Inspiration House Comes to Stapleton

The Home Builders Foundation and New Town Builders have teamed up with Forest City Stapleton, Inc. to bring Inspiration House to Stapleton. Inspiration House is an annual fundraising program in which a member of the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Denver (HBA) builds a new home below normal cost using donated materials and labor. Dubbed Inspiration House, the home is then sold at full market value with all profits donated to the Home Builders Foundation to assist people who have been disabled through acts of crime or other tragic circumstances. New Town Builders, one of 19 builders constructing homes at Stapleton, will construct the 2004 Inspiration House in the 2500 block of Xenia Street, just south of Greenway Park, on land donated by Forest City Stapleton, Inc., master developer of the former airport property.

“The Inspiration House is a remarkable way for Denver’s home builders to give back to their community,” said Jack Dorwart, Home Builders Foundation president and owner of Bonaventure Homes. “The 2004 Inspiration House represents a tremendous commitment of time, materials, labor and services from New Town Builders, Forest City Stapleton, Inc. and their associates.”

“Through Inspiration House, the Home Builders Foundation has the funds to help victims of crime and circumstance,” said Gene Myers, principal and founder of New Town Builders. “We are pleased to be a part of this unique fundraiser and look forward to having this opportunity to give back to the community.”

Among the dignitaries attending the groundbreaking ceremony was Colorado Governor Bill Owens who announced that the Home Builders Foundation will make a $25,000 contribution to assist John Hessler’s family with medical expenses resulting from injuries the former University of Colorado quarterback and Adams County middle school teacher suffered in a hit-and-run accident last fall.

“The worst consequence of any act of crime is the violence inflicted on innocent victims,” said Governor Owens. “Inspiration House is one way we can assist people who have been disabled by crime, and it’s a great example of Coloradans coming together to help one another.”

“We applaud New Town Builders and the Home Builders Foundation for the important contribution they are making to our community, and we are proud to support them in that effort,” Governor Owens added.

Governor Owens joins officials from the Home Builders Foundation, Forest City Stapleton, Inc., New Town Builders, and members of the Hessler family in breaking ground for the Inspiration House at Stapleton.

Charity Chase to Christen Stapleton Parks

People of all ages will lace up their running and walking shoes on Saturday, June 5th as the 3rd Annual Charity Chase 5K-Run/Walk and Family Fun Walk & Stroll officially opens the new Greenway Park at Stapleton. The Charity Chase benefits Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Centers, which provide assistance in six different neighborhoods to keep families together and prevent homelessness. About 500 to 600 runners participate each year. The staging area for this year’s event, which begins at 9 a.m., will be one block east of 24th and Syracuse. A registration form and fee information are provided on page 7.

The course for the 2004 Charity Chase will wind its way through Stapleton’s new Greenway Park. Greenway Park is comprised of 45 acres of linear green space that links the first new neighborhoods at Stapleton with Fred Thomas Park and the adjacent neighborhoods of East Montclair and Park Hill to the south and west. The new green space features tennis courts, a three-acre “off-leash” dog park, an outdoor pavilion and playground, climbing wall, jogging paths and skate park. Greenway Park is the first of more than 1100 acres of new parks and open space that will be created at Stapleton.

Stapleton Wins Wirth Chair Award

The Seventh Annual Wirth Chair Awards in Environmental and Community Development presented by the Graduate School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado at Denver have recognized Stapleton in its “Business” category as a development it called a “poster child for a sustainable community.” The award is named in honor of former U.S. Congressman and Senator Tim Wirth who served in the Colorado Congressional Delegation for a number of years. Also honored by the Wirth Chair Awards was Melissa Knott, director of sustainable development for Forest City Stapleton, Inc. This honor is the second time she has been...
CALENDAR
2004 STAPLETON EVENTS

MAY
May 26th
HomeBuyer Education Class
5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
7350 E. 29th Ave 3rd floor
May 26th
School to Pool
Noon - 2 p.m.
Aviator Park and Pool

JUNE
June 5th
Bluff Lake Open House
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Bluff Lake Nature Center
June 5th
Founders’ Day Celebration
Stapleton Under the Stars
Concert – 6:00 p.m.
Founders’ Green
June 16th
Stapleton Under the Stars
Movie Founders’ Green
June 17th
Fireside Chats 6 p.m. -8 p.m.
Bluff Lake Nature Center
June 20th
Blood Drive 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Founders’ Green
June 23rd
Bike to Work Day
6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Details to come
June 30th
HomeBuyer Education Class
5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
7350 E. 29th Ave. 3rd floor

JULY
July 4th
Ice Cream Social
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Aviator Park
July 10th
Master Composter Program
10:00 a.m. - Noon
Nexus Building, Greenway Park
July 14th
Stapleton Under the Stars
Movie Founders’ Green
July 15th
Fireside Chats
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Bluff Lake Nature Center
July 17th
Adult Night: Mexican Theme
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Aviator Park
July 21st
HomeBuyer Education Class
5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
7350 E. 29th Ave., 3rd floor
July 28th
Stapleton Under the Stars
Movie Founders’ Green

AUGUST
August 11th
Stapleton Under the Stars
Movie Founders’ Green
August 14th
Chalk Art Contest
10 a.m. – Noon
Aviator Park and Pool
Monday, August 16th
First day of school

SEPTEMBER
September 1st
Stapleton Under the Stars
Movie Founders’ Green
September 16th
Fireside Chats
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Bluff Lake Nature Center
September 25th
Wine Festival
Founders’ Green

OCTOBER
October 16th
Fall Festival
Noon - 2 p.m.
Founders’ Green

DECEMBER
First week of December
Holiday Decoration Contest
December 12th
Lighting the Holiday Tree
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m
Founders’ Green

** For times and movie listings, as well as details on other events throughout the summer, visit www.StapletonDenver.com
Addressing Pedestrian Safety Along Quebec

By Michael B. Hancock
City Councilman, District 11

I used to take for granted that motorists traveling along Quebec Street would slow down for the increased pedestrian traffic at Stapleton and Quebec Square. Of course, that was until I was contacted by several concerned Park Hill residents, Forest City representatives and the Metropolitan Organization for People about the hazards pedestrians face crossing Quebec. I applaud all these entities for stepping up to the plate and for promoting a strong voice for all citizens wanting to enjoy the new amenities east of Quebec.

The number one priority lauded by everyone involved was the unimpeded safety of every person, whether they are a motorist or a pedestrian, along Quebec. Allow me to frame the issue for those of you who may be unaware of the problem. Motorists, particularly those traveling south on Quebec, are traveling at a rate of speed that is endangering the safety of pedestrians who are crossing Quebec to either visit or leave the shops along the street, primarily between 38th and 26th streets. Several great ideas were suggested to mitigate the situation, including building a pedestrian bridge across Quebec. Here is a list of the action steps that have been negotiated with the City and County of Denver’s Traffic Engineering Department:

- A traffic analysis is currently being conducted to determine where mitigation is needed most.
- Once the analysis is completed, pedestrian crossing signals will be modified to give pedestrians as much as an additional five seconds to cross the street.
- Additional pedestrian crossing signs will be installed near the viaduct and flashing signals may accompany the signs.

These steps are important to our overall goal of ensuring pedestrian safety. Please keep your eyes and ears open and feel free to contact my office at 303-331-3872 or email (Michael.hancock@ci.denver.co.us) if you have questions or want to make recommendations on this or any other issue. In addition, you may contact the City of Denver’s Traffic Engineering Office at 720-865-4000.
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said Denise Gammon, senior vice president-residential development for Forest City Stapleton, Inc. “This program should be a ‘source of inspiration’ for everyone in the home builder industry who is looking for a unique way to give back to help people in need.”

The 2004 Inspiration House built by New Town Builders will be the 2,323 square-foot Logan model. This two-story home, priced at $470,000, features ten-foot ceilings on the first floor, two and one half baths, and four bedrooms. There is also a formal dining room, formal living room, and a two-car garage. The projected profit from the sale of the house that will be donated to the Home Builders Foundation is in excess of $250,000.00.

Formed in 1993, The Home Builders Foundation partners with suppliers, homebuilders, subcontractors and other volunteers to help those who desperately need enhancement or accessibility to their homes. The Foundation works closely with Craig Hospital in helping disabled individuals who have included victims of the Columbine High School shootings and other victims of crime and tragedy in the Denver Metropolitan Area. To learn more about The Home Builders Foundation, contact its Executive Director, June Barnes, at (303) 778-1400, Ext. 212 (jbarnes@hbfdenver.org).

The Stapleton Development Corporation
How to Measure Success

By Dick Anderson
Several times a week I am asked about the success of Stapleton. My answer is always the same. Success is measured in different ways. For many, our responsibility is to dispose of the former air-
port property and to see that processes are in place to achieve the principles of the Stapleton Development Plan (Green Book). If you measure success by the sale of land and our develop- ment of regional open space, most would con- clude that some level of success has been achieved.

For most at SDC success will be mea- sured in the years to come by matters not yet achieved and results difficult to measure. It’s one matter to create attrac- tive streetscapes, beautiful parks, new ser- vices for the area, employment opportu- nities, affordable housing, diverse neighborhoods and sustainable development. Can these efforts be sustained? Some successes are obvious. Spring blooms confirm the wisdom of the extensive sustainable landscape programs. Resident inter- est in their community is indicated by the for- mation of SUN and their positive approach to neighborhood concerns. Retail establishments are providing increased employment opportunities and needed area services.

There are an increasing number of opportuni- ties for residents to enjoy the services and ameni- ties of Stapleton. The dog run opens on Memo- rial Day, the Greenway opens officially with the Charity Chase on June 5, portions of Westerly Creek will open in late spring and Central Park will soon be under construction. Retail shops in the Town Center are staffed by diverse and con- sumer friendly shopkeepers. A growing number of residents are enjoying the opportunity to spend more time with their families because their commuting times have been reduced. Expanding families indicate that Stapleton is a good place to raise a family. Seniors are selecting smaller liv- ing units to have more leisure time and to be closer to their children. Visitors from across the country visit to learn more about how we imple- ment the Plan.

The real measure of success, however, will be for others to judge. Will this community pro- duce sustainable outcomes? Will children have a better opportunity to achieve their dreams and will they achieve those dreams? Will the level of architectural integrity be maintained as the com- munity matures? Will the patterns of diversity that have been estab- lished in the workforce continue? Will the neighborhood connec- tions be made north of Stapleton and to exist- ing neighborhoods with the new areas of devel- opment? Will the quality of the park programs and their maintenance be sustained given the reality of public budget constraints? Will con- tinued support of the City and the communi- ty I believe all of these challenges can be met. Finally are the most important measure- ments of success. Will this be a better commu- nity than it would have been without the Staple- ton Development Plan?

W ill the residents of Staple- ton continue to maintain their pioneering spirit by being meaningfully engaged in the many opportunities to serve the needs of the area? SDC, the Stapleton Foundation and Forest City can provide opportunities for success but real success will be met through sustainable efforts of the residents of the area.

Will the residents achieve a better lifestyle than they might have achieved by living somewhere else? Will the small business people who have risked financial security by being part of the pio- neering spirit of Stapleton succeed? Will the neighborhoods surrounding Stapleton enjoy their expectations from the new development? Will the residents of Stapleton continue to maintain their pioneering spirit by being meaningfully engaged in the many opportunities to serve the needs of the area? Stapleton is exciting because the list of challenges is dynamic.

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Dick Anderson is the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Stapleton Development Corporation, the non-profit entity charged with overseeing the sale of the Stapleton property to master developer Forest City Stapleton, Inc.

Mr. Anderson is also a Stapleton resident.
A Message from Bluff Lake’s Education Director

Dear Stapleton Residents:

As a new Stapleton resident, you are busy exploring all the new amenities that are within walking or biking distance from your home. I would like to introduce you to a very special place that existing neighborhoods have cherished for years, Bluff Lake Nature Center. Now, while your home may be new, Bluff Lake is not. Because of its unique landscape, you can explore several different habitats in a small area. Wetlands, a creek, forested areas and a short grass prairie provide homes for many bird and animals species. Bluff Lake was preserved in 1923 as part of the buffer zone around the Stapleton International Airport. It was within this protective buffer that wild animals lived and thrived.

In 1994 a small non-profit, Friends of Bluff Lake, was formed to provide environmental education to students who would not otherwise have such experiences. Friends of Bluff Lake worked hard to provide free environmental education programs to these students and even provided reimbursement of school bus expenses. 2004 is the 10th anniversary of environmental education at Bluff Lake. A lot has changed in these 10 years, including our name, Bluff Lake Nature Center. One thing has not changed and that is our commitment to environmental education.

Of course nature is not just for the young, it is for everyone to enjoy. Residents of Stapleton are close enough to enjoy the daily benefits of Bluff Lake from home. You may see bald eagles fly overhead, or hear the call of coyotes at dusk as you sit on your front porch. You may even notice a variety of songbirds in your garden. But as you sit on your intranet for a schedule of programs. Residents visiting from the Stapleton neighborhood can take Montview east to Moline. Turn left on Moline (north) past 25th St. The entrance to Bluff Lake will be on your right about 1/4 mile north of 25th Street. You will not see Bluff Lake from the road because the entire refuge is situated below natural bluffs. When you walk down the bluff into the refuge, you will notice that the sights and sounds of the city virtually disappear.

To help celebrate our 10th anniversary, we will be hosting a contest for photos taken at Bluff Lake. Photos will be accepted at the Bluff Lake Nature Center Administrative offices (7350 E. 29th Avenue, third floor) from September 25 to October 16. Awards will be given at a special event on November 6, 2004. Aurora and the Sand Creek Regional Greenway are also sponsoring a multi-media art contest in 2004. Details about both contests will be available soon.

For more information on anything in this article, please contact us at 303-468-3240 or visit our website at www.blufflakenaturecenter.org. Hope to see you at Bluff Lake!

Sincerely,
Sue Schafer, Education Director

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The Lofts at Stapleton - A New Builder’s Story

By Larry and Barbara Fullerton

Whether you’re a native who has watched Denver grow and change over the years or a transplant from another city, you’ve got to admit that the evolution of the old airport to a thriving new urban and green community is exciting. The unfolding of Forest City’s vision for Stapleton has resulted in a true urban tapestry, with the best of vibrant city life, the latest in design and technology and fresh air and open space to create a community that really has no equal.

The vision for Stapleton to become a new version of old Denver, was and is a huge undertaking. Two creeks under the old airport’s runways have been uncovered and returned to their natural state and now meander next to miles of bike and walking trails. Small flower shops and quaint restaurants reside next to a large office complex, and within walking distance are homes of every price and size, each on a tree lined street with a neighborhood swimming pool nearby. This is life as it was meant to be lived.

Stapleton’s emergence as a real neighborhood modeled on older neighborhoods of times past, an old concept that is suddenly new, has arrived on the scene with the latest offering: The Lofts at Stapleton. Every community has recycled old buildings over the years to reflect the changing needs of the next generation. Lofts are (continued on page 6)
Lofts at Stapleton
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In the busy world. Loft elements such as exposed brick walls and exposed ductwork as well as expansive windows and interesting lighting cast a lofty glow everywhere.

The Lofts at Stapleton offer all this and a superior location right on Founders’ Green, the rolling green amphitheater that will host concerts, movies and farmers’ markets all summer long. Only at Stapleton can you walk through 1100 acres of open space and also walk to the neighborhood store. Only at Stapleton can you get to the new airport in only 20 minutes or do your expense reports next to an Olympic sized swimming pool. Only at Stapleton will you find a lifestyle that is rich and varied as tapestry of older towns and yet brand new and fresh with modern technology. And only at The Fullerton Company’s Lofts can you find this urban style and lifestyle embraced in architecture.

The Fullerton Company is very proud of what it is adding to the Stapleton fabric of life. Ground was broken on March 6th and completion is expected within a year. The one and two bedroom lofts are sold out in the first building, it is true. Incredible values are still available in the luxurious two story lofts from the low $300’s, and the spacious three story Town Lofts from the mid $200’s.

For more information, call 303-388-LOFT or visit the website, www.theloftsatstapleton.com. Larry and Barbara Fullerton are the principals of The Fullerton Company.

Stapleton continues to grow and the third annual Founders’ Day will celebrate this growth. On Saturday June 5th, Founders’ Day will be kicked-off at 9:00 a.m. with the Stapleton Charity Chase, a 5K Race/Walk and Family Fun Walk and Stroll, with proceeds benefiting Denver Catholic Charities. The run starts at 9:00 a.m. at the East West Greenway Park. To register, visit www.StapletonDenver.com.

At 2:00 p.m. the action will move to Founders’ Green in the East 29th Avenue Town Center, where there will be face painters, magicians, inflatable jumps for kids, a masseuse, a dunk booth, pie-eating contests, and sidewalk sales in the East 29th Avenue Town Center retail stores. To make the celebration complete, “Stapleton Under the Stars,” a movie and concert series will make its debut on Founders’ Day. A three-band concert will enliven the celebration featuring the great talents of local artists DeVotchKa and Matthew Moon. The opening act will begin at 6:00 p.m., DeVotchKa will follow at 6:40 p.m. and Matthew Moon will perform at 8:05 p.m.

For more information on Founders’ Day, visit www.StapletonOnline.com.
The University of Colorado Hospital will host its 2nd Annual Get Fitz Walk & Family Festival on Saturday, June 12th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. (rain or shine) at its Fitzsimons Campus, which is located at Colfax and Ursula in Aurora. The event is a benefit for the Hospital’s Patient Financial Assistance Program, which provides aid to patients who need help with housing, transportation, medications, food, and clothing.

The Walk participant bringing in the most donations will receive a “Get Fitz” Walk t-shirt, food and beverages and a “goodie bag.” The free Family Festival is open to the public and will feature live bands, roving entertainers, face painters, health information and health screenings (at low or no cost). Also included in the Festival is a Kids’ Zone with interactive displays and activities.

For more information about the Get Fitz Walk & Family Festival and to register for the walk, visit www.uco.edu/GetFitzWalk, or call the Get Fitz Walk hotline at 303-724-5325.

STAPLETON CHARITY CHASE ENTRY FORM

Mail checks payable to Stapleton Charity Chase to:
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Medium
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Please use one entry form per person

5K Run/5k Walk Pre-registration

$25 Adults
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5K Run/5k Walk Race Day Registration

$27 Adults
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Family Fun Walk and Stroll Registration

$10 Adults
$7 Kids 6-17
$5 Dogs (must be leashed)

Price is the same for early or race day registration

Please read and sign the waiver:
In consideration of accepting my entry in the Stapleton Charity Chase, I, intending to be bound by myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, do hereby release and discharge all race sponsors and officials from any and all liability arising from illness, injuries and damages I may suffer as a result of participating in the event, i.e., the Stapleton Charity Chase. I also understand and agree that a race sponsor may certify my compliance by my signature below. I also understand that any entry fees I pay are non-refundable.

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Summer Programs at The Urban Farm

The Urban Farm at Stapleton, in cooperation with Embracing Horses, has announced the 2004 Summer Classes and Workshops in Horsemanship Education.

Classes begin the week of May 24th and end the week of August 20th. The cost for the twelve week session is $260.00. Registration must be accompanied by full payment. Some full and partial scholarships are available.

Also available this summer at The Urban Farm at Stapleton (located at 10200 Smith Road) is the “Down On The Farm Summer Workshop” in which children from ages 8 to 12 learn about farm animals and how crops are grown. The cost for the half-day sessions that run from 9 a.m. to Noon, Monday-thru-Friday is $100.00. Two sessions are available: July 5-9th and July 19-23rd.

For younger children, The “Storybook Farm Workshop” educates children ages 5 to 7 about farm animals and gardening. A single session runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is $10.00.

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A young visitor eyes the animals at The Urban Farm.

Summer Events on the Green

Stapleton Under the Stars

Do you like movies? Do you like concerts? Now you can enjoy both, just steps from local shops, restaurants and homes and outside “under the stars.” Stapleton Under the Stars is the summer movie and concert series that will be held throughout the summer at Founders’ Green, an outdoor grass amphitheatre in the heart of the community, located in the East 29th Avenue Town Center, just east of Quebec Street on 29th Avenue.

Stapleton Under the Stars will be kicked off on Saturday, June 5th with a three-band concert to enliven the annual Founders’ Day celebration. The great talents of local artists DeVotchKa and Matthew Moon will thrill the audience. The opening act will begin at 6:00 p.m. DeVotchKa will follow at 6:40 p.m. and Matthew Moon will begin his performance at 8:05 p.m. Additional concerts will be held in July and August. Stay tuned for more details.

Stapleton Under the Stars will also feature seven more movie nights throughout the summer, featuring movies that everyone will enjoy, including the all time favorite Grease and recent movie releases such as Harry Potter. Movie dates are June 16th, June 30th, July 14th, July 28th, August 11th, August 25th and September 1st. Visit www.StapletonDenver.com for times and movie listings throughout the summer.

Come experience “the art of urban living” this summer with Stapleton Under the Stars!
What would the perfect urban Denver home be like? First, it would take advantage of Denver’s climate — all the opportunities to be outdoors year-round. It would have a great location, close to parks, restaurants and shopping. It would be low-maintenance, to give you plenty of time to enjoy the home and its surroundings. And it would have loads of urban style.

This summer, John Laing Homes will introduce a new kind of home that offers all this and more: the Paired Homes at Stapleton.

Because Colorado has about 300 days of sunshine a year, the designers at John Laing Homes gave the Paired Homes unique outdoor living spaces: patios, porches, balconies and stainless steel appliances. From the outside, the homes are simply grand. There are five architectural styles to choose from: Spanish, Italianate, Monterey, European Cottage and Victorian. And because the homes are paired together, they present the sort of scale you might associate with a historic mansion.

John Laing has created the Paired Homes for people who want to live close to the amenities of city life but not live right in the middle of downtown. The Paired Homes will be just one block from Stapleton’s 80-acre Central Park. And a few minutes’ walk will take you to the shops and restaurants of the East 29th Avenue Town Center. The Paired Homes will be priced from the mid $300s to low $400s. Only 10 to 12 Paired Homes will be built this year. So if you’re thinking that a Paired Home might be the perfect fit, you’ll want to join the Paired Homes interest list by visiting www.johnlainghomes.com/denver/paired.
TIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING

HOW TO MAKE YOUR GARDEN MORE BEAUTIFUL AND “WATER WISE”

It's that time of the year again! Time to work in the garden – and work in the garden using water efficiently. Below are some tips provided by the Denver Botanic Garden.

• Improve your soil by incorporating organic matter, such as compost, and through rototilling.
• Aerate your lawn to allow water and air to penetrate compacted soil, providing better nourishment to plants. An aerated lawn adapts more quickly to staying healthy with less water.
• Mulch around plants to suppress weeds and retain moisture.
• Space plants closely together when planting so that they shade the soil.
• Buy a rain gauge or use old soup cans placed randomly in your garden to see how evenly you are watering and how long it takes your sprinklers to water one inch.
• Use a moisture gauge to assess whether your plants actually need water, or check two or three inches deep to see if the soil is moist.

2004 WATER RESTRICTIONS

Denver Water made the 2004 water restrictions effective on May 1st. Below is a summary of the restrictions for your yard, see www.denverwater.org for more information.

Lawn Watering
• Permitted 2 days per week
• Odd numbered addresses may water on Saturday and Wednesday.
• Even numbered addresses may water on Sunday and Thursday.
• 15 minutes per zone (average)
• No watering 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
• No limit to number of zones

Trees and Shrubs
Water by a hand-held hose or low-volume non-spray irrigation on assigned watering days but not between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Flowers and Vegetables
Water with a hand-held hose or low-volume non-spray irrigation on any day except Monday and not between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Students Create Tiles for Westerly Creek Entry Way

Update on The Denver School of Science and Technology

Construction workers erect the initial walls of The Denver School of Science and Technology at Stapleton on land donated by Forest City. The Denver Public Schools charter high school, funded in part by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and The Anna and John J. Sie Foundation, will open in August of this year. Plans are underway for a combined art project in the future involving students from Westerly Creek and The Odyssey Charter School.

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Don’t be surprised if you walk into the Starbucks in the East 29th Avenue Town Center one day and see Earvin “Magic” Johnson seated at the counter. That’s because the Stapleton Starbucks is one of the former NBA star’s “Urban Coffee Opportunities,” a partnership that brings the popular gathering place to urban neighborhoods in cities across the nation.

Starbucks Manager David East spent 21 years in the Business Opportunities and Planning Division of the telecommunications industry before making the move to Starbucks where he had already been a longtime customer. Although the aviation enthusiast and private pilot had flown over Denver’s former international airport, he had never landed at Stapleton. Now, he operates a Starbucks in the town center located just a short distance from the former east-west runway.

The Starbucks at Stapleton is located in the district of stores managed by David Johnson, a Houston native who was first attracted to Denver for its quality of life. David’s appreciation for Colorado’s natural environment surely played a role in his decision to approve the selection of The Starbucks Natur- al Area at Stapleton as one of the first local beneficiaries of Starbucks’s support for the community. Literature and an informative display about Bluff Lake greet customers stopping in at the Town Center store.

The Stapleton Starbucks is open from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

CURVES

Kathleen Sisler, manager of the Curves Fitness Center for Women in the East 29th Avenue Town Center, says there is no reason that becoming physically fit can’t be “Fast, Fun and Friendly.”

The Curves program combines cardio workouts with strength training, filling a need for women who don’t want to go to a “typical” gym and who may not know how properly to use exercise equipment. The Curves program at Stapleton enables its clients to become physically fit to the beat of great music that makes getting into shape an enjoyable escape from the drudgery of a daily routine.

Curves is currently open from 8 a.m. to Noon and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, across the street from Starbucks in the East 29th Avenue Town Center. The hours of operation are expected to expand as the membership grows. For more information, 303-333-5959.

1ST BANK

Kevin Classen, vice president of the 1st Bank of Denver in the East 29th Avenue Town Center at Stapleton, takes pride in offering a variety of banking services in an atmosphere that is both friendly and comfortable.

Customers walking into the bank are immediately impressed by the open and pleasant atmosphere of a bank that is designed to capture so much natural lighting, a design that is well suited for the approach Kevin brings to banking. He and his staff of seven employees pride themselves on creating a relaxing environment for customers needing help with automobile and mortgage loans and a variety of commercial, residential and construction lending.

A native of the small community of Central, Nebraska, Kevin has lived in Colorado for the past in- termediate years and takes pride in offering a variety of banking services in an atmosphere that is both friendly and comfortable.

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six years, most recently serving with a bank in Vail. Kevin’s wife Elizabeth is an employee of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. The couple is expecting their first child in September.

The lobby of 1st Bank is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. An ATM Machine located on the Quebec Street frontage of the building is available 24 hours a day.

**AMERICA’S BACK**

Alan Pitts, founder and chief executive officer of America’s Back, located inside the front of the Wal-Mart SuperCenter in Quebec Square, believes he has the answer for someone who wants to eliminate low back pain and prevent injury.

“I started America’s Back because ordinary people did not have access to the latest technology in the treatment of low-back pain,” Alan says. “There is a cure for low-back pain. If you spend five minutes once a week at one of our facilities, I personally guarantee your back will get better.”

In the America’s Back program, clients work with a certified trainer who develops a customized plan to improve the health and fitness of the low back. Alan says the program uses unique technology that isolates and strengthens a person’s back muscles to eliminate low back pain. He adds that his program can even prevent surgery.

America’s Back Is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mondays through

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**COMMERCIAL FEDERAL BANK**

Lisa Wray, branch manager of the new Commercial Federal Bank in the East 29th Avenue Town Center, is excited about being at Stapleton. Even before her bank opened its doors at Stapleton, Lisa had begun inquiring about opportunities to get involved with her new community.

“I live in the Stapleton area and I am thrilled to be serving my growing community in this capacity, especially in such a beautiful building and with the best equipment and people the industry has to offer,” Lisa says. “Our new branch design is called “AdeoSM,” which means “visit” or “approach.” This revolutionary new design complements the welcoming, personalized nature of our service and our commitment to helping ordinary folks reach their financial dreams. I hand-picked the entire staff and we are all very proud to be here,” she added.

Lisa graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a BA in Humanities and is currently pursuing an MBA in Management from the University of Colorado at Denver. She has six years of retail financial services management experience, most of it from the mutual fund industry.
Commercial Federal Opens Adeo™ Branch at Stapleton

Stapleton-area residents will be able to experience the future of banking now that Commercial Federal Bank has opened its innovative new Adeo™ branch at 2970 Quebec in the East 29th Avenue Town Center at Stapleton.

Adeo means “visit” or “approach” in Latin, according to Geary Kinnett, first vice president and Colorado state retail director for Commercial Federal. “It symbolizes the inviting and personal environment of our new Stapleton branch. People will feel comfortable here. They can have cup of coffee, research investment information on the Internet, or talk to one of our associates about their financial needs.”

“ADEO™ is cutting-edge technology. Adeo™ is world-class service. Adeo™ is revolutionizing the bank experience for customers,” said Kinnett.

“You have to see this branch to experience how different it truly is,” Kinnett added. “Commercial Federal’s Adeo™ branch at Stapleton is a place customers will want to visit often. They’ll experience more convenience, easier access to their money and a friendly atmosphere where they will feel comfortable asking financial questions. They will notice a difference the moment they walk in the door.”

The new Stapleton branch features:

• Two drive-up teller lanes with video screen communication.
• A 24-hour drive-up ATM.
• Convenient self-secured boxes with biometric hand readers that can be used without assistance from bank employees for the protection of important documents.
• An Investment Center offering financial news and information.
• A Business Services Center promoting Commercial Federal’s small business and commercial banking capabilities.
• A convenient Commercial Night Drop.
• A Home and Consumer Lending Center with information and literature highlighting Commercial Federal’s mortgage and consumer lending products and services.
• An Internet Café with access to the World Wide Web and online banking products.
• Plasma TV screens displaying the Commercial Federal Banking Network with promotional messages and news, weather and financial headlines.

Drive-up teller hours at the Stapleton branch will be 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Lobby hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Commercial Federal’s web site can be accessed at www.comfedbank.com.

Denver Police Department

Crime Prevention Awareness Pays Off

Greetings from the Denver Police Department. Warm weather is upon us, trees are budding, flowers and grasses are blooming and greening, and summer evenings and backyard barbecues await.

It is truly a wonderful time of the year, and with the anticipation and enjoyment of outdoor activities and events, we take a moment to contemplate and review our crime prevention efforts.

2003 Crime Statistics show a decrease in all categories of major reported crimes in the North Park Hill and Northeast Park Hill neighborhoods. North Park Hill showed a 17.1% decrease in reported crimes during the statistical period from the year 2002 to 2003. Northeast Park Hill showed a 20.2% decrease in reported crime during the same period. South Park Hill dropped in crime frequency in Denver neighborhoods from 31st to 45th.

Our residents are to be commended for their efforts to work in partnership with the Denver Police Department, to reduce crime and increase overall safety, by participating in Neighborhood Watch efforts, and calling or contacting the Police Department to report criminal or suspicious activities.

Please remember to close your overhead garage doors and entry doors, during your gardening and lawn care activities. Check your garage and entry doors to determine if they are shut and locked when leaving for work in the morning and upon your return in the evening, or leaving for activities during the day.

Open garage doors and open entry doors provide an opportunity for burglars to enter the unsecured residence, and remove purses or wallets from entryway or kitchen tables, or remove bicycles or lawn equipment from garages.

Auto Theft and Theft from Motor Vehicles continue to be a problem in the metro area. Citizens are reminded to not leave articles in plain view in their vehicles that are parked. Secure items in the trunk of the vehicle and check to ensure that the vehicle is locked. Please do not leave your vehicle running or unattended with the keys inside as you leave in the morning or enter a store or business, even for a few moments. Even if a vehicle is locked, it takes mere seconds to enter and remove it when it is left running.

Denver Police Department encourages you to (continued on page 15)
It’s Time to Schedule Swimming Lessons

The pool in Aviator Park on East 28th Avenue opens for the 2004 season at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 29th. As we look forward to the summer season ahead, it is important to think in terms of water safety. Anyone interested in information about swimming lessons should call (720) 529.9911.

If you are currently a resident of Stapleton and have not yet received your member identification, please go online and send an email to the Site Administrator or the Community Manager.

Diane Deeter, Community Manager

Items of interest...

Stapleton Farmers’ Market

This summer, Stapleton will introduce the Stapleton Farmer’s Market to its residents and neighbors. Beginning Sunday, June 13th, you can stop by Founders’ Green in the East 29th Avenue Town Center to purchase your favorite fruits, vegetables and flowers. The Stapleton Farmer’s Market is every Sunday through September from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit StapletonDenver.com.

Stapleton Community Blood Drive

Stop by the Bonfils Blood Center Blood Drive Mobile on Sunday, June 20th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Blood Drive will occur at Founders’ Green at Stapleton. Walk-in appointments are welcome, or you can call the Stapleton Visitor Center (303-355-9600) to schedule an appointment.

Stapleton Strollers

Stapleton Strollers is hitting the streets once again! This stroller exercise conditioning class meets every Tuesday, at 9:30 a.m. and takes to the streets and parks to do various exercises from jumping jacks to lunges to stretches. Anyone is welcome – Stapleton Residents, friends, family and nearby residents!

To join this energetic group, RSVP by the Monday prior to 303.341.0937 or visit www.hotmamasdenver.com. The cost is $10. Bring water, a towel and your baby in a stroller. The class meets at East 29th Avenue and Valentia.

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McStain Neighborhoods Receives Top Award for Stapleton Row Home Model

Colorado-based developer and homebuilder McStain Neighborhoods received a Platinum Award for its Denver Row Home design at the 20th Annual Best in American Living (BALA) awards in Las Vegas.

Sponsored by Professional Builder magazine and the National Association of Home Builders, the BALA awards showcased homes that illustrate design quality and success in residential homebuilding. The 2003 BALA competition’s panel of 12 judges was composed of builders, marketing experts, architects, land planners, developers, design professionals, interior designers and Professional Builder editors.

The Platinum Award recognizes McStain’s Emerson Row Home, a three-story townhome that is a contemporary interpretation of a classic urban row house. The Emerson is one of three Row Home plans available at Stapleton.

“The McStain Row Homes play an important urban design role at Stapleton,” says Caroline Hoyt, chief designer and co-founder of McStain Neighborhoods. “Flanking the wide, tree-lawn boulevard of East 29th Avenue, the Row Homes help balance rhythm and repetition along the central spine for the community.”

McStain’s historic-looking Row Homes are full of architectural details and style and include modern conveniences like gourmet kitchens, walk-in closets, 2-car garages and state-of-the-art energy efficiency.

This fall, Heidi will be competing in her first 24-hour, 100 mile Adventure Race in Vail and she hopes to compete in her first expedition-length race (350-450 miles) next year. Ultimately, she has set her sights on the Subaru Primal Quest, which is a nationally televised race scheduled to be run this fall. Heidi is currently gathering sponsorships to offset some of the costs of competing in that event.

For information about sponsoring Heidi, call Tom Gleason (303) 382-1800 or email tgleason@stapletondenver.com

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Animal Hospital Opens in E. 29th Ave. Town Center

Heidi Majerik, senior residential development manager and “adventure racer.”

Dr. Michele Smith of the E. 29th Avenue Animal Hospital has a gentle hand in giving one of her canine friends a checkup. Dr. Smith’s clinic is located in the courtyard of the Town Center next to Fantastic Sams.
MAY 2004:

HOMES
More than 900 households with over 2,200 residents are living at Stapleton. The rental homes of Botanica on the Green are preparing to welcome their first residents. The Crescent Flats Apartments in the Town Center are now being leased. The architectural diversity and wide range of homes continues to grow with the addition of The Court Homes by Infinity Home Collection and The Paired Homes by John Lang.

SCHOOLS
Work is progressing on The Denver School of Science and Technology High School, a DPS charter high school, which will open its doors in August 2004.

SHOPS
Quebec Square Regional Retail Center is well into its second year with over 50 shops and restaurants now open. East 29th Avenue Town Center is thriving with the addition of new stores including 29th Avenue Animal Hospital, Commercial Federal Bank, Curves, Fantastic Sams, 1st Bank, One Hour Cleaners, PostNet, and Starbucks Coffee.

OFFICES
The first offices have enjoyed six months in their new location in the East 29th Avenue Town Center. Planning continues on the Denver Science Center at Stapleton, a unique location for science and technology companies with many advantages including tax incentives, nearby affordable housing, an experienced and financially capable developer, and great school choices.

PARKS
Aviator Pool will open on Memorial Day for its second season. Greenway Park will open June 5th with the start of the Stapleton Charity Chase. “Stapleton Under the Stars,” the summer concert series, will begin at Founders’ Green on June 5th.

McStain Award
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into the homes and neighborhoods we build,” says Hoyt. “The Row Home appeals to people because of the proximity to the 29th Avenue Town Center, the maintenance-free living and the opportunity to live in a unique, architecturally distinctive home.”

McStain’s in-house design team and Denver-based Arlo Braun & Associates designed the Emerson Row Home. For more information, call (303) 494-5900 or visit www.mcstain.com.

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Nieves Suarez, standing in front of her home in Roslyn Court at Stapleton, shows her Senegal Parrot “Kiwi” to Caleb and Chloe Theil while their grandmother, Norma Driskill, looks on.

For information about the Roslyn Court duplexes, fourplexes, and carriage homes for sale now from the low $100,000s, call (303) 320-1844.

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Stapleton’s Easter Party Not Dampened by Snow

The Easter bunny trudged through a snowstorm to get to Stapleton’s 2004 Spring Fling but found an excited crowd of children and adults who moved indoors to the Red Lion Hotel at 4040 Quebec Street for this year’s celebration. Terrific food and entertainment caused everyone to forget about the storm outside as they enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of our friends at the Red Lion Hotel.

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