DENVER, COLORADO
JUNE 2004

Stapleton Challenge
Mayor Hickenlooper Walks the Talk

Mayor Hickenlooper bounds down the stairs leaving City hall.

Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper never met a challenge he didn’t like. Against heavy odds, he left a career in the energy industry in the 1980s to open a string of successful restaurants. Later, he bucked even heavier odds when he won the 2003 Denver mayoral race in his first campaign for public office.

Now, however, Mayor Hickenlooper may have met his match. Recently he accepted a challenge from Beverly Haddon, chief executive officer of The Stapleton Foundation and a member of The Active Living Partnership at Stapleton (ALPS) to head up one of two teams of thirty people competing to see which team could walk the most steps over a period of three weeks to promote more active and healthier lifestyles. Called “30 on 30,” the competition involves wearing watch-sized step counters on a waist band or belt that record the number of steps taken each day between May 3rd and May 24th. The winning team in the contest receives a prize of $1,000 from The Stapleton Foundation to be donated to the Denver Public School of the winning team’s choice to promote more active and healthier lifestyles for children.

Westerly Creek to Search for New Principal

Westerly Creek Elementary School will begin its second year next fall with a new principal. Ms. Trish Kuhn, the current principal, has decided to move on to new challenges. Ms. Kuhn said she is considering several job options but has not yet made a decision. She was hired two years ago to oversee a year of start up activities before students arrived for the first time in the summer of 2003.

Richard Smith, assistant area superintendent for northeast Denver, commended Ms. Kuhn for her dedication and hard work as she faced the challenges of opening a new school in a new community.

“We appreciate the leadership Trish has provided to Denver Public Schools the last two years,” Smith said. “She was instrumental in organizing the school and choosing top notch teachers.

“And opening up a new school is a great challenge,” Mr. Smith said. “We will really miss her and we wish her all the best in her new assignment.”

Westerly Creek School

Westerly Creek’s Collaborative School Committee has followed district policies and established a nine-member principal selection committee comprised of Mr. Smith, three teachers (Andrea Harper, Nita Baumann and Marie Salter) one non-teaching staff member (Tara Grant), three parents (Sara Christian, Anna Noble and Jim Logue) and one community member (Brian Weber, The Stapleton Foundation). The committee will be trained on the selection process, candidate screening and interviewing. The committee will incorporate in their selection process comments in a recent survey from parents and staff about characteristics they desire in a principal.

That survey revealed that the characteristics desired in a principal by parents, teachers and community members include valuing parent and community involvement, possessing good leadership and organizational abilities, and having good communication skills. They also want a person who is supportive of teachers and the staff; cares about children, and is fair.

(continued on page 13)
Every Monday
Music Together 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Westerly Creek School

Every Tuesday
Stapleton Strollers
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Stapleton Visitor Center

Every Other Friday
Mobile Cycle
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Bluff Lake Nature Center

First Saturday of each month
Founders’ Day Celebration
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Aviator Park

First Sunday beginning June 13th
Stapleton Farmers’ Market
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
E. 29th Ave., Town Center

Pool Hours
Mon. - Thurs. 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sun. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

June 5th
Bluff Lake Open House
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Bluff Lake Nature Center

June 5th
Charity Chase
9:00 a.m.
Greenway Park

JUNE

July 4th
Ice Cream Social
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Aviator Park

July 10th
Master Composer Program
10:00 a.m. - Noon
Nexus Building, Greenway Park

JULY

July 28th
Stapleton Under the Stars
Movie Founders’ Green
Seabiscuit

AUGUST

August 4th
Stapleton Under the Stars
Movie Founders’ Green
Wizard of Oz

August 7th
Stapleton Under the Stars
Jazz Concert Founders’ Green

August 11th
Stapleton Under the Stars
Movie Founders’ Green
Samething’s Gotta Give

August 14th
Chalk Art Contest
10:00 a.m. - Noon
Aviator Park and Pool

Monday, August 16th
First day of school

AUGUST

September 1st
Stapleton Under the Stars
Film Festival

September 16th
Fireside Chats
6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Bluff Lake Nature Center

September 25th
Wine Festival
Founders’ Green

SEPTEMBER

October 1st
Fall Festival
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Aviator Park

October 16th
First week of December
Holiday Decoration Contest

December 12th
Lighting the Holiday Tree
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Founders’ Green
For more information visit www.StapletonDenver.com.
DPS Setting High Goals

by Jerry Wartgow

Stapleton, to borrow an old expression, is taking off. The pace at which families and individuals are moving to this dynamic new part of the city is impressive. So is the quality of the environment that’s being built — the homes, the facilities, and the amenities.

Clearly, Denver is home to a jewel of urban planning. The engine of development will keep roaring, thanks in large part to the Denver City Council’s recent approval of a plan to issue new bonds for the next phase of development.

The deal will yield $168 million for infrastructure improvements including $19.6 million for the design and construction of a new K-8 school. We are aiming for a target opening date of the school, to be located at Montview and Central Park Blvd., in August 2006.

We are on a roll. Governor Bill Owens has announced that DPS is the only Colorado school district to earn the Governor’s Award for Distinguished Improvement for the second year in a row. And, in a Rocky Mountain News column, the Governor named Denver Public Schools the “bellwether” for educational reform, saying the district is squarely focused on boosting student achievement.

Along with powerful and clear support from Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, the district is seeking to renew its bonds with the many neighborhoods that comprise this vibrant, diverse city.

The goals of Denver Public Schools are clear — setting high expectations, improving the performance of all students and closing the gap between better and poorer performing students. It is the district’s obligation to cherish the renewed optimism and build on fresh success. Keep watching as Denver Public Schools continues to grow.
Three Academies Under One Roof

Smiley Middle School –

The energetic principal convened teachers and parents to develop the new program during his first year at Smiley. He was The Denver Post/NFL Denver Broncos’ Coach of the Year in September 1997, and The Rocky Mountain News Colorado High School Football Coach of the Year in 1994. Mr. Howard is married and has two daughters attending DPS high schools.

During a teaching career that has spanned 18 years, Mr. Howard has served as an instructor at the collegiate level. He is a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, The National Middle School Association, The Colorado Association of School Executives, The Denver Association of School Administrators and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Mr. Howard is a past recipient of the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge National Teacher Award. Nate Howard was selected to be the principal of Smiley Middle School in the Park Hill Neighborhood west of Stapleton in June 2002. A graduate of Denver’s East High School, Mr. Howard received his undergraduate degree in science education from Clark Atlanta University. He also holds a graduate degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder in Environmental Population and Organismic Biology, and has attended the Leadership Preparation (Principal Licensure) Program at the University of Northern Colorado. With financial support from the Stapleton Foundation, Mr. Howard also completed a similar program at Fordham University and will attend another one at Harvard this summer.

Nate Howard was the head football coach at Manual High School in Denver, CO 80238 303-316-3339

Middle School in the Park Hill Neighborhood west of Stapleton is definitely headed in the right direction under the guidance of Principal Nate Howard who has spread his enthusiasm and energy to the staff and students throughout the school.

Until a middle school is built at Stapleton, Smiley is the middle school of assignment for Stapleton residents. Since his appointment in the 2002-03 school year, Mr. Howard has overseen a dramatic transformation of the school from a typical middle school structure to a magnet school following a "Tri Academy Model." The energetic principal convened teachers and parents to develop the new program during his first year at Smiley with financial and technical support from the Stapleton Foundation, which has helped raise nearly $300,000 in multi year grants for Smiley’s redesign efforts.

The 553 students at Smiley Middle School have the choice of enrolling in the International (Baccalaureate) Preparatory program, The Renaissance Academy (arts program), or The Discovery Academy (math and science program). Each academy also integrates the arts, math and science throughout core subjects. Smiley also offers students more choices of electives than are available at most middle schools.

As part of the new structure, Smiley has established innovative partnerships with the Colorado School of Mines for its Discovery Program, the Denver Center for the Performing Arts for its Renaissance Program, and the University of Colorado Medical School and the University of Colorado at Denver for its International Preparatory Program. The IP program prepares students for the rigorous International Baccalaureate at George Washington High School – the DPS high school of assignment for Stapleton.

Mr. Howard is pleased with the progress made to date in the redesign of the Smiley program, for which he gives students, teachers and parents a lot of the credit. "The next two to three years will be a critical time as we strive to build on the first year’s efforts," the principal said. “We look forward to the challenge and more success.”

Principal Howard and his staff also recognize the importance of after school activities. Smiley has established special relationships with the Urban League of Denver to create a Tech Club, Arts Club, Shakespeare Festival, National History Day, Drama Club and other after school athletic and academic programs for its students. Last year, Smiley developed a highly successful summer program funded by Forest City Stapleton, Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank that provided its students with activities involving dance, music, drama, and film and literature studies. Smiley Middle School is located at 2540 Holly Street. For more information, contact the school at (303) 399-0740.

Tom Gleason is vice president-public relations for Forest City Stapleton, Inc. He also serves on the Board of The Stapleton Foundation for Sustainable Urban Communities.

EXECUTIVE TANS®
The next best thing to being there is being here.

$24.99 Monthly Unlimited Tanning
Buy 2 Months Get One Free
20% Off Any Private Label Lotion
35% Off All EAS Products

Some restrictions may apply, see store for details.

Smiley students involved in the 2003 summer program
Sustainability has been an inherent part of plans for Stapleton since the very beginning. But, as Director of Sustainability, I am often asked, “What exactly is sustainability?” It’s a concept that has multiple meanings, so it’s no wonder this question arises.

Simply put, sustainability is about many things. Here at Stapleton, sustainability is about quality construction. It’s about walking from your home to the coffee shop. It’s about having abundant parks and open space to enjoy nature. It’s about putting out recycling bins every week and conserving water. But sustainability is also about much more. This article launches a monthly column exploring the many aspects of sustainability.

I am realistic—and very practical. I do not expect every person to embrace every aspect of sustainability. Rather, my goal is to encourage individuals to change just one behavior in their day-to-day lives. Collectively, each individual change will create a positive ripple effect throughout Stapleton and the surrounding neighborhoods.

The Stapleton Farmers’ Market, beginning Sunday June 13th from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Founders’ Green, is one of our sustainability initiatives. You might wonder, “What does a farmer’s market have to do with sustainability?” There are several aspects involved:

**Environmental Sustainability**
Sustainability is most commonly understood as minimizing one’s impact on the environment. Did you know that most food in the United States travels an average of 1,300 miles from the farm to the market shelf? Buying food at the Stapleton Farmers’ Market reduces transportation impacts and supports the preservation of the regional food production system.

**Economic Sustainability**
Sustainability is not just about the environment. It is also about the financial health of a community. At Stapleton, we believe that a mix of local and national merchants is important in creating a vibrant community. The Stapleton Farmers’ Market helps achieve this balance between local and national merchants.

**Social Sustainability**
Sustainability also has a social component—creating opportunities for neighbors to meet and interact. The Stapleton Farmers’ Market will serve as a community gathering place throughout the summer and early fall, offering neighbors another way to build and enhance their relationships.

The Stapleton Farmers’ Market is just one of the many initiatives at Stapleton you might not immediately recognize as part of the sustainability program. I look forward to sharing more information about the many sustainability programs at Stapleton with you in the coming months!

Melissa Knott is the director of sustainability, Forest City Stapleton, Inc.

---

**Items of interest…**

**Charity Chase June 5**
Runners and walkers planning to participate in the 5K Stapleton Charity Chase on Saturday, June 5th at 9:00 a.m. who have not yet registered may do so on line at www.bibblitz.com (click on “Event Calendar”) until 11:00 p.m. on June 3rd. Registration is also available on race day from 8:00 a.m. to 8:55 a.m. in Stapleton’s Greenway Park at 24th and Syracuse. Don’t miss the fun!

**Stapleton Farmers’ Market**
This summer, Stapleton will introduce the Stapleton Farmers’ Market to its residents and neighbors. Beginning Sunday, June 13th, you can stop by Founders’ Green in the East 27th Avenue Town Center to purchase your favorite fruits, vegetables and flowers. The Stapleton Farmers’ Market is every Sunday through September from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit StapletonDenver.com.

**Stapleton Blood Drive**
Stop by the Bonfils Blood Center Blood Drive Mobile on Sunday, June 20th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 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 Valentina.

---

**Summer is near!**

**Is your body ready?**

**New Spin Classes!**
Child Care Now Open!

Visit our Model Loft Sales Center on East 29th Avenue & Syracuse Court www.theloftsatstapleton.com • 303-388-5638 (LOFT)
Denver Zoo has been providing children and families an unparalleled opportunity to embark on an international wildlife adventure in their own backyard for over one hundred years. This year the Denver Zoo adds to that adventure with its newest exhibit, Predator Ridge, which will open to the public with a grand opening celebration on June 22nd at 12:00 p.m.

Predator Ridge is an 8-acre project that showcases a series of dynamic exhibits designed to recreate a portion of the Samburu National Reserve in Kenya. Visitors will get up-close views of lions, hyenas, African wild dogs and eleven other African species of mammals, reptiles and birds.

A new Zoo Main Entrance and a new gift shop are other improvements. An interactive discovery center called “Pahali Ya Simba” (pronounced Pah-hall-ee Yaw Sim-bah, Swahili for “Place of the Lions”) will allow guests to view scenes of animals from within the Samburu Game Reserve in Kenya on new plasma television screens and watch the zookeepers as they work with the lions and wild dogs in a specially-designed interactive area.

Exempla Family Medicine at Stapleton

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.
Lorikeet Adventure – Opening Memorial Day Weekend for the 2004 Summer

Experience the wonder of having brilliantly colored Lorikeet birds eat right from your hand! Lorikeets, native to south Australia, feed on nectar from blooming trees. Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day within the aviary in Primate Panorama, you can purchase a small container of nectar and watch the wonder unfold as these friendly parrots fly up to you to sample this treat. You never know, they may even land on your head! Daily starting Memorial Day weekend.

Zoo Information
Denver Zoo’s summer hours, effective April through September are 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Admission fees April through September are $11 for adults (ages 12-64), $7 for children (ages 3-11) and $5 for senior citizens (ages 65+). Children two and under are admitted free. The Denver Zoo is open every day. Parking is free. For information on Colorado free days, meeting and party space rental is free. For information on Colorado Denver Zoo is open every day. Parking is free. For information on Colorado Denver Zoo is open every day. Parking is free. For information on Colorado.

Clever Coyotes Star at Bluff Lake

Fireside chats held throughout the summer months at Bluff Lake Natural Area will introduce nature lovers to wildlife such as the “clever coyotes” who roam the open space at Stapleton. Each third Thursday of the month, a member of the Bluff Lake Nature Center educational staff will gather visitors at 6:00 p.m. around a campfire at Bluff Lake to deliver a fascinating presentation. Following the presentation, visitors will be taken on a naturalist hike of approximately one hour in duration with the possibility of sighting coyotes, great horned owls, mule deer, foxes or other wildlife from the trail or one of the wildlife viewing blinds around Bluff Lake. The program will conclude around 8 p.m. with a marshmallow roast upon the hikers’ return to the campfire. The topic for June 17th is “Clever Coyotes.”

Sue Schafer, education director at the Bluff Lake Nature Center, notes that anyone wishing to attend one of the “Fireside Chats” must preregister by calling (303) 468-3245. The cost for the fireside chats is $5 for non-members and $3 for members (regardless of age). The presentations are free to Bluff Lake volunteers. Ms. Schafer recommends that participants in the “Fireside Chats” wear comfortable shoes, bring bug spray, a light jacket and binoculars. Visitors are reminded that, due to the sensitivity of the Natural Area, dogs are not allowed at Bluff Lake. The Bluff Lake trails are ADA compliant.

The Bluff Lake Natural Area is a 123-acre urban wildlife refuge for waterfowl, shorebirds, reptiles, songbirds, deer, fox, rodents, amphibians and other types of wildlife located at Stapleton. The entrance to The Bluff Lake Natural Area is located south of Smith Road, where Havana Street turns into Moline. Visit www.blufflakenaturecenter.org for more information.

More Bluff Lake Events...

A schedule of Bluff Lake summer activities is shown on page 14.

Founders’ Day (continued from page 1)

most popular attractions. In addition, there will be face painters, magicians, inflatable jumps for kids, a masseuse, a dunk booth, pie-eating contests, and sidewalk sales in the Town Center retail stores.

At 5:00 p.m., a three-band concert will enliven the 2004 Founders’ Day celebration featuring the great talents of local artists. Arthur Lee Land will present the opening act, DeVotchKa will perform at 5:40 p.m., and Matthew Moon will take the stage at 7:05 p.m. Concertgoers are invited to bring a blanket to sit on the 2.5 acre Founders’ Green lawn. For more information visit www.StapletonOnline.com.

Stapleton under the Stars

Forest City Stapleton, Inc. is proud to present the Stapleton Under the Stars Summer Series, featuring movies and concerts that are absolutely free. So bring your blanket, your family and join us for a great night out!

Movies:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Movie Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>June 16</td>
<td>Shrek (PG)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 30</td>
<td>Grease (PG)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>July 14</td>
<td>Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>July 28</td>
<td>Seabiscuit (PG-13)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aug. 4</td>
<td>Wizard of Oz (G)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aug. 11</td>
<td>Something’s Gotta Give (PG-13)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aug. 25</td>
<td>ET: The Extra-Terrestrial (PG)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sept. 1</td>
<td>People’s Choice (TBA)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Pre-movie entertainment at 7:00 p.m. Trailers & Movies begin at 8:00 p.m.

Concerts:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Concert Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>June 5</td>
<td>Local Artist Concert</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aug. 7</td>
<td>Jazz Concert (TBA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aug. 28</td>
<td>Concert sponsored by McStain Neighborhoods</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

All movies and concerts are at Founders’ Green (East 29th Avenue and Roslyn Street)

www.StapletonDenver.com

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

KYLE’S Saloon & Eatery
NOW DELIVERING Pizza, Calzones
and more to the Stapleton area

Enjoy cocktails on our patio!

303-316-2818
3989 Ulster Street
Mon - Sat 11 am - 10 pm
Get Fired Up Pottery

Ben and Brooke White, owners of the new Get Fired Up Pottery in the East 29th Avenue Town Center, have a slogan on the wall that captures the spirit of their pottery business: "Relax and Create." The Whites’ small shop, located near Founders’ Green, is a terrific place to pursue both activities.

“We wanted to create a place that attracts adults and their children,” said Ben White, a native of Washington State with a degree in Communications from Washington State University. Ben would like visitors to his shop to feel comfortable bringing in a cup of coffee to enjoy while they browse through the wide selection of pottery items that are available for painting, glazing and firing. Get Fired Up specializes in classes, workshops, Mosaic Nights, fundraisers and parties. The shop is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Call (720) 377-0250 for more information.

Panda Express at Quebec Square

One of the most popular dining spots at Stapleton’s Quebec Square is undoubtedly Panda Express, where General Manager Sharon Wie Zhang and her staff serve gourmet Chinese food to customers who flock to their restaurant.

Panda Express offers a range of delightful food items on a mouth-watering menu and with a promise that “We’ll Wok Fresh For You.” Offering more than 18 kinds of flavorful vegetables and cooking in 100% Soybean oil, Panda Express gives diners a choice of “Panda Plates” of one, two or three entrees and a terrific choice of A La Carte Entrees that include Orange Flavored Chicken, Beef with Broccoli, Fried Shrimp and other traditional Chinese dishes. Panda Express is free of MSG.

Panda Party Packs serving 16, 24, or 32 people may be ordered by phone (303) 331-8409 or fax (303) 331-8701. Panda Express is open from 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. every day of the week at 7507 E. 36th Avenue.

A Wild Smile

The young patients making a trip to the pediatric dentistry practice of Dr. Jesse Witkoff in the East 29th Avenue Town Center are in for a treat. Dr. Witkoff believes that a child’s visit to the dentist should be a fun-filled adventure rather than an experience to be dreaded.

The interior of A Wild Smile is an architecturally crafted indoor jungle, complete with the overspreading branches of a leafy tree and stuffed animals hanging from the branches. As a result, a visit to A Wild Smile is more like going on safari, than a trip to the dentist.

On their safari, children (and even parents) will visit various stations. At Java Junction, parents can get a cup of coffee. At Smile with Lyle, kids get their picture (x-rays) taken with Lyle the Lion. At the Education Station, kids learn about good dental hygiene, and at the Watering Hole, they learn and practice the proper way to brush their teeth.

Call for an appointment at (720) 945-1234 or visit www.JesseWitkoffDDS.com for more information.
Okkasions Wine and Liquors at Quebec Square

Anyone in the Stapleton area looking for a great selection of wines, spirits, liqueurs and other beverages doesn’t need to look any further than Soon Oh’s store in The Quebec Square Regional Retail Center at Stapleton. Since opening in November of 2003, Okkasions Wine and Liquors has provided residents of Stapleton and the surrounding neighborhoods with the answers to their questions about just the right beverage for any occasion. The family-operated store is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Okkasions Wine and Liquors is located on the south side of Quebec Square across from the United Air Lines Flight Training Center.

Vectra Bank Colorado at Quebec Square

Derrick Fuller, branch manager of Vectra Bank Colorado at Quebec Square, opened his bank at Stapleton eighteen months ago. Derrick is a graduate of Denver South High School and the University of Denver where he received his degree in Communication and Psychology. He and his wife Jerilyn reside in Green Valley Ranch with their two children.

Derrick can undoubtedly remember when air cargo buildings or aircraft hangars occupied his bank’s location at 36th and Quebec. Today, Vectra Bank Colorado at Quebec Square is a full-service bank with a staff of fifteen people ready to help customers with all of their banking needs. The bank is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays. Vectra Bank Colorado at Stapleton includes convenient drive-up and ATM banking services. Call (720) 947-8250 for more information.

Walgreens

Walgreens, one of the nation’s oldest drugstores and pharmacies, has arrived at Stapleton. Located along Quebec Street in the East 29th Avenue Town Center, Walgreens has brought its nationally renowned name, value and service to residents of Stapleton and the surrounding neighborhoods. The Stapleton store is under the management of Norm Padilla, who has eighteen years experience working for Walgreens. Norm comes to Stapleton from the Walgreens store at 2nd and Broadway.

Walgreens is open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Walgreens Pharmacy operates from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Two lanes of drive-through service are available.
Sanford Changes Name to Beazer Homes

Sanford Homes has recently changed its name to Beazer Homes. While the name is fairly new to the Denver market, the relationship with one of the nation’s leading homebuilders is not. Sanford Homes has been a member of the Beazer family of companies since August 2001. The company remains committed to the superior qualities that have made it one of Colorado’s most respected homebuilders.

“It is the next step in our evolution, building on the rich history and traditions established by Sanford Homes in this great state,” says Peter Simons, Senior Division President, with Beazer Homes in Colorado.

Sanford Homes has been operating in Colorado for more than 40 years, with over 7,500 homes being closed since the company’s inception. Under the Collection names Regency, Poarch, Windsor, and Manor (which is built at Stapleton), Beazer will continue offering high-end traditional designs. It also will continue to expand its product line to serve a wider range of brand new home buyers, including more affordable design plans and communities in mixed use developments. New product lines include the Concord, Vintage and Cornerstone Collections.

The Active Living Partnership at Stapleton

“The new name, along with a new look, is part of a process our company is undertaking nationally to ensure we consistently meet our customers’ needs.”

– Peter Simons, Beazer Homes, Colorado

Mayor Walks (continued from page 1)

“The people of Denver love a good challenge and this competition will bring out the best in both teams as we increase awareness of the benefits of leading more active lifestyles,” Mayor Hickenlooper said. “Regardless of which team finishes on top, our city will be the winner if we encourage more of our fellow citizens to make walking a greater part of their daily lives.”

The Active Living Partnership at Stapleton is an initiative that is part of Active Living by Design, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation established to create, enhance and promote environments that make walking a greater part of people’s daily lives. The Active Living Partnership at Stapleton has been apprised of our progress as we also extend an invitation to them to consider Stapleton for their new or expanded presence in Denver. Those discussions have been aided by our work with The Stapleton Interfaith Ministry, which represents nine or more different faiths who are exploring the establishment of a single presence at Stapleton to promote greater communication and understanding between their members.

These have been challenging discussions. On one hand, we began working with churches and synagogues to select sites of approximately three acres that fit well into residential neighborhoods as they do in the existing, older neighborhoods around Stapleton. At the same time, we are struggling to help those religious facilities meet the challenges of a changing world in which they need more land for parking to accommodate worshipers who often travel greater distances to attend services rather than walk from nearby neighborhoods. Those religious institutions are also often looking for sites of ten or more acres to accommodate a complex of separate buildings that might include not only the place of worship, but separate facilities and the required parking for youth, social services and other ministries as well.

The good news is that the existing places of worship around Stapleton have already welcomed the new residents of Stapleton and expect to be able to provide for their needs for the immediate future. And, of course, the tremendous amount of land at Stapleton offers numerous sites for future development. As we move forward with the redevelopment of Stapleton, we will continue to work with those faiths to incorporate them into Denver’s newest neighborhoods.

Sanford Reaches Out to Religious Institutions

By Landis Taylor

When Forest City was selected to be the master developer for Stapleton in November 1998, we pledged to create a mixed-use community of new jobs, housing and open space that would capture the very best traditions of city living and establish a “seamless connection” with the surrounding urban neighborhoods. In making that commitment, we were expressing our support for the vision of thousands of citizens and their elected officials who produced The Stapleton Development Plan, more commonly referred to as “The Green Book.”

Today, the transformation of Denver’s former airport into the community its citizens envisioned is well underway. More than 900 homes affordable to a wide range of incomes are occupied. Nearly 900,000 square feet of retail are open. The first phase of a projected 1,100 acres of new parks and open space is enhancing our lives. And several new Denver Public Schools are thriving.

As we follow through on our commitment to create great urban neighborhoods on the site once occupied by Denver’s former airport, we are continuing our efforts to bring the first church, synagogue or other religious facility to Stapleton. Over the past several years, we have held ongoing discussions with the planning entities of all of the major faith-based organizations in Metropolitan Denver to help identify the prospects for religious facilities at Stapleton. At the same time, we have sent mailings to hundreds of churches, synagogues and mosques informing them about the principles of The Green Book and keeping them apprised of our progress as we also extend an invitation to them to consider Stapleton for their new or expanded presence in Denver. Those discussions have been aided by our work with The Stapleton Interfaith Ministry, which represents nine or more different faiths who are exploring the establishment of a single presence at Stapleton to promote greater communication and understanding between their members.

Managing Mosquitoes

With the beginning of the summer months, the management of mosquitoes is on everyone’s minds, including Dennis Piper, director of parks and the environment for The Stapleton Development Corporation.

Since May 10th and under Mr. Piper’s direction, the Park Creek Metropolitan District at Stapleton has been conducting an “integrated mosquito management program” for mosquito control. Under that program, a weekly inventory of the parks and areas under development at Stapleton has been conducted to identify the location of mosquito larvae (eggs). So far, no breeding mosquito larvae have been found in areas surveyed. If larvae are discovered, they will be treated to prevent them from hatching. When mature mosquitoes are located, an EPA-approved spraying operation will be conducted once the public has been notified.

Experts believe that mosquitoes can fly up to ten miles, and they are likely to breed around homes where water may have been allowed to stagnate for more than four days. To reduce the chances that mosquitoes will become a problem around your home, remove or empty items that could collect water, such as cans under flower pots, buckets or recycling containers. For more tips to reduce mosquitoes around your home or neighborhood visit www.denvergov.org/ animalcontrol.
New Babies and Pets

People often ask me how many children I have. I have had to answer one dog and two cats. That was before our daughter, Kamdyn, was born on August 27th, 2003. What a wonderful experience to deliver a healthy daughter! We spent two days in the hospital while my family took care of our “four-legged children.” We made preparations for introducing Kamdyn to the rest of the family even before she was born. There are many things you can do to help make this process easier.

Let your pets see what you are doing when you are setting up the nursery. Let them explore, sniff and check things out. One of our cats climbed into the stroller and the other into the car seat. “What a nice place to take a nap,” they thought. The crib was interesting, especially when we were putting it together. Yes, I did read the directions but it still was not easy. Some people will purchase a mesh tent to cover the crib and the play pen. While these help to keep climbers from getting out, they also help to keep cats from getting in. Greg and I chose to keep the bedroom door closed while Kamdyn was sleeping, thus keeping the cats from sleeping with her.

Many people assume that the baby will cause a dog to become jealous. Most of the time dogs perceive the new addition as a member of the “pack,” protecting the baby from strangers or visitors. Introducing a new baby to your pets should be a gradual process. Review basic obedience training and skills, putting the dog through his/her paces daily. This provides important structure and reinforces the habit of listening, making your pet less likely to be distracted by the baby’s presence. If you have an animal that is anxious with routine changes many experts recommend getting a life size doll to carry around so they will get used to you having something in your arms besides them. Talk to the doll, rock it and generally treat it like a new born. You can also have a friend tape their baby crying and making other baby sounds. Playing this while carrying the doll will help desensitize the animal to these new sounds that will soon be an every day occurrence.

Just before the baby is ready to come home, bring home a blanket with the baby’s scent. Create a positive interaction when introducing the blanket. By rewarding the animal with soft words and pats, he/she will form a good association with the baby even before it comes home. On the day that your new baby is due, have someone take your dog for a good run, swim or play session. When you bring your child home from the hospital, minimize the excitement of the home, have someone take your dog for a good run, swim or play session. When you bring your child home from the hospital, minimize the excitement of the home, have someone take your dog for a good run, swim or play session.

TIPS FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

Making Flowers Last

Customers visit Amore Fiori and frequently ask, “What flowers last the longest and is there anything I can do to increase their vase life?” What I tell my customers is that the average life span of cut flowers is about a week, but fortunately there are many types that will remain vibrant for twice or even three times as long. For example, alstromerias, chrysanthemums, carnations and asters, all can stay fresh for two weeks or more. If you would like flowers that will brighten up your home or office for a week, try lilies, miniature callas or snapdragons.

The type of flower you choose is a factor, but so are care and environment. There are certain tricks and techniques that will ensure fresh cuts stay pretty for as long as possible. Flowers from Amore Fiori have already been conditioned, but if you are cutting from your own garden, cut in the early morning or in late afternoon. Immerse them in cold water for about 20 minutes.

When assembling an arrangement, use a clean vase and fill with tepid water. Add floral preservative to provide the flowers with nutrients and to inhibit bacterial growth. Remove any leaves that fall below the water line, since any greens that are kept under water may produce bacteria. Cut stems underwater at a forty five degree angle. This allows more water to be absorbed by the flower and decreases the chance of air bubbles getting into the stem. Keep flowers in a cool area as heat increases the deterioration of the flowers.

Change the water every two days or when it begins to look cloudy. Taking these few little steps will ensure longer lasting, beautiful flowers. Stop by Amore Fiori Flowers and Gifts in the E. 29th Ave. Town Center. For more information call 303-333-3848.
Stapleton United Neighbors
Different Routes, Same Destination

Over the past few months, we have tried to use this column as a way of turning individual issues that arise into more universal stories of how we are attempting to work as a community. This month adds an important chapter to that story. How should we balance the common good (e.g. locating a bus route along 29th Avenue) with individual needs (e.g. not having a bus pull up 8 feet from someone’s porch every half hour)?

If you read the front page Denver Post article on the topic a few weeks ago, you realized the different ways people tell this story. “We should move the route to MLK; it’s a four lane street that can handle the buses better.” “Clearly a case of NIMBY (not in my front yard). People just trying to push the route onto someone else’s street.” “Obviously the builders are to blame — they should be held accountable for not disclosing the bus route to homeowners.” The challenge for SUN was to create a space where differing views could be aired and respected, and hopefully new perspectives could emerge.

People filled into the Forest City Board Room on May 16 at the SUN Open Forum and agreed to take on this very challenge. Jessie Carter from RTD explained that the route along 29th Avenue between Central Park and Beeler Street was originally planned in 1998 as a means of embedding local bus service into the Stapleton neighborhood. Placing the route further north on Martin Luther King Boulevard would push it further away from residents who live south of 29th. Ruth and Nathan Woodfill-Stanley, speaking on behalf of other residents along 29th Avenue, explained that after going door to door to contact residents, over 98% of the people they contacted were willing to sign a petition in support of moving the route off 29th, preferably north to MLK.

Some people spoke in favor of the 29th Avenue route, citing the accessibility and value it gave to the development. Others felt the route would be better placed on MLK, as it would also benefit people living north of Central Park. We then brainstormed a list of values at stake and creative solutions to address them. SUN will submit them to RTD Board, which will hopefully consider the list as it makes the final decision on the route at their June meeting. Even if the route on 29th is approved, as it is likely to be, the route is provisional and will need final public approval at a later point, probably three years from now, when it nears full implementation.

But if we did not agree on whether to change the route, there seemed to be widespread agreement about the ways in which we should handle our disagreement. The coalition of residents on 29th Avenue have gone out of their way to take into account not only their own needs but the views of those who would be negatively affected by any change in route. Chris Martinez, the RTD Board member representing Stapleton, has been a model of accessibility. Members present at the Open Forum spoke articulately about not only their own views but also views of future residents who might be affected by the decisions we make.

These are not small victories in a world where diverse opinions too often lead to lasting factionalism. If we are to live out the explicit value for diversity that is part of the Stapleton vision, we would be wise to continue handling disagreements in ways that allow us to keep working together in such constructive ways. This issue is clearly not resolved, but we applauded the various parties who have set such a high standard of integrity in this process of working through it.

We may not agree on what the best route is, but it seems like we all know where we want to go.

Bill Fulton, president of Stapleton United Neighbors.

Views On the Street
Why did you choose Stapleton?

Kirsten Palermo (on left in picture below)
I primarily moved to Stapleton because my brother lives here. The community and everything that it offers are what we were looking for and it worked out perfectly. The off leash dog park was the biggest attraction. Just how close knit everything is here. The future plans, like the outdoor amphitheater - and the town centers and everything - but living in a city and not being downtown. That’s a plus along with being close to the airport. The best thing is making new friends here, especially all the new moms.

Kirsten Stein (wearing ballet cap in photo at right)
We moved to Stapleton because we love the proximity to downtown, my husband is able to ride his bike to work. I’ve met a lot of new moms. We just love all the things we can walk to like the town center and we can walk to the park. And also all the activities they have like the farmers’ market that’s coming this summer and the concerts and movies that we are really excited about. It’s just a great community to raise our kids.

Laura Nielsen
I’m actually thinking about moving over here and I live downtown right now. I have lived downtown for quite a while, I work in the hospitals down there. I’d kind of like to move to an area a little bit outside of downtown. This seems perfect with shops and atmosphere and the people I’ve met are really friendly. My boyfriend is working right here at one of the realty businesses. It’s a really nice area for my dog with all these outdoor and I am really excited and will be looking into it soon, hopefully.

Adam Bennowitz (with 4-month-old son Dylan)
We wanted to live in the area and we liked the location. We really like it now that it is getting more developed, it’s nice that there is not so much dirt around. We moved here in Nov. of 2002. There was just nothing here then, it’s grown a lot. Its definitely what we expected for the most part. I like the way it’s shaping up, its got a real young neighborhood, lots of kids and young families. We came here because we wanted a new home and we saw the plans. We were impressed with the concept, how they had all the parks planned and the town centers and new homes, that sounded real nice to us. When we moved here it was pretty much just a few houses and a lot of dirt. You almost can’t remember what it looked like when there was nothing here.
Summer At Stapleton

At last! It’s summertime at Stapleton! Please keep the following information in mind as you prepare to enjoy the warm sunshine and cool nights in Denver’s newest neighborhood:

Aviator Pool is Open
The swimming pool in Aviator Park on 28th Avenue is now open for its second season. Hours for the pool will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays. If you have not already obtained your identification, you may pick it up at the pool during those hours.

Off-leash Dog Park is Open
The off-leash dog park in Greenway Park officially opened on Memorial Day. Please follow the posted rules and make certain to clean up after your pet, not only in the park, but anywhere you walk or exercise your four-legged friends.

Bike to Work Day is June 23rd
Don’t forget that “Bike to work day” will take place this year on Wednesday, June 23rd. Watch for special events in the King Soopers parking lot, including the bike to work station that will open at 6:30 a.m. Refreshments and prizes will be available. For more information, contact Angie Malpiede of The Stapleton Transportation Management Association at (303) 468-3230.

Questions about Traffic or Construction Issues?
Do you ever wonder why a new curb cut is being poured in a certain location? Do you want to report a broken streetlight? Do you want to complain about traffic problems? Contact the Metro District Construction Hotline (720) 249-5100 to get help with your questions regarding construction and maintenance issues at Stapleton.

Keep an Eye on Special Events!
Pay close attention to your Stapleton Intranet for news about upcoming special events, including the Mexican Fiesta Night for adults on Saturday, July 17th (6:30 to 9:30 p.m.) and the Lobster Bake for adults on Friday, August 20th (6:30 to 9:30 p.m.). Invitations will be mailed out three weeks prior to each event. Please remember an RSVP for these popular events is a must!

Use Your Intranet!
If you have trouble accessing The Stapleton Intranet (StapletonOnline.com) contact me, Diane Deeter, at communitymanager@stapletondenver.com.

Lew Maurer
It was a combination of the price and location, plus I really liked the sidewalks and the little town square and a walking neighborhood versus a suburban neighborhood. All of the things I thought were here turned out to be true and I was really glad to see so many people with dogs. It’s a really dog-friendly neighborhood and it’s beautiful.

Debra Mickelson
I was looking in a certain price range, 400,000–1 million, also looking to stay in the city of Denver. I looked at Lowry as well as Stapleton and an older neighborhood in Denver to kind of know what real estate was doing. I looked at the communities first. I looked at Stapleton and liked what the community was doing here. I liked the park system that was going in, the greenbelt system, and the mass transit with the parking deck and eventual rail system that will be hooked into DIA and downtown, and hopefully go to Boulder someday. I’ll be commuting to Boulder five days a week next year so those things were essential to me. A number of reasons, in addition to why I looked at this community was the location being hooked into the I-70 freeway system and the projected malls and hotels and the whole community thing.

In-line Hockey at Bladium
It’s what’s HOT this summer!
Youth Summer Season Starts June 5th
It’s not too late to be placed on a team!
Call (303)329-3033 or visit us online for more details. Bladium, it’s your place to play!

KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY
KARI CUMMINGS
Stapleton Resident
Extensive Experience in the New Home Building Process
Bible/Cummings Team • 303-819-0853 • KCummings@kw.com

Work with a Realtor® who knows Stapleton
Jazz at Lincoln Center Artistic Director Wynton Marsalis, who presented DSA with a signed certificate, said, “Instruments are being oiled blindly judged by Jazz at Lincoln Center consultants, and respected musicians/educators, including jazz icons Ron Carter, David Berger, and Wynton Marsalis on technique, tone/intonation, interpretation, soloing/improvisation, and soulfulness.

DSA scored a combined 134 out of 150 points for their three selections, enough to be selected for ‘Essentially Ellington.’”

Yet, the road getting there wasn’t easy for DSA. Entry recordings of Duke Ellington songs were blindly judged by Jazz at Lincoln Center consultants, and respected musicians/educators, including jazz icons Ron Carter, David Berger, and Wynton Marsalis on technique, tone/intonation, interpretation, soloing/improvisation, and soulfulness.

DSA’s New York schedule was as hectic as it was exciting. Students spent the first afternoon in a one-on-one private event with Wynton Marsalis at the BB King Blues Club on West 42nd Street, followed by a Festival Banquet and Jam Session later that night. After an Ellington film program the next morning, competition began for two days, culminating in a concert and awards ceremony with a winning prize of $2,000. Every school received at least a $500 check.

Congratulations to Mr. Hammond and the Jazz Band for this exciting accomplishment and opportunity!

For more information on this event or for how you can make a donation to support this terrific program, contact Mr. Dave Hammond, DSA Band Director, at (303) 394-8383.
JUNE 2004:

HOMES
More than 935 households with over 2,200 residents are living at Stapleton.
The rental homes of Botanica on the Green are welcoming 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 Laing.

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, Starbucks Coffee, and Get Fired Up Pottery.

OFFICES
The first offices have enjoyed six months in their new location in the East 29th Avenue Town Center.
Planning continues on the Denver BioScience 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 opened 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 and movie series, will begin at Founders’ Green on June 5th.

Stapleton is a tapestry of homes, shops, offices, parks, and schools in a walkable community of classic city architecture.
With the arrival of summer weather, the East 29th Avenue Town Center at Stapleton is becoming the popular gathering place it was envisioned to be by Denver architect Peter Dominick and his team from 42/40 Architecture, Inc. (formerly part of Urban Design Group, Inc.). Umbrella-shaded street cafes are the popular choice for a leisurely lunch while sidewalk flower stands and comfortable benches draw relaxing office workers, parents with strollers and curious shoppers. Young visitors looking for relief from the midday sun have already discovered the water feature in the West Crescent on Founders’ Green is a cool attraction.