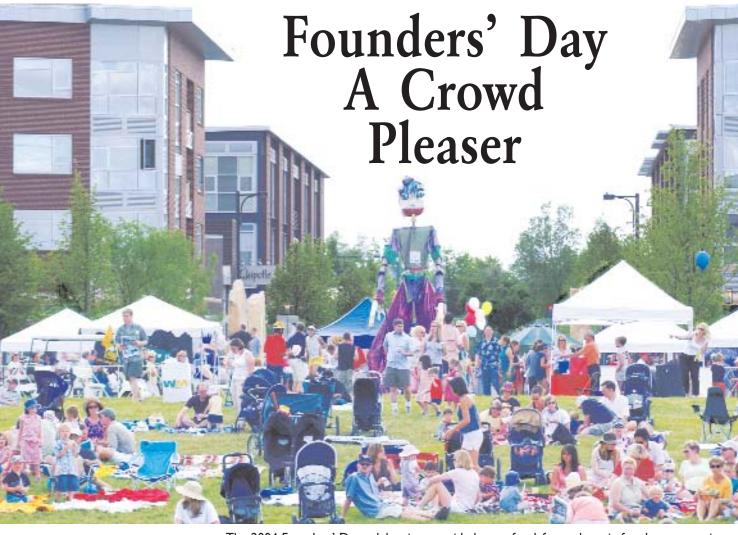
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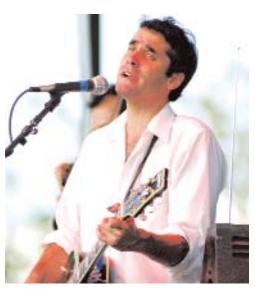
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The 2004 Founders' Day celebration provided great food, fun and music for the community.

elen Thorpe, wife of Mayor John Hickenlooper, welcomed an estimated crowd of nearly 2,000 people to the third annual Founders' Day Celebration in the East 29th Avenue Town Center at Stapleton.

Known for her support of public education, Ms. Thorpe applauded having all the proceeds from concessions at the celebration benefit schools in the Stapleton area. Forest City Stapleton, Inc. is working with The



Helen Thorp

Stapleton Foundation and Denver Public Schools to involve parents in fundraising opportunities at Stapleton in support of their children's schools.

Cloudy skies provided pleasant temperatures as residents from Stapleton and the surrounding neighborhoods relaxed at Founders' Green enjoying grilled hamburgers, cold drinks and

desserts as they were entertained by a concert of local musicians that (continued on page 2)

Green Book Authors Maintain Stapleton Ties

The team of four people that was primarily responsible for writing the development plan for Stapleton has maintained its ties

to the redevelopment of Denver's former international airport in a variety of significant roles.

Tom Gougeon is the former executive director of The Stapleton Redevelopment
Foundation that was created by Sam Gary and other civic leaders in Denver to create a plan for the redevelopment of the airport. Mr. Gougeon now serves on the board of directors of that Foundation's modern day



Green Book authors, from left: Beth Conover, Tom Gougeon, Jim Chrisman and Alan Brown.

reincarnation, The Stapleton Foundation for Sustainable Urban Communities. The Stapleton Foundation works with master developer Forest

> City and the non-profit Stapleton Development Corporation (SDC) to ensure sustainable development practices, affordable housing, quality schools and other principles of the development plan known as "The Green Book" continue to guide the redevelopment of Stapleton. Mr. Gougeon is a principal in Continuum Partners LLC, the developers

of Belmar, the mixed-use "Downtown" that now occupies the former site (continued on page 14)

More Retail Coming to Stapleton Town Center

Final lease negotiations are underway to bring a nationally renowned bagel shop, an Irish Pub and a pizza parlor to the East 29th Avenue Town Center at Stapleton.

Robb Brown, regional director of leasing for Forest City Enterprises, said Einstein Bagels is expected to open in late September or early October on 29th Avenue, just east of Quebec Street.

Across the street from Einstein Bagels, Clancy's Pub is preparing to bring to Stapleton a traditional Irish gathering place that will further enliven the East 29th Avenue Town Center. Clancy's is scheduled to open in the fall, Mr. Brown said.

The choice of restaurants in the Town Center will grow with the addition of Anthony's Pizza on the ground floor of the south Crescent building across from the fountain. Anthony's Pizza is scheduled to open in late September, joining Chipotle and Noodles and Company which are already open and providing a variety of dining choices in the East 29th Avenue Town Center.

Recent openings in the East 29th Avenue Town Center include the Cold Stone Creamery and the New (continued on page 2)

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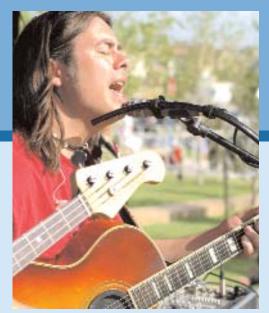
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Hallett Academy

Construction Update

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Green Infrastructure



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2004 STAPLETON EVENT

JULY

4th of July Parade

10:00 a.m. Founders' Green

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 Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

AUGUST

August 4th

Stapleton Under the Stars Movie Founders' Green The Wizard of Oz*

August 7th

Stapleton Under the Stars Jazz Concert Founders' Green*

August 11th

Stapleton Under the Stars Movie Founders' Green Something's Gotta Give*

August 14th

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

August 25th

Stapleton Under the Stars Movie Founders' Green E.T.*



August 28th

Stapleton Stampede 5k, 15k, Family Run 9:00 a.m.

August 28th

Stapleton Under the Stars Concert*

SEPTEMBER

September 1st

Stapleton Under the Stars Movie Founders' Green People's Choice*

September 16th

Fireside Chats 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bluff Lake Nature Center

OCTOBER

October 16th

Fall Festival Noon - 2:00 p.m. Founders' Green

October 2nd

Wine Festival 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

JANUARY

January 4th

DPS Schools in Session

EVERY MONTH

First Tuesday of each month

Stapleton Residents' Social Events Committee 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Stapleton Visitor Center

Third Thursday of each month

Stapleton Development Corporation Citizens Advisory Board 7:30 a.m. 7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 300

Every Wednesday

Music Together 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Westerly Creek School

Every Tuesday

Stapleton Strollers 9:30 a.m., 29th and Valentia

Every Other Friday

Mobile Cyclery 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. King Soopers parking lot

First Saturday of each month

Bluff Lake Birders 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Bluff Lake Nature Center

Every Sunday through October

Stapleton Farmers' Market E. 29th Ave. Town Center



2:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. -

Aviator Park Pool Hours

Mon. - Thur. 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Fri. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sun.

July 15th

Fireside Chat 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bluff Lake Nature Center

July 17th

Adult Night: Mexican Theme 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Aviator Park - Reservations required

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 Seabiscuit*

*For more information visit www.StapletonDenver.com

First day of school

Monday, August 16th



August 19th

Fireside Chats 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bluff Lake Nature Center

August 20th

Adult Night: Lobster Bake 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Aviator Park - Reservations required

Founders' Day (continued from page 1)

included Matthew Moon, DeVotchKa and Arthur Lee Land. Surrounding the Green were a number of free attractions for children, sponsored by homebuilders and retailers, that included an inflatable jump, face painters, magicians and an assortment of animals from The Urban Farm at Stapleton, which is

always a crowd favorite.

The 2004 Founders' Day celebration was the inaugural event of "Stapleton Under the Stars Summer Series," a program of concerts and movies that will be held on Founders' Green in the East 29th Avenue Town Center. (See the calendar above for upcoming events.).

More Retail (continued from page 1)

Avenues Real Estate Office, both of which are located in the ground floor of the north crescent buildings across from the fountain. An office of Infinity Home Collection, one of Stapleton's Urban Estate Builders, is also scheduled to open in the Town Center.

For more information about retail opportunities at Stapleton, contact Robb Brown at (303) 382-1800.

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Infrastructure Adds to a "Green" Stapleton

By Jim Godwin

The development of any parcel of real estate requires a tremendous amount of planning, not merely to comply with local, state, county and federal regulations,

ly to comply with local, state, county and federal regulations, but to ensure the success and long-term quality of the development, as well as the enjoy-

ment of the residents and businesses that will locate there for decades to come. While many

of the results of that careful attention to planning are clearly visible to the casual observer in the form of quality design and architecture, less evident may be the importance of thoughtful infrastructure planning that for the development of utilities and other necessities that are just as important but not as readily understood and appreciated.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

One such element of the infrastructure planning and development that was particularly important at Stapleton was the planning to manage storm water drainage. Given Stapleton's commitment to the principles of "sustainable development" that seeks to protect and enhance the quality of our environment for our generation and generations to come, it was our goal to create a storm water management plan that not only met or exceeded all requirements, but added to the quality of life at Stapleton as well.

During many of the 66 years Stapleton operated as an airport, storm water drainage throughout the United States was subject to little regulation.

Standards for managing that storm water were created with the passage of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 that were later amended in 1977. More often known as "The Clean Water Act," this legislation and the state and local programs that implemented those standards were designed to control the release of pollutants into the waters of our nation. Very few people are aware of the water

quality impacts that stormwater has on our rivers, streams or lakes. Stormwater runoff quality can have significant impacts to aquatic habitat and ecosystems. Studies have shown that urban residential runoff contain significant quantities of the same types of constituents that are found in the discharges from wastewater and industrial discharges.

At Stapleton, we had essentially two choices to meet the challenges of handling storm water drainage. The conventional way would be to



Above: The Greenway water quality pond as it exists today. Below: An artist's rendering of the pond when the landscape is mature.



send that water through underground concrete culverts, much like the system that carried Westerly Creek under the east-west runways during Stapleton's operation as an airport. While that approach would have enabled us to meet the requirements of the applicable hydrology/hydraulic criteria, it would have done little to bring added value that would enhance the quality of life at Stapleton and the surrounding region.

NATURAL SYSTEMS

As an alternative, Forest City Stapleton, Inc. worked with The Park Creek Metropolitan District, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, The City and County of Denver and our consultants from URS/Matrix Design Group and EDAW to design an enhanced storm water management system at Stapleton that sends runoff through carefully designed "constructed wetlands" created within our open space. That system employs what are commonly called "best management practices" enabling us to ensure that the water flowing off

Stapleton via Westerly Creek and Sand Creek as it makes its way to the Platte River meets all required water quality guidelines. At the same time, that storm water management enhances the quality of the natural areas in Greenway Park and Westerly Creek, creating additional wildlife habitat and wonderful options for recreation.

The pace at which the benefits of this natural form of storm water management become evident will be determined not just by our construction schedules, but by the cooperation of Mother Nature as well. Some areas, such as those along Westerly Creek, are already beginning to turn green, while others such as the water quality control pond in Greenway Park along 26th Avenue are taking a little longer. Given a little more time, the Greenway Park water quality pond has the potential to become one of Stapleton's open space "jewels." The "StapleStone" structure (comprised of roughly cut blocks of former runway concrete) in the Greenway Park water quality pond is part of a system that not only allows sediment in the water to settle before that water is sent downstream, it also provides a wonderful place to relish a

sunrise or sunset as one enjoys the open space at Stapleton.

The technical aspects of thoughtful and imaginative planning for infrastructure may not be readily apparent to everyone, but the results will benefit generations of residents and businesses at Stapleton for many years to come.

Jim Godwin is Vice President-Engineering for Forest City Stapleton, Inc.





Schools Around Stapleton

Hallett Academy Highlights Science and Technology

By Brian Weber

he Hallett Academy of Science and Technology wants to live up to its name. That goal is now within its reach. A focused new principal, Barbara Cooper, arrived in June 2003, motivating the faculty with a new sense of direction and cohesion. As a team, they want to employ research-based programs and provide parents with regular opportunities to learn how to help their children. Students will be regularly assessed so instruction is driven by relevant data.

"This has been an exciting year in which the entire Hallett staff has worked to enhance educational opportunities for children," Ms. Cooper said. "We implemented many programs this year to offer enrichment and remediation for students."

Hallett originally adopted a science and technology theme eight years ago as part of a \$2 million federal grant to establish a mini-district of magnet schools in northeast Denver. The project hoped to increase educational choices and encourage voluntary racial integration. However,

Barbara Cooper

Barbara Jean Cooper has been principal for the past year of the Hallett Science & Technology Academy located at 29th Avenue and

Jasmine Street in Park Hill. Ms. Cooper is a native of Chicago and a graduate of the Chicago Public Schools. She attended Western Illinois University where she received a bachelor's degree in education. She furthered her studies in education at the University of Colorado at Denver where she received a master's degree in administration, supervision and curriculum. Ms. Cooper is currently pursuing a doctorate in urban education at UCD.

Ms. Cooper has pursued a career in education at the elementary and college level for 13 years in Illinois and Colorado. She will begin her sixth year as a



principal in Denver Public Schools in the fall. Ms. Cooper was also a member of the team that developed the new "pay-for-performance" plan for DPS teachers that was completed earlier this year. Called ProComp, the plan is one of the most advanced efforts in the United States to base teacher pay on the improved achievement of their students.

Ms. Cooper is married to Walter Cooper, Sr. and is the mother of two children, Walter, 12, and Timera, 7, who both attend Denver Public Schools.

Some of her recent accomplishments: Community Award recipient for Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity Inc.; founder of the DPS Montbello/Green Valley Ranch Science Fair in 1997; and board member of the Colorado Principal Center.

resumed after court-ordered busing ended in 1995. The mini district gradually lost its sense of purpose with little success with integration.

Several factors have combined to renew Hallett's interest in science and technology. The redevelopment of Stapleton has created a new connection

the ambitious effort lacked strong support from the district and parents

who wanted their children to attend nearby neighborhood schools that

Several factors have combined to renew Hallett's interest in science and technology. The redevelopment of Stapleton has created a new connection between area schools. It has ignited excitement about creating a variety of education choices for longtime and new residents such as nearby Smiley Middle School's Tri Academy (International Preparatory, Science and Math, and Arts) and the Denver School of Science and Technology (DSST) at Stapleton. As neighborhood schools regained strength, district leaders have encouraged more choice throughout the city, in part to attract families who choose private schools.

"I have a true love for science and technology and that's why I have embraced the opportunity to work at Hallett," Ms. Cooper said. "We are working diligently to regain our science and technology focus."

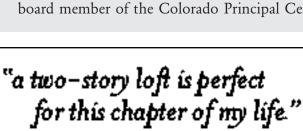
Ms. Cooper and her staff believe that a strong "sci-tech" program integrated into other core subjects such as reading and writing will boost achievement and increase enrollment. It will prepare students to pursue rigorous science and technology opportunities now available at Smiley and DSST. The Hallett staff intends to conduct a yearlong planning process in 2004-05 to mold their new program. "It is our vision to be a fully functioning academy in these areas by the end of 2005," Ms. Cooper said.

Hallett already has a foundation for its new goals remaining from its early years as a magnet. Complete science and technology laboratories support Hallett's goal. The school was able to purchase new microscopes with a grant last fall from the Stapleton Foundation and Forest City. Science instruction is integrated with literacy and computer instruction. The computer lab provides a terminal for each child during lab classes. Hallett's full-time computer specialist teaches researching skills and general computer skills. In addition, the computer specialist assists students in their literary works.

During their planning process Ms. Cooper and her staff want to explore two researched based programs that were developed under national Science Foundation initiatives: Science and Technology for Children (STC) and Teaching Relevant Activities for Concepts and Skills (T.R.A.C.S.).

STC is a comprehensive, research-based first through sixth grade program with four content areas: Life Science, Earth Science, Physical Science and Technology. The curriculum is broken into sequential units from grade to grade that can be used as a yearlong program or separately with other curricula. A priority in STC is classroom-scale observations that evolve into broader views of science. For instance, students may observe and study guppies and snails in classroom fish tanks to develop ideas about the relationships of living things in an environment, the diversity of living things and how organisms grow and change. Each lesson follows a learning cycle that follows a path of focus-explore-reflect and apply. Each unit comes with student activity books, materials kit and a teacher's guide.

Teachers are supported by a comprehensive teacher's guide that includes a lesson overview, content background, preparation and how to handle the activities, assessment suggestions and ideas to keep students thinking about science after the activity ends. The National Science Resource Center developed STC and offers national and regional development program and technical assistance. T.R.A.C.S. is a comprehensive, kit-based program that includes a full year of instruction at each grade level in four areas: physical science, earth and space science, life science and science and technology. At each grade there are four modules, one for each (continued on page 10)





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Healthy Living

by Melissa Knott



Summer's here! Healthy living is an integral part of sustainability at Stapleton. It starts with the design of the community that makes it easy and convenient to walk, run, bike, and be active. Stapleton is a great community where people can enjoy tree-lined streets, sidewalks, and pathways that connect homes, offices, shops, schools and parks.

There are even more ways to be active through weekly programs and special events. Stapleton Strollers, swimming lessons at Aviator Park, the Stapleton Charity Chase, Bike to Work Day, and the Stapleton Stampede in September all provide great opportunities to go outside, enjoy nature, and be active.

Healthy living at Stapleton is comprehensive. The exercise programs and special events listed above are just some of the elements of healthy living at Stapleton. This area of sustainability also includes alternative transportation options, health-oriented programs and more. In future editions of The Front Porch, watch for information on more healthy living activities.

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BEETS					
BELL PEPPERS					
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RASPBERRIES					
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SQUASH					
STRAWBERRIES					
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TOMATOES					
WATERMELON					

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STAPLETON FARMERS' MARKET

The Stapleton Farmers' Market kicked off its season on Sunday, June 13th with terrific crowds and a variety of vendors. Due to the success of the first market, additional vendors offering a greater selection of fruits and vegetables, prepared foods, and many other exciting products are coming to the market. One of the great things about farmers' markets is that they help us understand what products are in season in our region. The fruit and vegetables at the Stapleton Farmers' Market are all grown in Colorado. In July, look for lettuce, strawberries, apricots, cherries, green beans, sweet corn and much more, as shown on Crop Calendar above.

The Stapleton Farmers' Market will also have special features including musical guests and fun activities such as hosting our farm friends from The Urban Farm. The Stapleton Farmers' Market will be held every Sunday



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NREL RENEWABLE ENERGY BUS

The Renewable Energy & Efficiency Education on Wheels Bus (RnE2EW) visited Westerly Creek Elementary and The Odyssey School on May 14th. The bus is a teacher resource center, outfitted with electronics, displays, and workstations. RnE2EW is designed around renewable energy & efficiency themes while the trailer is a display of actual technology and power generation.

The curriculum on RnE2EW includes major renewable energy and energy efficiency themes researched and developed at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory:



Farmers' Market opening day June 13th.

- Solar (light/electromagnetic radiation, electricity, circuitry, conduction/convection, efficiency, energy resources/transformations, subatomic particles, thermodynamics, seasons, and trigonometry);
- Biomass (organic chemistry, genetics, distillation, acid/base reactions, agriculture, chemical/carbon cycles, climatology, plants, and energy resources/transformations);
- Hydrogen (fuel cells, atomic structure, chemical reactions, electricity, circuitry, energy resources, electrolysis,

electrolytes, thermodynamics, efficiency, oxidation, catalysts, and energy resources/ transformations);

- Geothermal (volcanology, thermodynamics, energy resources/transformations, geology, tectonic plates, heat expansion, vaporization, and geysers);
- Wind (simple machines, weather/climatology, aerodynamics, leverage, mechanics, atmospheric pressure, and energy resources/transformations); and
- Energy Efficiency and Awareness (Nonrenewable and renewable energy sources, insulators, ecology, economics, distributed energy, world energy politics, and energy resources/transformations).

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



Wow Mom! There's a Monkey in My Dental Chair

A Wild Smile is not just any children's dental practice. Step inside and you enter a tropical jungle. Sign in, and you go on safari. A Wild Smile, newly opened at the Stapleton Town Center, turns a child's visit to the dentist into a fun-filled adventure rather than an experience to be dreaded.

A Wild Smile is the brainchild of Jesse Witkoff, DDS, and his wife Elana. From the time he began practicing pediatric dentistry, Dr. Jesse, as he is called, wanted his young patients to enjoy the experience of a trip to the dentist, not fear it.

"I use mental imagery to reframe what kids are about to experience so they will feel totally comfortable," says Dr. Jesse, who modeled A Wild Smile after his established pediatric practice in Arvada, called Pedodontics. "For example, the high-speed drill makes a sound that I call 'Mr. or Mrs. Whistle.' I might tell a child that I'm using a magical paint-brush to paint his or her favorite action hero on a tooth." In so doing, Dr. Jesse gains a rapport with his patients that simply eludes many dentists who treat children.

Elana Witkoff, Dr. Jesse's architect wife, adds a more tangible element to the child-friendly practice. 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. For the child, a visit to A Wild Smile is going on safari, not a trip to the dentist.

When they check in for the first visit, children and their parents register at the safari sign-in station, and the child receives a safari passport book. 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 Gorilla. 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. At each station they get their passports stamped, until they complete their journey.

Using psychology, a genuine love of kids and visual imagery, Dr. Jesse aims to completely change the way children perceive a visit to the dentist. At his practice in Arvada, he has actually had some parents call to ask if they can hold their child's birthday party in his office over a weekend, at the child's request.

A Wild Smile (<u>www.jessewitkoffdds.com</u>) is located in the Stapleton 29th Avenue Town Center, 7350 E. 29th Avenue, Suite 202, Denver, Colorado 80238. (720) 945-1234. With the kids out of school, now is the perfect time to schedule an appointment.

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Denver Botanic Gardens -

ince 1951, Denver's Botanic Gardens has been widely renowned for its delightful array of exhibits and activities that enhance the quality of life for people of all ages in Metropolitan Denver and communities throughout the Rocky Mountain region. Located at 1005 York Street, just minutes west of Staple-

ton, Denver Botanic Gardens offers the following attractions:

FREE DAY AT DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS

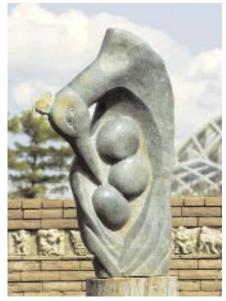
Monday, August 16 Performance by the Jumpin' Jive Cats 5 - 6 p.m. Hannah Kahn Dance Troop from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

CHAPUNGU SCULPTURE EXHIBIT

May 31, 2004-October 31, 2004

Denver Botanic Gardens presents a once in a lifetime exhibition of African sculptures never before

seen in the Rocky Mountain region, "Chapungu: Custom and Legend, A Culture in Stone." This extraordinary collection of contemporary Zimbabwe stone sculpture is the highly expressive artwork



of the Shona people of Zimbabwe, Africa. Over 80 contemporary African sculptures that celebrate the connection all humanity shares with nature, culture and art will be displayed. The Chapungu exhibit is presented by Denver Botanic Gardens in association with Chapungu Sculpture Park. Sculptures range in height from 3 feet to 11 feet and weigh between 600 pounds and 6,000 pounds. Stone carving workshops, African music,

dance and theatre presentations, cultural gardening programs, sculpture tours and more complement the exhibit. Check out www.chapungudenver.org or call 720-865-3700 for more information.

2004 FITNESS WALKS AND T'AI CHI PRE-**SENTED BY AARP**

Every Tuesday morning from June 1st through August 31st, 7 - 9 a.m. Enjoy free Fitness Walks and morning T'ai Chi sessions; a great chance to enjoy the quiet splendor of the Gardens in its early morning glory. Healthy snacks will be provided. There will be a one-time \$3.00 special event fee for all attendees during the Chapungu exhibit.



STORY TIME IN THE **GARDENS**

Saturdays and Sundays June 5-Aug 29,

10 - 11 a.m.

Children will enjoy listening to stories about plants, animals and nature from storytellers in the Children's Secret Path. Children will also be able to plant a seed to take home

and watch grow. Story Time is free with admission to the Gardens.

BIRDHAUS BASH

July 15, 5:30 - 9 p.m.

Over 200 birdhouses exploding with color, creativity and whimsical design will be auctioned to the public, and many prizes will be awarded in categories including Best of Show, Best Children's, Best Celebrity and Most Functional birdhouse at the 10th Annual Birdhaus Bash. Attendees will enjoy complimentary savory cuisine, and beverages provided by the Wynkoop Family of Restaurants. Live entertainment includes local Denver band Oakhurst. Ticket Price: All Children - \$5, Adult Member - \$35, Adult Non-Member -\$40, Artist Adult Ticket (including family members) - \$20, Patron Ticket - \$100. To purchase tickets, visit www.botanicgardens.org, e-mail mcdaniea@botanicgardens.org or call 720-865-3684. The 10th annual Birdhaus Bash is presented by Perry & Co. and sponsored by the Wynkoop-Family of Restaurants and the SCFD.



The 2004 Founders' Day Concert was the first of many events on the green





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2ND ANNUAL CHILE FESTIVAL

September 11 & 12

Denver Botanic Gardens and the Chicano Humanities and Arts Council will host a Chile Harvest Festival honoring Spanish-speaking cultures that have incorporated the chile pepper into their lifestyles. Great entertainers will perform each day, including Hispanic storytellers, dancers and bands. Additionally, over 20 artists will be selling their sculptures, jewelry, watercolors and acrylics and great authentic food will be available. Adult \$9, senior \$6.50, Child \$6, \$1 off member tickets.

5TH ANNUAL CORN MAZE

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from September 1 through October 31 Come experience five acres of nine-foot tall stalks of corn filled with twists, turns and dead ends as you try to find your way out. Each year the design of the maze, located at Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield, changes and remains a secret until the opening date. This year's Maze promises to be the most difficult yet!

To obtain more information about Denver Botanic Gardens, visit www.botanicgardens.org or phone 720-865-3500.



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!

Gates open 6:30 p.m.

Pre-movie entertainment 7 p.m. Trailers & Movies 8:00 p.m.

Harry Potter and the July 14 **Chamber of Secrets** (PG)

July 28 Seabiscuit (PG-13)

Aug. 4 Wizard of Oz (G)

Aug. 11 **Something's Gotta Give** (PG-13)

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Sept. 1 **People's Choice** (TBA)

City Park Jazz Festival

CONCERT SERIES FOR SUMMER 2004

What do you get when you mix hot jazz warm summer evenings, and Denver's premier park? City Park Jazz's 15th season, featuring concerts by top local artists. City Park Jazz is a non-profit organization bringing Free Concerts to City Park every Sunday evening all summer long. Concerts begin at 7:00pm and usually last until 8:30pm.

The City Park jazz concerts continue a tradition of concerts in the park dating from the early 1900's. Ferrill Lake provides the backdrop as jazz enthusiasts of all ages - from toddlers to grandmas - kick back on the grass near City Park handstand and sample Denver's finest

> musicians. The summer concert series offers something for everyone, from devotees of traditional jazz to fans of funk, Latin rhythms and the big band sound. Picnics are welcome, or concert-goers can purchase food and inks at nearby City Park Pavilion. Those who want to enjoy the music frifting across the lake can rent addleboats.

r more information on the 2004 City Park Jazz Concert Series, call the hotline at 303-744-1004 or visit www.cityparkjazz.org.

Concerts:

Aug. 7 Jazz Concert (TBA)

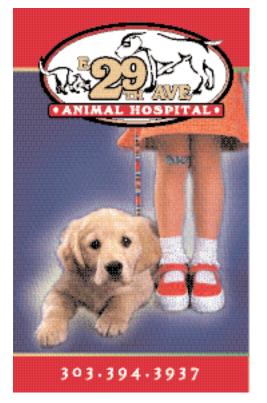
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Aug. 28 **Concert** (TBA)

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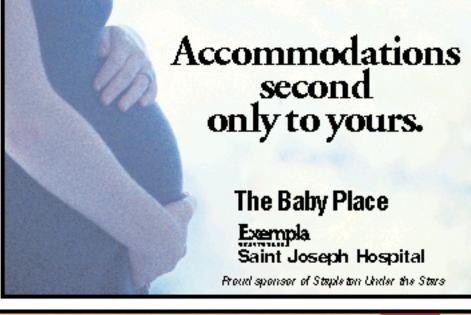
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Stapleton Stampede Aug. 28

On Saturday, August 28th, runners will take to the streets

of Stapleton for the 1st annual Stapleton Stampede, benefiting the Metro Denver Realtor Foundation. A 15K and 5K Run and Family Walk will offer runners and walkers a chance to see the new neighborhood while raising money for parks, open space, and schools in the Stapleton community. The start and finish of the race will be at Founders' Green, located in the heart of the East 29th Avenue Town Center. For more information on registration and volunteer opportunities, visit www.StapletonDenver.com.



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IHOP manager Ted Cunningham is served by Christa Bowden.

Cold Stone Creamery

"Every day is a great day for ice cream!" Who can argue with that philosophy? Certainly no one who stops in at Dean and Tonja Gerondale's Cold Stone Creamery in the East 29th Avenue Town Center at Stapleton! Located on the ground floor of the north crescent building across from the fountain, Cold Stone Creamery is a great place to stop in for a cool treat as summer temperatures begin to soar.

But wait, it is not just the great ice cream that is bringing them through the doors at Cold Stone Creamery! Manager Mike Berger says he hires employees who can sing. The next time you stop in, give them an audition! Cold Stone Creamery is open Sundays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.



Shane Mahoney, left, manager of US Bank, open seven days a week in King Soopers, and his assistant manager Justin Dicken.

◄ International House of Pancakes

"Come hungry; leave happy." That's the philosophy of Ted Cunningham, manager of the International House of Pancakes in the Quebec Square Regional Retail Center at Stapleton. The Milwaukee native manages a staff of 45 people with experience he has gained in working his entire career in the restaurant business.

While Ted's restaurant draws many of its customers from the hotels located across the street on Quebec, he also notes that he has a number of others who live in the area or drop in while doing business at Quebec Square. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 6 a.m. to Midnight on Fridays and Saturdays, "IHOP" provides the kind of great food and friendly service that does indeed make even its hungriest customers "leave happy." Call (303) 399-4646 for more information.

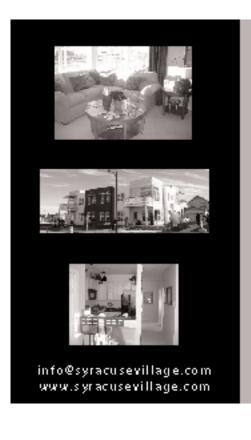


Coldstone Creamery owners Tonja and Dean Gerondale (left) and manager Mike Berger (right) enjoy their ice cream as they take a brief break on Founders' Day.

■ US Bank

Shane Mahoney, manager of the branch of US Bank located in the East 29th Avenue Town Center King Soopers, sums up his bank's appeal in one word: "convenience." Open seven days a week, Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., US Bank is readily available to everyone doing their grocery shopping or stopping by to conduct bank business. The staff of in-store bankers headed up by Shane and his assistant Justin Dicken includes bilingual banker Alvaro Aiquipa who is available to help Spanish-speaking customers.

A graduate of the University of Colorado who holds a Masters from Regis University, Shane enjoys meeting the new customers who come to his bank as the development at Stapleton progresses. For more information, call (720) 941-4900.





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Subway

Rosalie Harlan, the new manager of the Subway in Quebec Square, takes pride in pointing out the wide variety of sandwiches, including "low fat" and "low carb" specialties that are made fresh for each customer who enters her store. Rosalie says people are willing to wait a little longer for that freshness, but nevertheless, her staff manages to serve everyone so quickly and pleasantly that they are building up a dedicated clientele that keeps coming back for more.

Rosalie says a large percentage of her customers come from the United Air Lines Flight Training Center that is located across 35th Avenue. Her store is open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Sunday, hours she says are convenient for people who work a variety of shifts and need a fresh meal fast!



Rosalie Harlan, the new manager of the Subway in Quebec Square, offers a wide variety of healthful sandwiches.



Sales Manager Cindy Northrop and Communications Specialist Alejandra Caraveo are ready to serve your wireless needs.

▲ AT&T Wireless

The AT&T Wireless store in Quebec Square has so many cell phones from which to choose it must surely have a model, style and color to suit any need. Sales Manager Cindy Northrop and Communications Specialists such as Alejandra Caraveo are prepared to highlight each phone's features and programs.

Many of the customers at the Quebec Square store are new residents of Stapleton, which Cindy calls a "great community." The AT& T Wireless store in Quebec Square is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (303) 322-1810 for more information. Bilingual assistance is available.

RadioShack

New residents of Stapleton or homeowners in the surrounding neighborhoods have no need to worry when they are addressing their home theatre or satellite television system needs – help is available at the RadioShack in Quebec Square.

RadioShack manager Ben Chandler's store is open Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. to provide each customer with much of their electronic needs. Ben says his staff of five employees is among "the best trained anywhere" and ready to help customers with needs that range from radios to batteries, from cell phones to televisions and what Ben calls "the real cool things" such as the always-popular remote controlled cars. RadioShack's location just across Quebec from the hotels makes it a popular destination for guests and employees who suddenly find themselves in need of any one of the many

electronic products readily available at Ben Chandler's store. Call (303) 321-5079 for more information.



RadioShack manager Ben Chandler and his five employees are ready to serve their Stapleton customers' needs from electronics to batteries.



Justin Ross, Owner, is excited about the opportunity to offer Mortgage Loan Services to the

residents of Stapleton and the Metro Denver area. With twelve years of mortgage experience, Stapleton Mortgage was established in September of 2002.

The Ross's were one of the

1st families to move to Stapleton in June 2002. Justin's older daughter Jericka will be entering the 6th grade this fall and he and his wife Marissa are expecting their 1st child in September.

Justin and Marissa are quite anxious to experience the growth along the Stapleton corridor and look forward to serving your mortgage loan needs. Stapleton Mortgage may be reached at 303-810-0782, or email jusross@stapletonmortgage.net

Infinity Model Homes Now Open at Stapleton



Based from the \$400s and ranging from 2200 to 3200 square feet, Infinity is offering four exciting "Court Home" floor plans on a number of special Stapleton homesites. Expansive great halls, main floor living, and indoor/outdoor interaction are among the homes' high-

lights, creating perfect living opportunities for couples and families alike.

Infinity Retail Studio set for June 19th Grand Opening!

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Construction Update

By Charlie Nicola
NEW RESIDENTIAL
NEIGHBORHOODS

Filing 6 (south of the East-West Linear Greenway) infrastructure work including utilities, roadways and landscaping is nearing completion. Residents have already moved in on Beeler St in this filing. District contractors have been working closely with Colorado Studios,

Bladium Sport Complex and The Police Academy to maintain services and access while major construction proceeds around their businesses.

Work on Filings 11 and 12, which are the first residential neighborhoods east of Westerly Creek, started in May. Homebuilders are scheduled to acquire properties on the first lots in Filing 11 by September.

BRIDGES

The new Central Park bridges (2 - two-lane bridges north and southbound) across the East West Greenway are scheduled for opening in early July, providing significant new access between Montview Boulevard on the south and, ultimately, Martin Luther King Boulevard on the north.

The concrete deck is now being poured for the Martin Luther King Blvd. bridges over Westerly Creek. Those bridges are scheduled to open this fall.

Work has also started on the Quebec Street bridge/overpass project at I-270 which will eventually serve as the major entry to the NorthField Retail Center that will open north of I-70 in the fall of 2005 anchored by Bass Pro and a 16-screen movie theatre complex.

All of Stapleton's bridges will have high attention to detail, including stone facades on abutments, monuments and special lighting. For example, the lighting fixtures specified under the MLK bridges over Westerly Creek were selected to provide only minimal impact on the wildlife expected to pass under that bridge.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure work supporting the new Denver School of Science and Technology and the Johnson



Charity Chase

Winner of the men's 5K run was Keith Johnson (left) of Washingtonville, NY. Winner of the women's 5K run was Rhonda Bershok of Aurora, CO.Winner of the men's 5K walk was Robert McGuire of Littleton. Winner of the women's 5K walk was Hope Tregellas of Denver. and Wales site and other developments at Stapleton continues. This includes construction by PCMD contractors on the reclaimed water delivery system for Denver Water starting this week. The work extends from Quebec to Yosemite Street (or CPB), requiring detours and lane closures already in place on Montview. This 36" diameter pipeline is part of the larger system Denver Water is installing to

recycle water for irrigating major parkways throughout Denver, including Stapleton.

Major underground sanitary work to accommodate the increasing development at Stapleton was completed last month across Sand Creek. Construction is also proceeding along Sand Creek in the vicinity of its confluence with Westerly Creek to allow construction activities in the area and for the ultimate new alignment of the trail, outlook and other amenities planned there. Detours in the Sand Creek Trail in the vicinity of Westerly Creek can be expected over the next several months.

CENTRAL PARK

The plans for the major urban park (Central Park) east of the former FAA Control Tower were submitted in June to the City for final approval. Grading and utility work is expected to begin in August

on this planned 3 year project to include phased construction of landscaping, sledding hills, a central promenade, concession structures, playground and athletic fields.

The eastern portion of Greenway Park was substantially opened with the Charity Race events June 5th. Portions of Westerly Creek are expected to be accessible later this year as seed and plantings in the area become more established. Other major parkways are under construction at the gateway to Stapleton at MLK and Quebec where medians along Quebec and MLK are being constructed. Sod will be installed in September due to drought restrictions.

Earthwork continues at the NorthField Retail site north of I-70 where about half of the expected one million cubic yards of dirt has been moved. Embankment is also being placed east of the retail center for the new Nobel/Sysco office and distribution site where the company is investing over \$40 million to relocate and expand its operations.

Construction contracts for work in progress or completed at Stapleton total approximately \$220 million to date. An additional \$46 million in contracts is expected to be committed in the next year.

Charlie Nicola is senior vice president-construction for Forest City Stapleton, Inc.

Hallett School (continued from page 4)

content area. Each module is designed for 25-40 class sessions. In T.R.A.C.S. students learn basic science concepts and inquiry skills recommended by the National Science Education Standards and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. T.R.A.C.S. supplies teachers with comprehen-

sive "how-to handbooks" that describe the purposes and outcomes of each module and teaching strategies. T.R.A.C.S. was developed in Colorado. The close proximity to the developers could be an additional advantage to implementing T.R.A.C.S., according to the University of Pittsburgh's Institute for Learning, a consultant for Denver Public Schools on a broad range of curriculum issues.

The Hallett staff plans to infuse science into the curriculum. Science subjects will be used in

subjects will be used in summer program students at Hallet Academy.

literacy work. The school uses the district's

Everyday Math program, which will include science related problems in math exercises. The language of science and the curiosity it breeds will become part

summer program students at Hallet Academy.

• More staff develop
• Create a more sup teacher turnover.

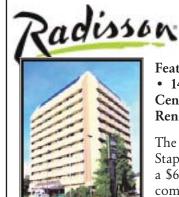
In 2003 Hallett was rated low with significant improvement based on results of the

of all coursework.

Colorado Student Assessment Program. Thirty-three percent of Hallett's students passed the CSAP reading test and 24 percent passed the writing.

In addition to integrating science into the curriculum, other goals for the 2004-05 school year:

- Analyze student performance data more precisely and use it to tailor instruction to individual needs.
- Begin the year with each teacher examining a compilation of each student's work.
- Repeat that student record examination two more times in the year to better track progress and needs.
- Hire a fulltime science teacher.
- Institute the wellregarded Time to Teach discipline program.
- More staff development on classroom management.
- Create a more supportive environment to reduce teacher turnover.
- More staff development on teaching strategies for math and science.
- Hire a new literacy coach who will enhance teachers' knowledge on literacy instruction.
- Improve the school's rating from "low" to "average."



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• Increase parent

involvement through home visits, events and parent education.

Brian Weber is Vice Pres.

Education/Workforce
Initiatives for The Stapleton
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4 Paws News

by Michele Smith, D.V.M. E. 29th Ave. Animal Hospital

Is Your Pet Protected?

Mosquito bites are more than a nuisance; they can threaten your pet's life. A bite can transmit a very serious illness called "Heartworm Disease". Once considered a parasite of southern climates, the heartworm (*Dirofilaria immitis*) is now recognized as a major, global pest affecting dogs, wolves, coyotes, and foxes. Prevention of Heartworm Disease should be a part of your pet's routine health care.

Dirofilaria immitis in their immature, microscopic stage are carried by mosquitoes. They are injected into your pet while the mosquito is feeding. The immature worms migrate through the body, eventually reaching heart, lungs, and connecting blood vessels. In approximately six months, they grow to become adults as long as 14 inches in length. When they reproduce, their tiny offspring, called microfilaria, circulate in the bloodstream. At this point they can be spread to another animal by a mosquito bite.

Prevention is much easier than treatment. All dogs should be routinely tested for Heartworm Disease. Testing is typically done on an annual basis, although some dogs may require more frequent testing. Dogs with a negative heartworm test should be placed on a preventative medication. It is important to understand that the preventative should never be given without performing the blood test. Placing any animal on preventative that is already infected with

heartworms can result in a severe reaction and the death of the animal.

Several types of preventative medication are available including tablets given on a daily basis, monthly tablets, monthly spoton topical solution and a 6 month injectable solution. Animals should be on preventative medication whenever mosquitoes are present.

Many veterinarians recommend and many owners use a year-round prevention program to guard against the occasional mosquito flying about in Colorado's relatively mild winters. If your pet has already had his annual wellness exam, call to schedule a heartworm check. If he's due for an annual wellness exam be sure to include a heartworm check in the visit.

Dr. Smith's clinic, the E. 29th Avenue Animal Hospital, is located in Stapleton's first Town Center. For more information call 303-394-3937.

Fountain in Stapleton's Dog Park Popular with People and Pets







Front Porch Flower Talk

by Michele Stefanon Amore Fiori Flowers and Gifts

Flower + Plants = Workplace Productivity

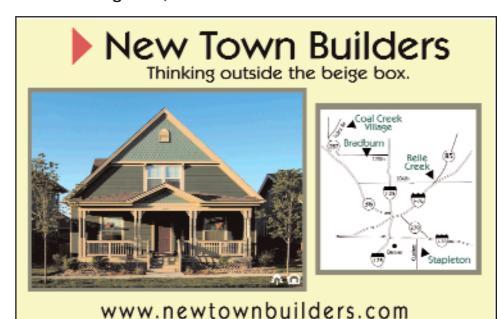
I recently read an interesting article on the effects of flowers and plants in the workplace and thought I would share some of the findings. A study was conducted by the Society of American Florists and a research team from Texas A&M University. They wanted to learn how flowers and plants in the workplace impact productivity and problem solving. After eight months of working closely with the research team, SAF shared the exciting results of this groundbreaking study: Problem-solving skills, idea generation and creative performance improve substantially in workplace environments that include flowers and plants.

Specifically, both men and women who work in environments with flowers and plants demonstrate more innovative thinking as compared to environments with sculpture or no decorative objects. Men who participated in the study generated 30 percent more ideas when working in environments with flowers and plants than ones without. While men generate a greater abundance of ideas, the research shows that women generate more creative, flexible solutions to problems in workplace environments with flowers and plants. As a result, flowers and plants prove to be beneficial additions to any work environment.

"The research shows that flowers and plants can be important in the most meaningful way to businesses in the modern economy," says Roger Ulrich, Ph.D., behavioral scientist and the study's lead researcher. "Productivity, in the form of innovation and creative problem solving, can mean the difference between mild and great success."

Help your business be a great success and incorporate flowers or plants into your workplace today! Stop by and visit our store for more information! Michelle Stefanon's flower shop, Amore Fiori Flowers and Gifts, is located in the East 29th Avenue Town Center. For more information call 303-333-3848.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you are a Stapleton resident or have a business at Stapleton and would like to write a column for "Tips from Your Neighbors," contact Tom Gleason at 303-382-1800.





Stapleton United Neighbors

S.U.N. Goals for 2004-05

Continuing the traditions of Denver's classic neighborhoods, Stapleton's "new urbanism" philosophy blends old-fashioned values with the contemporary needs of 21st century families. We are grateful for the years of planning and hard work that preceded the realization of the Stapleton dream.

Today, as individuals and families begin to live out the Stapleton vision, residents have come together to help support the infrastructure of the dream-forging important relationships for the next generation of community living. On porches, in the parks and on the playground, Stapleton neighbors have been communicating about their good fortune and the emerging challenges involved with establishing a new community. Together, we are helping to make the Stapleton dream an everyday reality.

Stapleton United Neighbors (SUN) was established to create a network of neighborhood communication and to provide an important community voice as the Stapleton vision is implemented. Toward that end, we have established the following goals for the coming year:

- To create a forum for neighborhood discussion and collaboration;
- To develop a reliable communication system among the residents in and around Stapleton;
- To build a neighborhood watch organization that will focus on public safety in coordination with local police;
- To work with Denver city government and Forest City to manage traffic and transportation concerns in our neighborhood; and
- To assist local schools and other community organizations to increase and enrich educational opportunities.

In working toward these goals, we hope to harness the interests and talents of our community. In achieving these goals, our community grows stronger. For more information or to get involved, please feel free to email us at Stapletonneighbors@msn.com

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

After recently reading the latest issue of Front Porch I found it disturbing that one of the most important factors that made us look into homes at Stapleton wasn't mentioned: The Light Rail. As you may or may not know this issue is going to be on the November ballot under the title FasTracks. This is RTD's 12-year comprehensive transportation plan that includes 119 miles of light rail around the city, some of it going past Stapleton to DIA and to downtown. I would think this is something we as residents would like to vote on to improve the value of our homes and the transportation available, especially environmentally-friendly types.

Thank You. A Future Resident, Jacob White

EDITOR'S NOTE: The August edition of the Front Porch will carry an article on the FasTracks proposal.

Editor:

We would like to THANK the community of Stapleton for your support of the Charity Chase 2004 that was held at Greenway Park on Saturday, June 5th. You opened up your hearts, your wallets, and your streets to help make this event a real success! Thanks to the Stapleton merchants for your sponsorship, and to those who donated food products, prizes for the winners and items for the drawing. The food was fantastic, the weather was great, the park was beautiful, the volunteers were incredible and the Stapleton community made us feel welcome. See you next year!! Kathy Anderson, Nancy Meisheid, Charity Chase Co-Chairs



INTRODUCING MOUNTAIN VIEW INTERNAL MEDICINE

As primary care providers for adults. Drs. Gordon and Sieja are pleased to announce the opening of their new Internal Medicine practice of Rose Medical Center. Internal Medicine focuses on health promotion and disease prevention in individuals age 13 and up. Dr. David Gordon graduated from and completed his meldency at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Dr. Amber Sirja greedwated from Nicotimestern University Medical School and completed her residency at the University of Culorado Health Sciences Center. For an appointment, please call.

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Views Of S.U.N. Directors-at-Large What is Your Goal for S.U.N.?



BILL FULTON - PRESIDENT

(Educator, Director, Facing History Project of The Public Education Business Coalition) My goal for SUN is to provide a familiar, inclusive space for the residents in and around Stapleton to recognize each other as a community. This will largely consist of creating strong norms of cooperation, reliable communication networks (e.g. block captains and on-line formats), and regular public forums that

allow residents to raise, discuss, and address issues in a way that strengthens the overall community-rather than pitting one faction against another.

ELIZABETH GARNER - VICE PRESIDENT

(Economist - Colorado State University) As a SUN director, I want to work on fostering communication and collaboration between SUN and other entities, particularly in the areas of quality public education and affordable housing.





GREGORY A. DIGGS - SECRETARY

(Senior Research Associate, National Research Center) I'd like to help achieve the vision of "new urbanism" and to create and sustain a diverse and dynamic environment for Stapleton residents.

BRYAN PENNY - TREASURER

(International Controller for Western Union) The goal I have for SUN is very basic. To make Stapleton a better place to live. The things that have attracted many people to Stapleton have been very obvious but I see the role of SUN to work with everyone (HOA, Forest City, Builders, Businesses, Resident and surrounding communities) to make the vision of Stapleton a reality. With the hard work of everyone involved, it can and will happen.



BERNARD DOUTHIT

(Director of Client Management, Fortrust Solutions) I would like to help local schools achieve educational excellence and I will work to manage growth in order to maintain a superior neighborhood.





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MIKE KING

(Transactional Attorney, Brownstein Hyatt & Farber, P.C.) I'd like to help facilitate a smooth transition from nascent development to a mature community complete with its own neighborhood culture, traditions and services, with emphasis on maximizing communication and cooperation with city government

and local groups to meet essential neighborhood

needs (i.e., establishment of a community-based partnership with police to address security and traffic issues).

JENNIFER SONG KOEPPE

(Architect)

I would like SUN to devote its attention to anything that affects our built environment/community, planning and urban design issues (master planning), sustainability and green building practices.

JASON LONGSDORF

(Transportation Planner for the City of Denver) I want to work on creating multiple transportation options within the neighborhood and out to the rest of the city including safe sidewalks, convenient transit, well-marked bike routes, high quality off-street trails and reasonable traffic speeds.





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MELISSA MCQUEEN

(Technology Director/Instructor - Montclair Academy)

As a SUN director I want to help keep open lines of communication among all members of our community and also help Stapleton become the great neighborhood we all envisioned when we moved here.

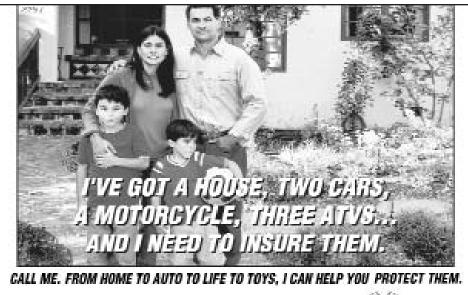
CAROLINE WILTEN

(Background in Marketing Communications, Advertising and Project Management; currently a stay-at-home mom) My goal for SUN is to help develop open communication between neighbors, developers, builders and the city.



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Master Community Association News

by Diane Deeter Stapleton Community Manager



CELEBRATE THE 4TH!

Join us for the 4th of July Parade! The fun begins at 10 a.m. at Founders' Green and winds its way to Aviator Park and Pool where an "Ice Cream Social" is planned for 1 p.m. Decorate your bicycles and bring your flags to celebrate Independence Day!

POOL ID'S AND GUEST PASSES

Pool ID's and guest passes may be picked up at the pool. The phone number for the pool is 720.941.3414.

Thanks to each of you for your patience and understanding while we emptied and refilled the pool following the recent wind storm. We have replaced all glass tabletops with acrylic and will be very diligent in making sure no glass enters the pool.

TRASH & RECYCLING PICK-UP

Since the neighborhood is growing by leaps and bounds, trash service for residents is now on Monday and Friday. This is determined by your address. Solid Waste Management determines whether you set your trash at the curb or at the alley, and they will notify residents accordingly. Recycling is every other week and coincides with your regular trash pickup day. It is picked up curbside in front of your house.

If you have any questions regarding trash removal, please contact Solid Waste Management at 720.865.6900. The phone number for Solid Waste Recycling is 720.865.6805.

TREE LAWN MAINTENANCE

Please note that the strip between the sidewalk and the curb is your responsibility to maintain, if you live in a single family home. This includes mowing, weeding, irrigation, and preserving the life of the tree your homebuilder has installed. If you live in a sub-association (Garden Courts/Coach House Homes), this is common area maintenance.

COMMUNITY CODE ENFORCEMENT

As you know, The Master Association does not have restrictive covenants. Some of the sub-associations do have restrictions. If you have a neighbor-to-neighbor issue that cannot be resolved through open communication, please contact: The City & County of Denver: Neighborhood Services & Code Enforcement at 720-865-3200 or at www.denvergov.com. Issues such as vehicular street parking (Boats, Campers, etc.), and Animal Control complaints (dogs at large, leash laws

and removal of dog waste) can be mitigated using these contacts.

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





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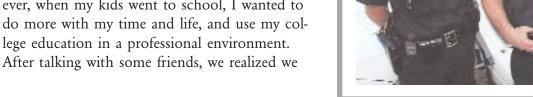
Agency Gives Full-Time Parents Part-Time Work

Stay-at-home moms and dads looking for an alternative to full-time employment have found their answer in "10 til 2, LLC," a professional employment agency specializing in placing college-educated parents in part-time permanent positions.

Stapleton resident Heidi Crum, one of the founding partners and a vice president of finance for "10 til 2," said companies seeking professional expertise in a part-time capacity have increasingly turned to "10 til 2" for qualified employees from its growing pool of exceptional applicants. Since its formation in November 2003, "10 til 2" has placed qualified adults in part-time positions with hospitality, legal, construction, publishing, and non-profit businesses including start-ups and major corporations.

Hyatt Regency Denver's Director of Sales, Mark Darrington, currently employing two mothers placed with the Hyatt by "10 til 2," says, "Since 2001, we've been running a lean staff because of the economy, but still need additional employees during the peak time of day. "10 til 2" allows the sales office to increase its coverage with skilled employees while cutting out the costs of benefits and full-time salaries."

"10 til 2," a Denver-based Limited Liability Company, was founded by four local women who sought to use their professional skills while their children were in school. "Being a parent is the most rewarding job anyone can have," said Jill Ater, one of "10 til 2's" four founders. "However, when my kids went to school, I wanted to do more with my time and life, and use my college education in a professional environment. After talking with some friends, we realized we



of the Villa Italia Shopping center in Lakewood, Colorado.

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Green Book Authors

Jim Chrisman moved from writing the development plan for Stapleton to directing its implementation. Mr. Chrisman now oversees work at Stapleton as the senior vice-president of development for Stapleton's master developer, Forest City Stapleton, Inc. In the years between those two positions, Mr. Chrisman worked for SDC which was created by the City of Denver to manage the assets of Stapleton until they could be sold at a fair market value established by an appraisal approved by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Upon leaving the Stapleton Redevelopment Foundation and SDC, Alan Brown returned to his architectural practice, Alan Eban Brown, AIA LLC, which he established in 1989-90 after he complet-



"10 til 2" moms with their children on Founders' Day.

weren't alone, that there are many others who also want to do something more with those few free hours while our children are in school."

Sharon Bailey, a Parker, Colorado resident with three boys who has been employed in a Parker-based construction company, said, "My new job gets me out of the house and raises my self esteem. I still have the freedom to be a mom, but now I have the best of both worlds."

"10 til 2" has had no problem finding experienced individuals to meet the demand of businesses, since 70% of stay-at-home parents are mothers. At this time, "10 til 2" primarily places moms, but also places stay-at-home dads as well as other adults who want quality part-time work.

For more information on "10 til 2," visit www.tentiltwo.com or call 303-909-3868.



Commander O'Neill Retires

Commander Mike O'Neill has retired after serving 37 years with the Denver Police Department. Shown here with District Two Community Resource officers Technician Michael Rappe (left) and Technician Reyes Trujillo (right), Commander O'Neill was highly regarded by the citizens throughout the City for his accessibility and involvement in the community.

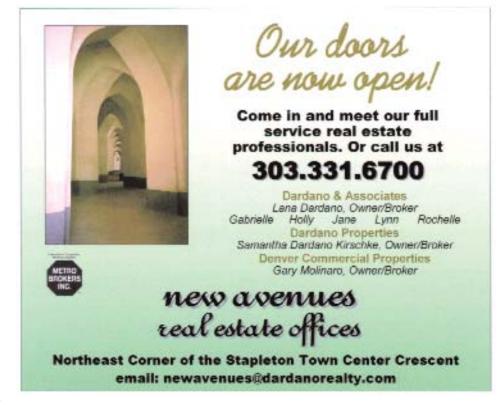
ed his work on the design of the Denver International Airport terminal complex. His recent Stapleton projects include the design for the original Odyssey School (DPS Charter) at Stapleton, the original Stapleton Visitor Center, and design services for the new SDC Services Corp. offices.

Beth Conover, the fourth member of the Stapleton Redevelopment Foundation team, also worked for SDC before developing her own consulting firm. Following Mayor John Hickenlooper's election in June 2003, the mayor tapped Ms. Conover to serve as one of his senior aides. In her new role at City Hall, Ms. Conover continues to play a significant role in a variety of issues related to the redevelopment of Stapleton.

Civic leaders in Denver and Aurora who played key roles in the early days of the Stapleton process also continue their efforts today. In addition to Mr. Gary and Mr. Gougeon, others still active in the Stapleton Foundation include Stapleton Foundation board members Harry T. Lewis, Jr., Reverend Paul Martin, former Denver City Councilwoman Happy Hayes, Karen Saliman, Del Hock, Hubert Farbes, Jr. and Foundation CEO Beverly Haddon. Other members of the metropolitan area community involved in the early planning for Stapleton continue to serve on the Board of the Stapleton Development Corporation and its Citizens Advisory Board.

"The hallmark of the expansive public process that laid the foundation for The Stapleton Development Plan has always been the unbelievable commitment of time and effort made by so many of the citizens of our community," Mr. Chrisman said. "Without the energy and enthusiasm of these civic leaders, Stapleton would not be receiving the national and international acclaim it has earned today as one of the nation's most successful new urban communities."





Think Summer for the Kids...

Denver Releases New Summer Youth Guide

With summer here, and the annual question "What will the kids do?" in the air, City Councilman At-Large Doug Linkhart has announced

the release of the 2004 "Denver Youth Activities Guide." The guide, sponsored by Linkhart, State Senator Paula Sandoval, and DPS Board Member Kevin Patterson, is full of programs and opportunities for school-age children to learn, work, connect or just have some organized fun in the summer months of 2004.



City Councilman Doug Linkhart

The bilingual guide lists 123 locations and organizations throughout the city, ranging from summer sports camps in hockey, tennis or lacrosse; to jobs in community-based service pro-

grams; from classes in reading or technology to programs in art appreciation or improvisational comedy. The guide is conveniently organized into four categories: education, employment, recre-

ation and social activities; and features a map indicating the location of each.

"There are so many great opportunities for kids in summer here in Denver," said Councilman Linkhart. "Parents can help their kids explore what interests them, and use the summer lull as a time for productive growth, as well as fun. With so

many programs low-cost or free, no child has to be left out."

More than 90,000 copies of the Guide are

being distributed through Denver Public Schools, Denver Public Library branches, city recreation centers, and Safeway Supermarkets. The Guide is also accessible on-line at www.douglinkhart.org

> and can be referenced by phone through the new 211 social services information number.

Corporate sponsors for the 2004 Denver Youth Activities Guide are First Data Corporation, Mile High United Way, Forest City Stapleton, Frontier Airlines, 1st Bank, Centura/St Anthony's Hospital, Safeway, American

Family Insurance and JPS International.

For more information, contact Councilman Linkhart's office, 720-865-8000.





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An update of Stapleton's evolution from a former airport to a new urban community

STAPLETON JULY 2004

Stapleton is a tapestry of homes, shops, offices, parks, and schools in a walkable community of classic city architecture.

HOMES

Nearly 1,000 households with over 2,500 residents are living at Stapleton.



The rental homes of Botanica on the Green are welcoming its 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

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 beginning its third year with over 50 shops and restaurants now open.

East 29th Avenue Town Center is thriving with the addition of new stores including: Cold Stone Creamery, Get Fired Up Pottery, Infinity Home Collection, New Avenues Real Estate Offices and Walgreens.

The first offices have enjoyed six months in their new location in the East 29th Avenue Town Center.

Planning continues on the DenverBioScience 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 and the off-leash dog park opened June 5th. "Stapleton Under the Stars," the summer concert and movie series, started on June 5th. at Founders' Green.



The Stapleton Farmers' Market



Stapleton residents turned out to shop on Sunday, June 13th at the first Farmers' Market on Founders' Green in the East 29th Avenue Town Center. The Farmers' Market will be held every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. through October 31st.







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.

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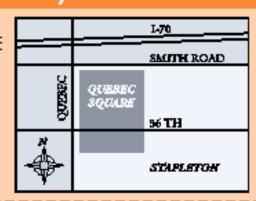
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