students from across the city. Any student who lives in Denver and will be entering the ninth-grade in September of 2004 is eligible for admission. The school plans to enroll

a 45-percent female and 40-percent low-income student body.

The charter school's curriculum will focus on math, science, and technology and is designed to support a hands-on, project-based approach to teaching and learning. The rigorous aca-

demic standards will challenge and prepare students for college and beyond. Students achieving the graduation requirements of DSST will be eligible for automatic admission to the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Among the dignitaries attending the groundbreaking was William "Bill" Kurtz, who was recently selected to be the Head of School at DSST. Mr. Kurtz currently serves as the Principal of Link Community School (Link), an independent middle school in New Jersey serving 125 seventh and eighth graders located in Newark's Central Ward. Link has been recognized as an innovative, highly successful middle school by many leading New Jersey and New York education foundations.

"I am extremely excited to be moving to Denver and look forward to working with the diverse student population at DSST," Mr. Kurtz said. "With the help of the students, parents, faculty, and the Stapleton and greater Denver community, I am committed to creating an outstanding high school."

In a truly collaborative effort among the public, private, (continued on page 2)



John Lehigh of Forest City shares a light moment with Mayor Hickenlooper and Governor Owens.

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Looking Back and Moving Forward With Stapleton

By Nadine Caldwell, Happy Haynes,
Alice Kelly and Karen Saliman

As the pace of development at Stapleton continues to accelerate, we think this is a good time to pause and reflect on the history of this amazing project and take a peek into the future of this groundbreaking community. The “Green Book,” the award winning vision plan for the redevelopment of the former Stapleton Airport, aids us in both of these endeavors. It may seem like the community just sprang up overnight; however, the development that we see today is the result of more than fourteen years of planning and investment by countless individuals and organizations.

Planning for the redevelopment of Stapleton was grounded in a partnership between agencies of city government that had never before worked collaboratively on a single project, between public and private sectors and between different political jurisdictions.

Former Mayor Peña established the Gateway/Stapleton Office in 1988 to begin the planning process. The first committee, The Stapleton Tomorrow Committee, was formed in 1989 consisting of business, community, planning and design professionals and political representatives from Aurora, Denver and Commerce City. The four of us were original members of that first planning effort. Today, as members of The Stapleton Development Corporation’s Board of Directors, we remain captivated by the promise of Stapleton’s

future and the dynamic process that has guided Stapleton to the great success it represents today.

Many have worked tirelessly and collaboratively to move the vision forward. From the visionary leadership and resources of Sam Gary and the Stapleton Foundation and the dedication of the volunteer boards and citi-

zens and future generations at Stapleton as well as the future of the region and the entire city. Through every phase of planning the community has been involved. Plans were taken to community forums seeking valuable input from neighbors and business people in attendance. More detailed blueprints guiding the implementation of the

Green Book’s lofty goals have been produced in the form of master plans for education, open space, transportation and infrastructure, sustainability, public art and the creation of the affordable housing program. These plans are designed to be living documents that grow and change over time. They are grounded in the wisdom and vision of the community that was solicited by the Stapleton



Left to right, Happy Haynes, Nadine Caldwell, Alice Kelly and Karen Saliman

zens’ advisory groups, to the support of many agencies and individuals in city government and the expert guidance of the master developer, Forest City, Stapleton has been transformed into a remarkable urban community.

The most extraordinary and compelling element of Stapleton’s success story, however, has been the unprecedented community involvement in every facet and at every step of the process, along with the enduring partnerships that have thrived on the shared goals, shared values and shared responsibility. In 1989 we worked on behalf of the future

Development Corporation during the drafting stages of those master plans.

We are now at a different stage in our process. New families and businesses have moved into the first neighborhood. They have now joined us in our continuing quest to fulfill the promise of Stapleton’s vision. We need your ideas. Are you getting enough information? How can we do things differently so that we get your input into the planning process? Email us as to the best way to get your ideas and concerns at SDCinfo@stapletoncorp.com

Denver School of Science and Technology *(continued from page 1)*

and non-profit sectors, the Denver School of Science and Technology is quickly becoming a reality. Forest City Stapleton donated 10 acres of land and Denver Public Schools is contributing \$5 Million in bond funds for construction costs. The total cost of construction is estimated at \$11 Million.

“The future of Stapleton, our city and our state will be shaped by the efforts we devote to

the creation of schools that prepare our children for a challenging and rapidly changing world,” said John S. Lehigh, chief operating officer for Forest City Stapleton, Inc., master developer for the former airport. “Forest City is proud to play a role in the public-private partnership that will make this school a model that will inspire other communities across the nation.”

“The generous financial support DSST has

received has been inspiring and greatly appreciated,” said Norwood Robb, President of the DSST Board. “However, to reach our goal of completing the capital construction of our building debt free, we are actively pursuing additional contributions.”

Additional information about DSST and the admission process is available on the school’s web site at www.scienceandtech.org.

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Stapleton's Neighboring School Thriving

Record Number of Students Apply for Fall 2004 Term at Denver School of the Arts

By Rory Pullens, Assistant Principal

Why has the Denver School of the Arts (DSA) become even more popular? Some say it's the new venue. Others believe DSA is now in a more favorable location in its new facilities at the corner of Quebec Street and Montview Boulevard near Stapleton. Could it be the uniqueness of the arts program? Many cite the successful academic program, while others applaud the growing diversity.

Whatever it is, 1,046 students applied on time for auditions and nearly another 200 students were added to wait list for possible acceptance into DSA.

The applications just keep coming. "It's exciting, yet tough," says Principal Patti Bipus. "Even though we are expanding to 900 students next year, we only have the space to accept about 25% of the applicant pool. There are so many qualified kids we won't be able to accommodate."

DSA is pleased that 46% of the applicants were students of color. This included 22% Hispanic and 18% African-American, both increases over last year's numbers.

"I believe our In-Reach program where nearly 2,500 students visited DSA last fall contributed to the increase of overall applicants," says Scott Springer, Assistant Principal over the Arts program. "We're hoping that all applicants followed through and came to their audition." Letters of acceptance were mailed in late February.

Nine of the ten arts majors saw an increase in applicants. The most popular were: Visual Arts (192), Theatre (185), Vocal Music (143), Dance (137), and Creative Writing (133). Because of the volume in applicants, most art majors only allowed students to initially audition in their first choice area.

70% of all applicants were DPS students representing the four quadrants (33%

Northeast, 20% Southeast, 10% Northwest, 7% Southwest). Another 27% applied from out of district.

Students come to DSA from all over, including international applicants. One student flew in from Germany just for an audition. Another came from Mongolia, another from Canada, and eight others flew in from out of state. Good news spreads far!

The Denver School of the Arts is located at 7111 Montview Blvd., Denver CO 80220. For more information, call 303-321-9435

Upcoming Events at DSA

The Denver School of the Arts invites the community to attend any of their upcoming early spring performances. With most of the performing arts or music department's performances taking place in the 550 seat state-of-the-art Kay Schomp Theatre or the acoustically remarkable 300 seat Concert Hall, DSA is the ideal venue to bring a family for exposure to local arts and entertainment fare. Upcoming shows include:

March 17-20, 2004 @ 7:00 pm

Theatre, Orchestra, Vocal Music, and Stagecraft/Design Departments present "Amadeus" Kay Schomp Theatre
Adults: \$10; Students and Seniors: \$7.00

March 24-26, 2004 @ 7:00 pm

Orchestra Department presents "Symphony for the Sons of Nam" and other selections in the Concert Hall
Adults: \$7.00; Students & Seniors: \$5.00

April 15, 16, 19, 20 2004 @ 7:00 pm

Theatre Department presents "Spring Awakening" in the Acting Studio
Adults: \$7.00; Students & Seniors: \$5.00

All events are open to the general public. Tickets can be purchased at DSA, located at 7111 Montview, Denver CO 80220, in the Treasurer's office, or at the box office prior to performance time. For seating information, visit the website at dsa.dpssk12.org or call the event hotline at 303-394-8571.



EPA Honors Stapleton Area TMA

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated the Stapleton Area Transportation Management Association (TMA) as one of the nation's "Best Workplaces for Commuters" Districts.

The EPA noted that Stapleton has made a community-wide commitment to "green" transportation as part of its vision for a truly sustainable community. The EPA said that the Stapleton TMA has transformed that vision into reality, offering outstanding commuter benefits to all of the area's employees. The Stapleton Area TMA provides free Eco Passes to the employees of area employers, as well as a host of other commuter benefits, including holding periodic transportation fairs and providing access to Flex-cars. Angie Malpiede, executive director of the Stapleton TMA, oversees the Stapleton programs.

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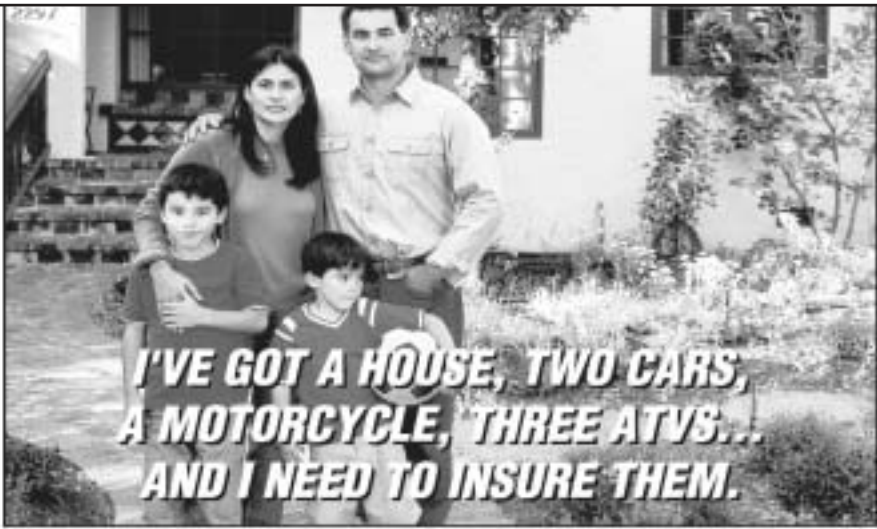
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Traffic & Transportation UPDATE



Heidi Majerik, Residential Project Manager, and Jim Godwin, Director of Engineering for Forest City Stapleton, Inc. briefed the S.U.N. meeting on transportation issues.

At the February meeting of Stapleton United Neighbors (S.U.N.), representatives from Forest City provided the following update on traffic and transportation at Stapleton to promote safe neighborhoods. **(Please note that changes in the schedule may occur due to weather).**

ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT STAPLETON

- **Currently:** Access to Roslyn Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard is no longer available due to the City and County of Denver construction activities. The Roslyn Street connection will be re-opened in July of 2004.
- **Currently:** 29th Drive between Roslyn Street and Syracuse Street has been closed. This segment of temporary roadway was built to provide access to the Stapleton Visitor and Homefinding Center. With the move of this facility to the Town Center, this segment of roadway is no longer needed.
- **Currently:** Construction on the realignment of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from Quebec Street to Syracuse Street continues. Access to Syracuse Street and Roslyn Street from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard will be periodically changed during construction. Construction is anticipated to be completed this summer.
- **Currently:** Construction on Central Park Boulevard from 26th Avenue to Montview Boulevard continues and is anticipated to be complete in spring of 2005. This includes the bridge over the East West Linear Greenway, which is anticipated to be complete in July of this year.
- **Early Summer 2004:** Construction on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from Syracuse Street to Beeler Street continues and is anticipated to be complete in the fall of this year.
- **February 2004:** Re-construction of the sidewalks and tree lawns on the west side of Syracuse Street from 23rd Avenue to Montview Boulevard will begin and is anticipated to be complete in July of 2004.
- **March 2004:** Construction on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from Beeler Street to Havana Street, including the bridge over Westerly Creek, will begin and is anticipated to be complete in the fall of 2004.
- **August 2004:** Re-construction of Montview Boulevard between Central Park Boulevard (Yosemite) and Syracuse Street will begin and is anticipated to be complete in spring of 2005.

TRAFFIC AT STAPLETON

- **Westerly Creek Elementary School:** Construction of the new

homes in the second neighborhood at Stapleton north and east of the new elementary schools is under way. Please protect the safety of your children by parking only on 28th Avenue; Xanthia Court between 26th and 28th Avenue; Akron Street between 26th and 28th Avenue; and the school parking lot to pick them up or drop them off. Parking in these areas will keep you and your children away from the areas that are experiencing the heaviest amount of construction at this time.

- **Speed of Traffic:** Forest City Stapleton, Inc. is working with the Denver Police Department and Stapleton schools and residents to address concerns about speeding at Stapleton. As requested by Stapleton residents, the issuance of tickets to speeders and the placement of electronic signage trailers advising drivers of their speed have been implemented. **Please contact Officer Greg Roberson at 720.865.6941 for more information,** and help control speeding by obeying all speed limits.

- **Speed Limit Signs:** The City and County of Denver does not post speed limit signs on local streets. The standard speed limit on unposted streets is 25 mph.

- **Addition of Stop Signs:** Due in part to input from the community, an all way stop has been added at the intersection of 26th Avenue and Ulster Street, and one will be added at the intersection of 28th Avenue and Ulster Street. *(continued on page 11)*

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For information about programs at The Bladium call Cat Morris of Cat's Music Together at 303-388-5462 (www.catsmusictogether.com).

For information about programs at The Westerly Creek Elementary School, call Ally of Vocal Motion at 303-333-1474 (www.metrodenvermusictogether.com/parkhill.html)

Free demo classes for Stapleton families: Cat's Music Together at The Bladium: March 16 at 9:30 am and March 22 at 10 am. Vocal Motion at Westerly Creek: March 17 at 10 am.

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PostNet is also a “FedEx Authorized Ship Center.” Mail box rentals, greeting cards, Internet, resumes and scanning services round out the range of assistance available. The store is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call (303) 321-3646.

WINGZ, ETC!

Byron and Michelle Johnson describe their restaurant in Quebec Square as the place “Where Your Stomach Wants to be.” While Wingz, Etc! is already widely known for its great chicken wings (with six different sauces, including Mesquite, Honey BBQ and Teriyaki), it is the catfish, red snapper and other delightful items on the menu that are also drawing rave reviews. When Wingz, Etc! opens at 10 a.m. (Monday-Friday), Krispy Kreme doughnuts and Starbucks coffee are the definite favorites! Weekend hours are from noon to Midnight on Saturdays and noon to 8 p.m. on Sundays.



The Johnsons say their loyal customers include the residents of Stapleton, Park Hill and the surrounding neighborhoods, as well as the employees and customers of other Quebec Square businesses, and the Quebec Street hotels. Look for delivery service to begin later this spring. Call (303) 355-9464 for more information.

Meet Your Local Merchants



FANTASTIC SAMs

Tom Srsich (“sir-SICH”), owner of Fantastic Sams, describes his shop in the East 29th Avenue Town Center as a “value-priced full service salon.” Tom has a staff of diverse and experienced hair stylists who are prepared to meet everyone’s hair styling needs.

Tom was excited about the prospects for a shop at Stapleton since the first moment he saw plans for the East 29th Avenue Town Center. While he was not the first to open his doors at Stapleton, his enthusiasm for the new neighborhood is unsurpassed. Tom also owns a Fantastic Sams at Broadway and Belview and is looking at an additional location, perhaps in the mountains west of Denver.

Fantastic Sams will be open in the Town Center from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends. No appointments are necessary. Call (303) 316-7701 for more information.



E. 29TH AVE ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Greg Smith and Dr. Michele Smith, DVM, have roots in the old and new of Stapleton. A former instructor in the United Air Lines Flight Training Center (which was operating at Stapleton when it was an active airport) Greg is now a 737 United Air Lines pilot based in Denver. The North Carolina native has sixteen years experience in aviation.

Greg’s wife Michele is putting down her roots in the new life of Stapleton. Dr. Smith is preparing to open in mid March the East 29th Avenue Animal Hospital as one of the newest tenants in Stapleton’s first town center. A graduate of Colorado State University’s School of Veterinary Medicine, Michele describes her new venture as a “full service animal hospital.” Greg and Michele Smith are Stapleton residents who live on 26th Avenue with their six-month-old daughter Kamdyn. The East 29th Avenue Animal Hospital will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8 am to 1pm Wednesdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, call (303) 394-3937.

CAPRI COFFEE BREAK

The overstuffed chairs in Capri Coffee Break on 35th Avenue in Quebec Square (across from the United Flight Training Center) are not yet worn, but they are reminiscent of the comfortable seating in a well-known television situation comedy. The result is the same: a cozy, neighborhood place to drop in to enjoy a wonderful array of coffees, “Fruit Smoothies” and specialty drinks, as well as rolls and even breakfast burritos!

Owner Sam Thomas and General Manager Ken Toltz have selected a friendly staff of people such as Summer Colby who give the new business a pleasant atmosphere that is as much a draw as the great tasting coffee in bringing residents from Stapleton, Park Hill and the surrounding neighborhoods, as well as the customers and employees from Quebec Square. Capri Coffee Break is open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call (303) 399-7334.





STAPLETON UNITED NEIGHBORS

HANDLING THE BUMPS IN THE ROAD

By Bill Fulton

If running out of chairs is the bittersweet sign of a good public meeting, then the February 3rd Stapleton United Neighbors (SUN) meeting definitely qualifies.

Over 150 people came to hear updates on a range of issues affecting the community. Tom Gleason and Heidi Majerik from Forest City opened the meeting with a presentation about the next phase of development at Stapleton. They explained how a number of key access points to Stapleton will begin or be completed in the coming months, but not without some bumps in the road in terms of traffic patterns. By presenting the big picture of how upcoming construction plans may impact traffic flow, they hope to minimize inconveniences and misunderstandings. (To find out what you can expect in the coming months, visit the "Traffic Control Update" under the Community News section on the Intranet.) For most attendees, a little information went a long way in explaining the reasoning behind decisions affecting the overall development plan. For a few, though, the feeling of "this was not what I was told when I bought my house" was not so easily shaken. In the end, the crowd appreciated Forest City's efforts to provide information up front and to remedy issues that do arise as quickly as possible.

One thing that also became clear from the discussion is that we all bring different expectations to the process of development at Stapleton. As one person curses the construction vehicles passing by, another person waits eagerly down the street for the arrival of their new floor joists. The same is true for the

opening and closing of streets—a frustrating road closure for some is a safe new *cul-de-sac* for others. This simple realization that there are many ways of viewing the same set



The SUN meeting brought out residents of all ages to hear about transportation at Stapleton.

of circumstances can be a tremendous asset to share with each other as we find ourselves faced with new challenges down the road. Whether in conversations over the fence or at formal public meetings, we will all need to balance the multiple and often competing expectations that go along with the process of redevelopment. SUN will continue to find ways to promote that kind of thoughtful public discussion.

The February meet-

ing closed with a glance toward the coming of spring and thoughts of new growth on the horizon. One will be the urban garden near Westerly Creek/Odyssey Charter

School, which everyone is invited to help design and tend (check the Grapevine for details). The other sign of new growth is the formal elections of board members to SUN. The elections will be held **Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Westerly Creek School**. If you are interested in serving as a SUN board member, please send a letter of interest to stapletonneighbors@msn.com by Sunday, March 21 and plan to attend an information meeting that day from 4-5:30 p.m.

Please email us as well if there are issues you would like to see addressed or ideas you would like to see take root. We hope to see

you at the April meeting, and we'll get busy finding more chairs.

Bill Fulton is a member of Stapleton United Neighbors.



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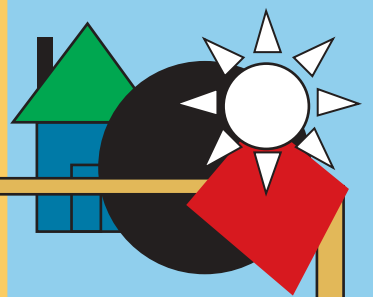
Meet Stapleton's Neighborhood Doctor, Kristine Leathery, MD. Dr. Leathery is board certified in family medicine. She and her partners at Exempla Family Medicine at Stapleton recently opened their new office conveniently located in the Stapleton Plaza Office Building. They offer a full range of medical care for all members of your family including newborn care, child health care, women's health care, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology. Exempla Family Medicine at Stapleton is located at 3401 Quebec, Suite 1015. For an appointment, please call 303-467-8900. Dr. Leathery and her staff look forward to providing extraordinary health care to you and your family, our Stapleton neighbors.

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A is for Architecture

By Tim Thomas

Four years ago, The Denver Architectural Foundation (DAF) began a unique program to introduce elementary school students to the study of architecture. Entitled "Architecture is Elementary," the program has been heartily embraced by both the educational and architectural/design communities throughout the Denver metropolitan area.

In four short years, "Architecture is Elementary" is already in fifteen different elementary and middle class levels in the Denver Public Schools. The family of a former Foundation board member was so inspired that they listed it as one of their benefactors last year. A fund was established, and we have since named the "architectural in education program" the Cleworth Architectural Legacy (CAL) Project.

Why architecture? The application of design encompasses so many dimensions of learning: problem solving, creativity, content and "hands-on" experience, as well as drawing from many knowledge areas: math, science, art, history, and cultural studies. Today, the classes are a valuable means of enhancing academic performance in both "at-risk" and high achieving schools. Through support from the DAF, the CAL Program Manager oversees the program and coordinates the architects' partnership with each school.

While using current national teaching/educational standards, each project is based on a model developed for the first class, and uniquely tailors the lessons to students in that specific group. One class may emphasize a visual arts project that centers on the evolution of the cathedral and incorporate stained-glass making or sculpting gargoyles. Another may concentrate on a science-oriented investigation that looks at environmental impact or the various materials used in constructing a building. Still another participates in bridge-building competitions while learning about the effects of forces, such as tension and compression that exist in every physical structure.

As part of our criteria for sponsoring the CAL Project, we ask each school to document their activities and prepare a demonstration board. Last summer, we held a post-school-year gathering at which students, teachers and architects collectively presented their work. One day, we may host an open design challenge with all of the classes.

New possibilities continue to emerge from our initial "one time, one school" experiment. We are grateful for the advice and input we have received from (continued on page 11)

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Glossary of USDA Terminology

- 1 100% Organic:** Mostly applies to produce.
- 2 Organic:** 95-100% organic ingredients. The most common label for certified organic products.
- 3 Made with Organic Ingredients:** 70-94% organic ingredients. Can use the phrase: "Made with organic ingredients." Cannot use USDA Organic seal.
- 4 Less than 70% Organic Ingredients:** No organic labeling allowed on front panel, but organic ingredients can be listed on nutrition label. Cannot use USDA Organic seal.
- 5 Organic food products** are estimated to have a 20% sales growth rate overall through 2005.

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The **2004 Bike To Work Day** will be held Wednesday, June 23rd. Stay tuned for more details.

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supporters, our foundation members, dozens of architectural firms, schools throughout the metropolitan area and from neighborhoods like Stapleton.

The Denver Architectural Foundation is proud to help facilitate this inspiring possibility. In addition to being named an estate benefactor for Cal Cleworth, we have received several contributions – including one from Forest City Stapleton, Inc.

The Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3, and it welcomes the support from volunteers as well as financial contributions from supporters of our many projects. The Foundation’s goal is to assist the public in understanding the impact of architecture on the quality of life. We are committed to further develop and enhance the outstanding business and school partnership initiated with the CAL project, as well as foster new projects in the future. Additional information about the Denver Architectural Foundation and the CAL Project is available by writing the Foundation at 1515 Arapahoe Street, Suite 110, Denver 80202.

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Traffic *(continued from page 5)*

- **Change in Stop Signs:** The stops signs located on east and west bound 28th Avenue at the Xanthia Street intersection have been switched to north and south bound Xanthia Street at the 28th Avenue intersection by decision of the City and County of Denver. The City and County of Denver determined that this change will help to better control traffic in the vicinity of Westerly Creek Elementary School.
- **Pedestrian Access to King Soopers:** In response to community input, a sidewalk has been added to the north side of 28th Avenue between Roslyn Street and Syracuse Street to facilitate pedestrian access to King Soopers.

CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC AT STAPLETON

- **Access:** Construction traffic has been directed to enter Stapleton at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and proceed south to 29th Avenue via Trenton Street. Traffic control workers with flags were posted in the morning from 6:00am until 9:00am on 26th Avenue and Syracuse Street and at 28th Avenue and Syracuse Street. These workers were also posted in the evening from 4:00pm until 6:00pm on 28th Avenue and Central Park Boulevard to help familiarize construction traffic with the new access and keep that traffic out of the neighborhoods where possible. Those traffic control “flaggers” will be used again in the future if necessary.
- **Future Access.** Forest City, Stapleton Inc. is currently working on supplying construction access to neighborhoods under construction by building an access road from 35th Avenue. Access to neighborhoods south of the Greenway Park will be from Montview Boulevard. Access to the neighborhoods to the east of Westerly Creek will be from Havana Street.

STREET OWNERSHIP ACCEPTANCE

- The City and County of Denver has taken ownership of the roadways west of Ulster Street with the exception of 29th Avenue (which is expected to be conveyed to the City and County of Denver by spring of this year). The Park Creek Metropolitan District, which currently owns the rest of the streets at Stapleton, is continuing to work with The City and County of Denver to transfer ownership of these roadways to the City on a timetable yet to be identified. Public services provided by the Denver Police Department and other City agencies will be facilitated as the transfer of the roads to the jurisdiction of the City occurs.

STAPLETON RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT

- A task force of Stapleton residents has been created to work with Forest City Stapleton, Inc., the City and County of Denver, and Stapleton United Neighbors (SUN) regarding traffic concerns at Stapleton. Please contact Stapleton resident Bill Fulton at 303-320-3854 or email at wfulton@pebc.org for information.

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New Mayor Visits Our New Schools

Making good on his promise to visit personally the students in Denver Public Schools, Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper recently traveled to Stapleton to visit the students, faculty and parents at Westerly Creek Elementary School and The Odyssey Charter School.

Mayor Hickenlooper’s enthusiasm for his job quickly captured the attention of the students who peppered him with one question after another about his duties and whether or not he enjoyed being mayor of Denver. The mayor fired up his young listeners with his answers, taking careful use of the opportunity to tell the children how important it is to pay attention to their studies. When he asked the children how many planned to attend college, every hand in the room shot up quickly.

The mayor’s visit to Stapleton brought the total of Denver Public Schools he has personally visited to twenty. Among the area schools he has already toured were The Denver School of the Arts, Smiley and Cole middle schools, and Bruce Randolph Middle School. Following his visit to the Westerly Creek Campus at Stapleton, he returned to Stapleton several weeks later to join Governor Owens for the groundbreaking ceremonies for The Denver School of Science and Technology.



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