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FasTracks: Transportation Options for Metro Denver

By Chris Martinez

This November, Denver metro area residents will vote on a comprehensive plan that will build 119 miles of new rail transit and contribute to the construction of 18 miles of bus rapid transit service. FasTracks will also increase bus service by more than 30 percent and almost double the number of parking spaces at Park-n-Rides throughout the metro area. The project has a construction budget of \$4.7 billion dollars and will create a regional rapid transit system with a 12-year construction period. Funding would be provided by a .04 percent increase in sales tax (continued on page 3)



Central Park Bridge Opens

Officials from Forest City Stapleton, Inc., The Park Creek Metropolitan District, M.A. Mortenson and EDAW cut the ribbon opening the new Central Park Bridge over Greenway Park. Central Park Boulevard is designed to carry traffic levels similar to Monaco Parkway west of Stapleton.

New Principal Selected for Westerly Creek

Patricia Lea, a vibrant veteran educator from Douglas County, is the new principal of Westerly Creek Elementary School. Denver Public Schools Superintendent Jerry Wartgow hired Ms. Lea in June after Trish Kuhn decided to leave to pursue other opportunities.

Ms. Lea won strong support from a selection committee of teachers, staff and community members that interviewed seven candidates. In recommending her to Mr. Wartgow, the committee noted her energy and communication skills. They also expressed pleasure with her experience in the classroom and administration, her understanding of the needs of parents, teachers and children, and her enthusiasm to help a new community develop a top school. Those qualities stood out in surveys of parents that were done before the interviews, said Audrey Douthit, chairwoman of Westerly Creek's Collaborative School Committee. Ms. Douthit praised Ms. Lea for meeting with both the PTA and the faculty in early July - several weeks before she officially started.

"The parents are really excited about having Trish Lea at Westerly Creek," Ms. Douthit said.

"She is very warm and welcoming, and I think she will be a great asset to our community."

An avid runner, Ms. Lea pounded out a few dozen miles on the streets of Stapleton by mid July to get a closer look at her new community. She said she wanted the principal's job for many of the same reasons people move to Stapleton. "What's exciting is it's an outstanding community and it's a time that together we can make history," Ms.

Lea said. "We can make the school a great one."

Ms. Lea has been an assistant principal at Castle Rock Elementary for two years. Her job included curriculum implementation, budget development, fundraising, staff evaluations and student discipline. Before joining the administration, she was a physical education teacher at Castle Rock for seven years and chairwoman of the art, music and physical education department. From 1991-95 she taught P.E. and special education in Aurora and Cherry Creek schools. Becoming a principal has been a longtime goal for Ms. Lea. She believes that Westerly Creek will offer the professional challenge and rewards

she wants, with the added benefit of being in a community with high expectations.

Ms. Lea said she has been struck by the commitment of parents at Stapleton. It was particularly noticeable at a forum on June 8 where the community met the three finalists for the job. "I was so impressed that parents came who don't

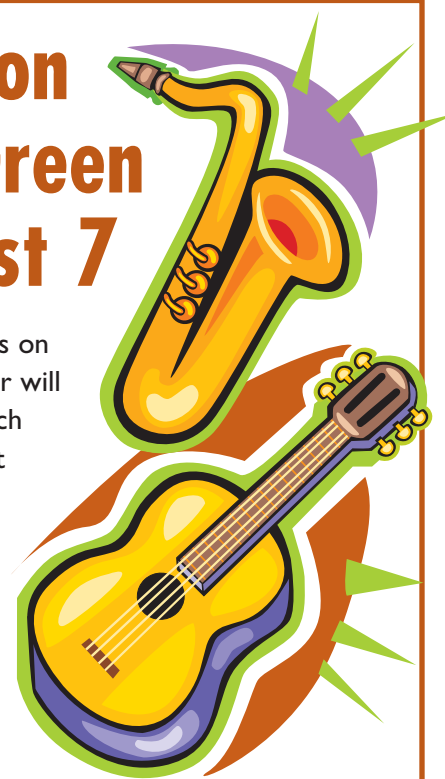
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New Westerly Creek Principal, Trish Lea, (right) discusses the coming school year with Audrey Douthit, chairwoman of the Collaborative School Committee.

Jazz on the Green August 7

Four jazz stars on a national tour will bring top notch entertainment to Stapleton's Founders' Green Saturday August 7 at 7 p.m. See page 6 for more information on this exciting free show, "Guitars and Saxes."



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2004 STAPLETON EVENTS

AUGUST

Wednesday, August 4th

Stapleton Under the Stars Movie
Founders' Green, Gates open 7 pm
The Wizard of Oz*

Saturday, August 7th

Stapleton Under the Stars Concert
Founders' Green, 7 pm
"Guitars and Saxs" Jazz Concert*

Wednesday, August 11th

Stapleton Under the Stars Movie
Founders' Green, Gates open 7 pm
Something's Gotta Give*

Thursday, August 12th &
Saturday, August 14th

Voter Registration
10 am - 3 pm
Clyburn at Stapleton

Saturday, August 14th

Chalk Art Contest
10 am - Noon
Aviator Park and Pool

Monday, August 16th

First day of school

Thursday, August 19th

Fireside Chats
6 - 8 pm
Bluff Lake Nature Center

Thursday, August 19th

Get Friendly with Flowers
6:30 pm
Amore Fiori Flowers

Friday, August 20th

Adult Night: Lobster Bake
6:30 - 9:30 pm
Aviator Park, Reservations required

Wednesday, August 25th

Stapleton Under the Stars Movie
Founders' Green, Gates Open 7 pm
E.T.*

Saturday, August 28th

Stapleton Stampede
5k, 15k, Family Run
8:15 am

Saturday, August 28th

Stapleton Under the Stars Concert
Founders' Green
Details TBA*

*For more information visit
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SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 1st

Stapleton Under the Stars Movie
Founders' Green, Gates Open 7 pm
People's Choice*

Monday, September 16th

Fireside Chats
6 - 8 pm
Bluff Lake Nature Center

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 16th

Fall Festival
Noon - 2 pm
Founders' Green

Saturday, October 23 &
Saturday, October 27

Flu Shots
10 am - 2 pm
Stapleton Visitor Center

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 6 &
Wednesday, November 10

Flu Shots
10 am - 2 pm
Stapleton Visitor Center

DECEMBER

First week of December

Holiday Decoration Contest

Sunday, December 12th

Lighting the Holiday Tree
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Founders' Green

JANUARY

January 4th

DPS Schools in Session

JUNE 2005

Saturday, June 11th

Founders' Day

EVERY MONTH

First Tuesday
of each month

Stapleton Residents' Social Events
Committee 6 - 7:30 pm
Stapleton Visitor Center

Third Thursday
of each month

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

Every Wednesday

Music Together 9:30 - 10:30 am
Westerly Creek School

Every Tuesday & Thursday

Stapleton Strollers 9:30 am
29th and Valentia

Every Other Friday

Mobile Cyclery 9 am - 6 pm
King Soopers parking lot

First Saturday of each month

Bluff Lake Birders 7 - 9 am
Bluff Lake Nature Center

Every Sunday
through October

Stapleton Farmers' Market 9 am - 2 pm
E. 29th Ave. Town Center



Aviator Park Pool Hours

Mon. - Thur. 11 am - 8 pm
Fri. - Sat. 11 am - 6 pm
Sun. 11 am - 9 pm
See page 13 for new pool hours
starting August 16.



Westerly Creek's New Principal *(continued from page 1)*

have kids in the school yet," Ms. Lea said. "I've never experienced that. That shows a real interest in a child and underscores that this is a partnership between parents, teachers and administrators."

During her interview, Ms. Lea articulated a well-rounded and thoughtful philosophy about education and being a principal in which she

said that building trust and relationships is "at the core of everything." Ms. Lea said that she believes parents should be an equal partner in a child's education and a critical resource for a school. She also said that a community must be welcomed and encouraged to help a school in a variety of ways in which two-way communication *(continued on page 15)*

Registration for Westerly Creek

Westerly Creek registration begins August 10th. Call principal Patricia Lea at 303-322-5877 for more information. For general information about Denver Public Schools, call the DPS Welcome Center at 303-764-3970 or visit www.denver.k12.co.us

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(four pennies on a \$10 purchase), but would exclude groceries, home heating and electricity, prescription drugs and gasoline.

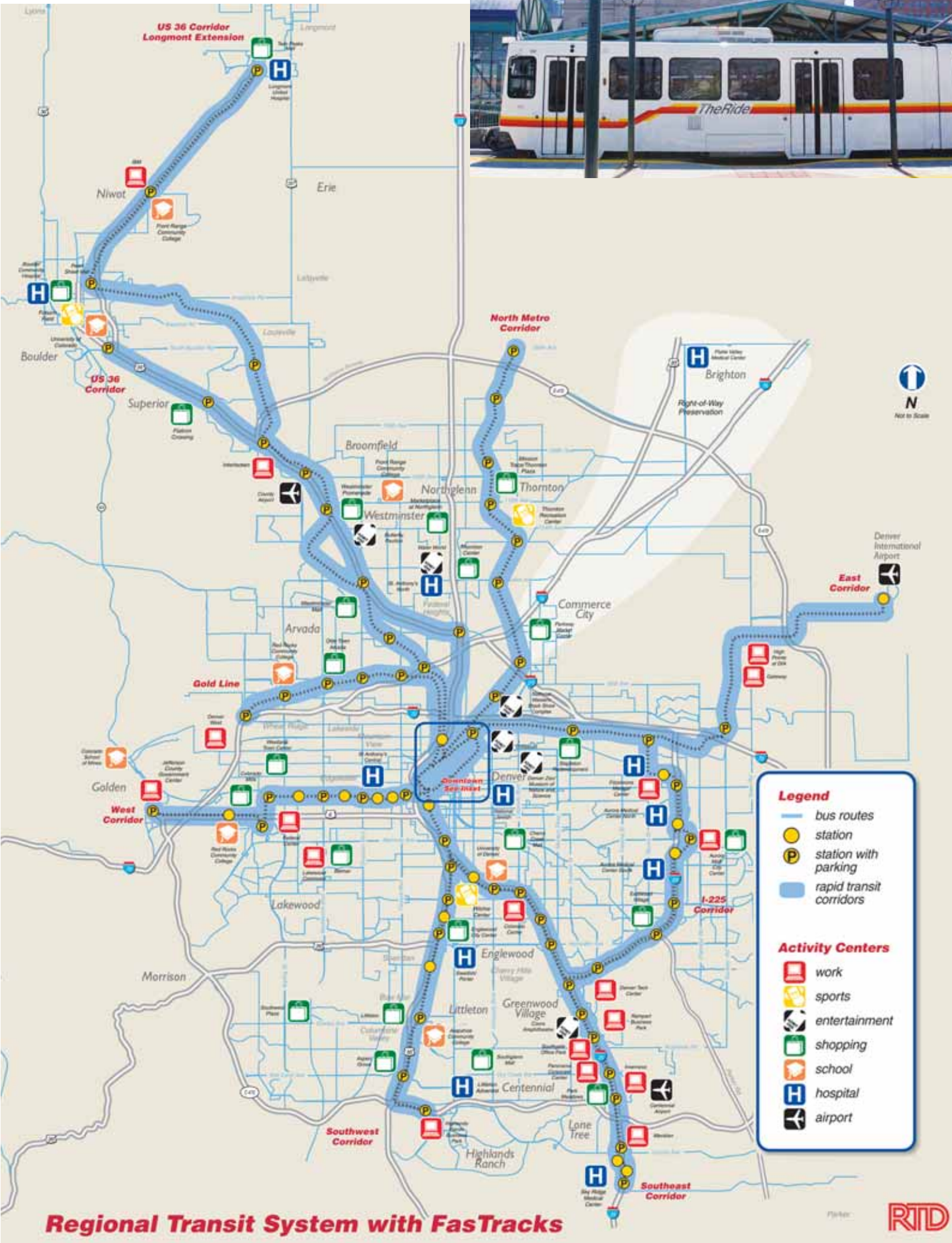
The FasTracks plan will extend mass transit in the major transportation corridors of the Denver metro region. Passenger rail will run to Denver International Airport, including a station at Stapleton; to Boulder and Longmont with passenger rail along US 36 and the Diagonal Highway; and in the North Metro Corridor paralleling I-25 up to 160th. New light rail lines would run north of I-70 to Golden; along 13th Avenue to Lakewood, the Federal Center and on to the Jefferson County Government Center; and along I-225 from Parker Road to meet up with the DIA passenger rail line at Peoria and Smith Road.

In addition, FasTracks will extend light rail on the existing downtown Denver Central Corridor to connect with the DIA line at 40th Street and 40th Avenue; extend the Southwest Corridor from Littleton to Highlands Ranch; and lengthen the T-REX Corridor now under construction to extend light rail to Lone Tree. The plan also includes 18 miles of bus rapid transit service to and from Boulder on US 36.

Denver has been creeping up the list of cities with the worst traffic congestion, and last year was ranked by the Texas Transportation Institute as the third most congested metropolitan area in the country, and the most congested city of its size. With nearly 2.5 million metro residents today, the Denver metro area is projected to add nearly one million new residents over the next 20 years.

Each of RTD's three (soon to be four with T-REX) light rail lines have been built on time and on budget, and each has experienced passenger usage far exceeding projections. This November, metro area voters will have an opportunity to

help determine just what Denver's future will be.
Chris Martinez is the Director for RTD District B, which includes Stapleton.



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Schools Around Stapleton

Smith Renaissance School Lives Up to Its Name

By Brian Weber
It is 7:55 a.m. and students at Smith Renaissance School of The Arts begin their day to the sounds of classical and Latin music as they rush to beat the tardy bell. Later, Smith students spend an hour in an “arts block” engaged in visual arts, vocal and instrumental music, drama or dance activities. Many students end their school day with another arts block. Still others remain after school for Focused Arts Study where they can expand on their daily arts experiences.

Emphasis on the arts has been renewed at Smith after years of benign neglect. In the past, arts teachers were told that reading, writing, math and science were the priorities. Arts, while important, were best used to support those core subjects.

Jay Riley turned that edict around when she moved into the principal’s office in the fall of 2003. She asked core subject teachers to figure out ways that they could support arts instruction.

That’s just the beginning of changes headed Smith’s way. Ms. Riley wants to further integrate arts into the core curriculum to stimulate and broaden learning for her students and teachers. The “arts block” every day is her initial effort which is supported by after school opportunities.

To achieve these goals, private instructors will be recruited. Smith has already formed partnerships with the Colorado Ballet, the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Denver School of the Arts, the Colorado Children’s Chorale and the Colorado Marching Band.

Located at 3590 Jasmine Street, Smith adopted an arts theme during the Park Hill mini-grant experiment of the mid and late 1990s. The federal grant program established different themes in area schools to encourage voluntary integration. The project failed, as parents preferred their neighborhood schools.

Now as then, the Smith community wanted to capitalize on research that has proven that arts play a central role in cognitive, motor, language and social and emotional development. This is especially relevant to Smith since researchers found that learning in and through the arts can help “level the playing field” for all students.

Jay Riley was so enthused about the potential at Smith that she left the relative comfort and higher achievement at an elementary school in Douglas County to take the job. She is also returning to her roots: she grew up in Park Hill and is a graduate of DPS.

The Smith staff wants a partnership between the arts and the core curriculum. They know that learning in one area can stimulate learning in the other. While implementing the arts block, Ms. Riley and her staff want to develop a structure to infuse the arts into the rest of the curriculum. They want to explore the most proven models and best practices. They want to provide the quality that will give their students the talents to win coveted

spots at the highly competitive Denver School of the Arts located just west of Stapleton. The Renaissance Academy at Smiley Middle School is another arts option.

While DSA is within reach for some students, many will likely

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Jorge-Ayn Riley – Principal, Smith Renaissance School of the Arts

Jorge-Ayn Riley, known as “Jay,” returned to her roots when she left her job as an elementary school principal in Douglas County in 2003 to become the principal of Smith Renaissance School of the Arts (formerly Smith Elementary School) in northeast Denver west of Stapleton.

Ms. Riley grew up in Park Hill and attended Denver Public Schools in northeast Denver from kindergarten through high school: Stedman Elementary, Smiley Middle School and Manual High School.

“Denver Public Schools is still a piece of who I am,” Ms. Riley said when she took the Smith job. “I was looking for another challenge and another chance to give back to the community where I came from.”

She received her Bachelor’s Degree from Augustana College in South Dakota, her Master’s Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Northern Colorado, and an Education Specialist Degree from the University of Colorado.

As the principal of South Elementary School from 1994 to 2003 in Douglas County, Ms. Riley instituted intervention programs for struggling readers that helped improve scores on state standards tests (CSAP), added a full time literary specialist to the school staff and assisted with the development of a successful English as a Second Language (ESL) program. She also initiated other innovations, including the school’s outdoor classrooms.

Ms. Riley is an accomplished cello player who brings to Smith a lifelong passion for the arts that was nurtured by her parents.

Prior to her service in Douglas County, Ms. Riley was a principal and assistant principal in Jefferson County Public Schools for eight years. She began her teaching career in special education in Jefferson County in 1978.

Ms. Riley and her husband James have a grown daughter who is a writer in California.



Denver School of the Arts Shows Steady Positive Trend

Since 2000, DSA ACT Scores Have Bested State and National Averages 24 of 30 Times in Five Categories

One of the major administrative objectives for the past five years under the direction of Principal Patti Bippus was to improve DSA’s academic standing to equal their stellar arts reputation. Now, DSA, located west of Stapleton, is the only “Excellent” rated secondary academic program in the Denver Public Schools and one of the top academic programs in the state.

2000 - 2003 ACT trends in scores further support that perception of excellence. “Recent trends show that our students are quite strong in verbal, reading, and writing skills, not unusual for an arts school,” says Rory Pullens, Academic Assistant Principal. “Science and math scores can be strengthened. I believe our shift to the Interactive Math Program instead of traditional math is a catalyst for pushing us above the state average. The math team has worked hard this year. Who knows, 2004 may show another increase and take us above the national average.”



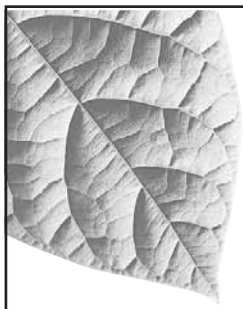
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Sustainability at Stapleton

by Melissa Knott



Meet Your Stapleton Farmers' Market Vendors

The Stapleton Farmers' Market gives us the opportunity to get to know local growers and merchants. An important aspect of sustainability is to understand more about the products we buy. Below is a little bit about two of our great vendors and the products they offer at the Stapleton Farmers' Market.

Steve and Linda Ballas, owners of Steve's Snappin' Dogs, have been in the food service business for over 20 years. After operating a popular deli in Connecticut, they relocated to Colorado nine years ago and ran the Corporate Deli and Grill on 17th and Glenarm. A couple of years ago they decided that they needed a change. Ever since moving from Connecticut they had heard from folks that "You can't get a great dog in Denver" so they decided to fix that! Steve's Snappin' Dogs gets their dogs shipped from New Jersey along with other East Coast favorites like Charles Chips.

Jerry and Linda Anderson, the owners of Empress Herbs, started growing culinary herbs in January 2004 after Jerry left a 30-year career in the chemistry industry. All of their herbs are organically grown in one- and two-gallon pots in the Anderson's greenhouse on their 75-acre homestead in Ft. Lupton. Popular items selling



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Stapleton Strollers

Stapleton Strollers is a stroller exercise conditioning class that meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at East 29th Avenue and Valentia. Led by Teddi Bryant, a personal trainer and group fitness instructor certified through the American College of Sports Medicine, the group winds its way through the streets and parks of Stapleton doing various exercises from jumping jacks to lunges to stretches. Teddi varies the routine according to the level of the participants, so people of all fitness levels are welcome.

To get rolling with the Stapleton Strollers, visit www.hotmamasdenver.com to make a reservation, call the Hotmamas hotline at 303-341-0937 or simply show up Tuesday or Thursday mornings. The cost for each session is \$10. Everyone is welcome – Stapleton residents, friends, family and nearby residents. For each session, please bring water, a towel and your baby in stroller.



Vanpools seeking passengers, drivers

RideArrangers' VanPool program recently ordered seven 2005 Dodge Caravans with bicycle racks that it hopes will be snapped up shortly by new vanpool groups. The vans, purchased through a partnership with the Regional Transportation District (RTD), come with a two-place bike rack, ideal for vanpoolers who would rather ride their bikes to a central meeting place than leave their cars all day at a Park-n-Ride or parking lot.

Vanpools make good sense for commuters who drive more than 15 miles one way. RideArrangers provides the van and pays for gas, insurance and maintenance in exchange for a monthly per passenger fee. Fares, which are roughly equivalent to the cost of a monthly RTD pass, are \$50 per month for a route going less than 20 miles, \$85 for routes between 20 and 40 miles, and \$105 for vans going more than 40 miles (all distances are one-way). Additional fees apply to routes that operate outside of the RTD district. The driver of the van pays no fee in exchange for driving and handling light administrative work such as the collecting of fees from other passengers. The Dodge Caravans accommodate up to seven people, including the driver, but a new vanpool can be formed with as few as four passengers and a commitment to recruit at least two additional passengers within a three-month period. Any vanpool traveling to, through or from the T-REX project is eligible to receive 50 percent off their fares for the first three months.

Larger groups may be interested in a Chevy Express van, which holds up to 12 people. Fares for these vans are slightly lower.

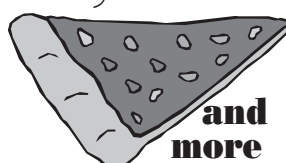
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Movie night on Founders' Green

“Guitars and Saxes” in Stapleton Spotlight

The second outdoor concert in the Stapleton Under the Stars series will feature Jazz on Saturday, August 7th with a program sponsored by Infinity Home Collection.

The Jazz concert features “Guitars and Saxes,” as part of their nationwide summer tour. “Guitars and Saxes” is a collaborative effort of four smooth jazz stars with guitarists Marc Antoine and Jeff Golub along with saxophonists Euge Groove and Warren Hill. The highly entertaining concert will open and close the show with all four artists playing on stage together. In between, each artist will have his own turn to take over the stage to play his individual hits, which includes plenty of #1 singles from chart-topping albums. The excitement will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Stapleton’s Founders’ Green, located at East 29th Avenue and Roslyn Street, just east of Quebec Street. Admission is FREE.

Stapleton Under the Stars will wrap up the 2004 concert series on Saturday, August 28th with an evening concert sponsored by McStain Neighborhoods (details and information to be announced).

Stapleton Under the Stars will also feature some of the most beloved movies of all time in August with The Wizard of Oz on August 4th, Something’s Gotta Give on August 11th and ET on August 25th. On September 1st, movie fans will get to view their favorite movie, as the People’s Choice Movie will be shown. To vote for your favorite movie, visit www.StapletonOnline.com.

For more information on the Stapleton Under the Stars Concert and Movie Series, visit www.StapletonDenver.com.

Stampede!



Runners and walkers will hit the streets of Stapleton on Saturday, August 28th at 8:15 a.m., for the 1st annual Stapleton Stampede, benefiting the Metro Denver Realtor Foundation. The 15K and 5K Run and Family Walk will raise money for parks, open space, and schools in the Stapleton community. For information on registration and volunteer opportunities, visit www.StapletonDenver.com.

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This Arsenal land transfer was celebrated at two ceremonies on April 17, 2004. Various dignitaries and members of the public were in attendance, including Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton. Guests also included people who contributed to the momentous occasion. Whether it was a family member who had to leave property when the Arsenal was built, an elected official who drafted the Refuge legislation, a former employee who worked at the site, or a current volunteer for the Service – each person took pride in the accomplishments of the day.

The Refuge was open to the public that afternoon. The events of the day included a public ceremony, also attended by Secretary Norton. More than 300 people came to celebrate the day and check out their new wildlife refuge. They enjoyed many activities, including the opportunity to take the first walk along the trails that are now officially part of the Refuge. The afternoon also kicked off the Refuge’s fishing season, which lasts from 8:00 a.m. until sunset through mid-October. Visitors are welcome on weekends from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to enjoy these activities and more.

The 27 square-mile Arsenal is one of the largest environmental cleanup sites in the country. In 1942, it was built to manufacture chemical weapons to be used in World War II as a war deterrent. In 1946, some of the facilities were leased to private industry, such as Shell Chemical Company, for the



Arsenal eagle



Arsenal fawn

Denver School of the Arts Fall Performance Schedule

If you thought this year was “excellent,” take a look at next year’s performance calendar! We’re planning something Special, so you better mark your calendars now!*

*Performance dates and times subject to change. Confirm on DSA website: dsa.dpsk12.org or call the event hotline 303-394-8571

September	October
9 Band Sponsored Concert: Don Lewis Concert Hall 7:00 pm	4-5 Fall Piano Recital Concert Hall 7:00 pm
23 DSA Fundraising Concert (tentative) DCPA 7:00 pm	8, 9, 14, 15 Fall Play: “The Boys Next Door” Schomp Theatre 7:00 pm
28 Neil Bridge Dedication Concert Concert Hall 7:00 pm	14 Visual Arts Exhibit Opening DSA 7:00 pm
	21-22 Fall Vocal Music Concert Concert Hall 7:00 pm
	30 Fine & Practical Arts Fall Festival DSA all day

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production of industrial and agricultural chemicals. The Arsenal later became a site for chemical agent demilitarization programs. Since 1985, the sole mission of the Arsenal has been environmental cleanup. In 1987, the site was listed on EPA's Superfund National Priorities List. Currently, the Arsenal is undergoing an extensive and safe environmental cleanup of the site's soil, structures and groundwater. Cleanup plans were developed and approved by the Army, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the State of Colorado, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Shell Oil Company.

By the time the cleanup is complete, which is anticipated in 2011, an additional 10,000 acres of land will have been transferred to the Service, making the Arsenal one of the nation's largest, urban wildlife refuges. The site now provides sanctuary for nearly 300 species of wildlife, including deer, coyotes, bald eagles and white pelicans.

For more information please call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 303-289-0930 or the Remediation Venture Public Relations Office at 303-289-0136. Information on the cleanup and Refuge also can be found on the Internet at www.rma.army.mil and <http://rockymountainarsenal.fws.gov>.

Activities at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal

- Wild Treks Drop-in Program
Saturdays & Sundays
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Refuge Fishing - Fee of \$3.00/day
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Beginning August 1st, the free passports can be picked up at the MLK Recreation Center, Montclair Recreation Center, N.E. Women & Family Center, Stapleton Visitor Center, Schlessman Family Library, True Value Hardware on Colfax, and U.S. Bank at King Soopers, along with information about community events that involve basketball, walking, running and a variety of activities that can promote more physically fit lifestyles. Participants in those events receive a stamp on their Passports that enable them to become eligible for prizes awarded at the end of the program on September 30th.


For more information, contact ALPS Project Coordinator Tina Pihl by phone at (303) 477-9985 or by e-mail at crnattp@earthlink.net




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Aug. 11 Something's Gotta Give (PG-13)
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Sept. 1 People's Choice (TBA)
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Movies: Gates open at 7:00 p.m.
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Concerts:

Aug. 7 "Guitars and Saxes" Jazz Concert 7 p.m.
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TCF Bank

Ask Pete Carney, Branch Manager of the TCF Bank in Quebec Square, how to best describe the service his bank offers its customers, and he responds in numbers: "7 days a week, 79 hours of service each week, 361 days a year" in referring to the availability of his staff of ten friendly employees to help people with their banking needs. The TCF lobby is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Drive up tellers are available until 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and until 4 p.m. on Sundays.

There is another number on Pete Carney's mind these days as well: "2." He and his wife Michele are expecting twin daughters in September. For more information about TCF Bank, call 303.869.4330 or visit www.tcfexpress.com.



Great Clips

"Great Haircuts: every time, everywhere!" La Vonya Washington, manager of operations for the Great Clips Store across from Sam's Club in Quebec Square, said that is the philosophy that her staff brings to serve every customer who walks in their door. LaVonya, an eighteen-year employee of Great Clips, has a special stake in giving her customers the very best treatment. Because she grew up in Park Hill and lives there today, she may very well already know many of her customers as she also makes new acquaintances of the people moving into Stapleton. LaVonya says she finds "the family setting and diverse character" of Stapleton and the adjacent neighborhoods make it a "beautiful place to live and work." Call 303.996.0664 for more information.

LINENS n THINGS

LINENS n THINGS Store Manager Joe Dreiling and Merchandise Manager Rose Goldberg may make the understatement of the year when they say that their store in Quebec Square at Stapleton is "known for its home decorations." It is readily apparent to their browsing customers that the wonderful selections of "linens" justifies its place in the store's name, but that is just the beginning. "Things" covers name brands in everything from "A" (appliances) to "W" (wicker patio furniture). In between are lamps, scales, fans, clocks, and vacuum cleaners, not to mention tooth-brushes and animal crackers! LINENS n THINGS is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays. Call 303.331.8650 for more information.



Walgreens Pharmacy

Walgreens Pharmacy Manager Tom Heissenbutter (R Ph) is a New York native who moved to Boulder in 1987 to attend the University of Colorado. Tom takes great pride in working for Walgreens, which he says has been “the industry leader for 100 years” in providing great pharmaceutical care. When asked how he enjoys living in Colorado and working at Stapleton, the Park Hill resident replies “I feel like I have come home.” Stapleton is home for Mark Taber, one of the three pharmacists who work in the East 29th Avenue Town Center Walgreens. Mark rides his bike to work each day from his home in the first neighborhood at Stapleton. For more information, please call 720.214.5332.

Party America

Planning a party? Make certain that the very first item on your list is a note to stop by the Party America store in Quebec Square at Stapleton to see Michelle Lucero, one of the party specialists who can make any celebration a guaranteed success. Michelle is a Denver native who clearly thrives on her job when she helps people who have a party on their mind. Her store has the latest gimmicks and attractions, including a variety of balloons (led by Spiderman, of course!), confetti poppers, greeting cards, plastic ware, gift-wrap, candy, party favors and even hoola hoops! With the number of young families moving into Stapleton and planning birthday parties and other special festivities, Party America at Quebec Square is surely going to be a popular destination. For more information, call 303.333.4424.



Papa John's

General Manager Jose Hernandez of the Papa John's in Quebec Square, says that being at Stapleton has introduced him to the “best customers” he has met. While he has only been with Papa John's for eight months, the seven-year veteran of the food service business clearly knows his business and makes every customer entering his store feel like the most important customer of the day. Jose has a staff of 23 employees ready to create pizza with almost any type of topping. Jose says the Barbecue Chicken is currently the most popular but he adds that the vegetarian pizza is also a favorite. Papa John's delivery area includes Stapleton, Park Hill and portions of Commerce City. Delivery is available until midnight Mondays through Thursdays, until 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and until 11 p.m. on Sundays. Call 303.320.1717 for more information.



Give Nature to Your Neighbors

by Sue Schafer, Bluff Lake Nature Center

It's a warm spring morning and, for a few moments, you enjoy the quiet. The only sounds around are the melodic calls of songbirds and the lonely bark of prairie dogs in the distance. You see a bright yellow bus pull into the parking lot and feel a sense of anticipation grow. A group of excited students piles off the bus and you lead them down the trail. You see birds, deer, wild flowers and animal tracks. Each student looks to you for answers to

exciting questions. For the next two hours, you are their teacher. You are a Bluff Lake Nature Guide.

Bluff Lake Nature Center provides environmental education to thousands of urban students every year. For most of the kids who visit Bluff Lake, walking on trails and looking for wildlife is a rare treat. Students marvel at wildlife and

explore hidden treasures. Hands-on experiences at Bluff Lake and enthusiastic adult leadership help to spark a love of nature in these students that will stay with them into adulthood.

You can join our dedicated team of volunteer Nature Guides at Bluff Lake. No experience is needed, only a love of the outdoors and a desire to work with students. The skilled staff at Bluff Lake will provide you with training in natural history, outdoor leadership and wildlife viewing skills. You will learn from guest speakers who are leaders in the field of environmental education. You will also be paired with a seasoned Nature Guide who will mentor you along your journey.

Bluff Lake Nature Center offers many other volunteer opportunities in addition to becoming a Nature Guide. You can contribute your time as a volunteer gardener, office assistant or on-site ambassador. Our next training is September 1. For more information, visit our website at www.blufflakenaturecenter.org or call Sue Schafer at 303-468-3245.



Greater Stapleton Merchants' Association

The Greater Stapleton Merchants' Association, comprised of business owners from Stapleton and the surrounding neighborhoods, has been meeting monthly to address opportunities and issues of concern to their businesses. The Association gives businesses an opportunity to establish mutually beneficial relationships as they also address issues such as business promotions, security, and employee transportation. For more information, contact Angie Malpiede of The Stapleton Foundation at (303) 393-7700.

Stapleton's 1000th Buyers



Andrew and Kristie Kelley and their daughter Kayla are the 1000th homebuyers to move into Stapleton. The Kelley family formerly lived in North Park Hill. Kristie said "a great community close to Downtown" attracted her and her husband to make the move.

Whiter Teeth Can Fight Leukemia

Dr. Brent Kessler, DDS and Dr. Gina Kessler, DDS, MS of the Town Center Dentistry and Orthodontics at Stapleton are offering a professional teeth-whitening kit valued at approximately \$350 for only \$99, with all of the proceeds donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The Kesslers have been supporters of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for many years, often helping to raise funds through marathons and triathlons. To obtain information about the special offer, which is available for a limited time only, call (303) 321-4445.

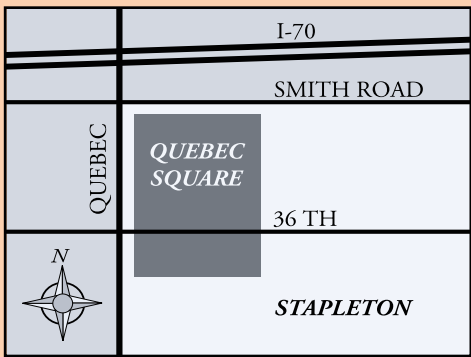
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July 28: Seabiscuit (PG-13)
August 4: Wizard of Oz (G)
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4 Paws News

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

Zoonoses – Are Your Pets a Threat?

Zoonoses – a fear of the zoo? A rare animal disease? No, they are infectious diseases which are transmissible under natural conditions from animals to human beings. Societal changes have brought pets into the family unit, intensifying the need for disease prevention. With proper testing and the administration of preventive medication and preventative measures, most common parasites can be controlled effectively.

Dogs and cats are victims of several internal parasites frequently referred to as worms. Ascarids (roundworms), hookworms and whipworms are the most common intestinal nematodes in companion animals, and ascarids and hookworms are a significant cause of zoonotic disease. Children's play habits and their attraction to pets put them at higher risk for infection than adults.

Most cases of human ascarid and hookworm infections can be prevented by practicing good personal hygiene, eliminating intestinal parasites from pets through regular deworming, and making potentially contaminated environments, such as unprotected sand boxes, off limits to children. It is also important to clean up pet feces on a regular basis to remove potentially infective eggs before they become disseminated in the environment via rain, insects or the active migration of the larvae.

The Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC) is an independent council of U.S. veterinary, governmental and association thought leaders brought together to create guidelines for optimal control of internal and external parasites that threaten the health of pets and people. The council developed comprehensive guidelines for effective prevention and control of these parasites. Some of these recommendations are:

- Treating puppies and kittens early and often to prevent latent infections.
- Conducting fecal examinations two to four times a year in adult pets.
- Using year-round heartworm/intestinal parasite combination products.
- Leash laws and fecal cleanup ("pooper-scooper") laws should be enforced.
- Children's sandboxes should be covered when not in use.
- Practicing good personal hygiene, especially children.

Cleaning up pet feces regularly to reduce environmental contamination with infective parasite stages.

Animals require care tailored to their individual needs. Certain factors may dictate more intensive monitoring and treatment, while others may suggest a less aggressive approach. Make sure you ask your veterinarian what is right for your pet at your next visit.

Do you have a question for Dr. Smith to address in a future column? Please send it by e-mail to msmith@29thanimalhospital.com.

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.

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 or email tgleason@stapletondenver.com.



Dental Tips for Tots

by Jesse Witkoff, DDS
A Wild Smile
Pediatric Dentistry

Getting Kids to Brush Regularly

One question we hear repeatedly in our pediatric dental office is "How do I encourage my child to brush his/her teeth regularly?" The short and simple answer is to make teeth brushing a pleasurable routine.

The earlier you introduce the concept of brushing the better. You can start by using an "infadent" or terry finger brush as soon as your child's first tooth erupts (usually around 4 - 8 months of age). They are easy to use and available at your local drugstore. Simply place the "finger brush" on your finger and gently rub/massage your child's tooth and gums. Make the routine fun by singing a song or making funny, smiling faces as you massage.

At about 12-18 months of age your baby will be used to this daily routine and ready for a baby toothbrush. For this age I recommend a NON-FLUORIDATED toothpaste such as "First Teeth." This product in particular tastes great and does not contain fluoride—important because we cannot introduce fluoride until children have the ability to flush or "spit" after brushing (usually at about age 3).

Finally, as your child enters his/her toddler years, introduce an incentive chart to help encourage daily brushing. (You can call our office for a free copy at 720-945-1234). Place the chart in a conspicuous place (such as your refrigerator) and add a gold star sticker for each day that your child brushes. Use treats as an incentive at the end of the week—a toy prize, a trip to the park or whatever he/she considers special.

Good luck. Before you know it, your child will be begging to brush more often.

Dr. Jesse Witkoff's pediatric dental practice, A Wild Smile, is located in the 29th Avenue Town Center. For more information call 720-945-1234.

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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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Stapleton United Neighbors Building Proactive Partnerships:

S.U.N. Pursues Collaborative Approach to Community Issues

By Mike King

In addition to providing an essential neighborhood forum, Stapleton United Neighbors ("SUN") seeks to forge a strong, proactive relationship between local neighbors, businesses, government, and community stakeholders to make Stapleton an even better place to work, live and raise children. By engaging in collaborative problem solving, these groups can smoothly integrate Stapleton and, ideally, target and address potential issues before they fester and become problems. One area that lends itself to this action-oriented approach is community traffic and safety through "community policing".

Community policing is a concept that recognizes that while there is no substitute for traditional policing, dedicated people can work together to make their communities better and safer places. While traditional policing is necessary to respond to problems or crimes in progress, such as through ticketing a speeding driver, community policing utilizes average citizens as the department's eyes and ears in the communities that they know best. The best answers to issues of public concern often lie in tailoring the response to each individual situation based on perspectives at the grassroots level. A cooperative, community-based approach empowers residents and community stakeholders to become actively engaged with government in crafting and, perhaps more importantly, participating in their own solutions.

Studies have shown that building strong, self-sufficient communities creates an atmosphere in which serious crime will not flourish. With its neighborhood culture and cohesiveness, commitment to community values, and active, friendly base of residents, Stapleton offers fertile ground for successful implementation of community policing. In developing and organizing a community policing concept for Stapleton, SUN has researched past initiatives and held discussions with Stapleton's designated neighborhood liaison officers from the Denver Police Department, with the Neighborhood Resource Center of Metropolitan Denver, and with other area neighborhoods. While research provides a foundation for our efforts, the most important element in the success of this collaborative effort is the participation of each of you, the members of the Stapleton community. Please join us for a public forum with our Denver Police Department neighborhood liaison officers at 6:30 p.m. on August 12 at the Westerly Creek Elementary School as we build Stapleton's own version of community policing. For more information or to get involved sooner, please email me at MKing@bhf-law.com.

Mike King is on the Board of Directors of Stapleton United Neighbors

FasTracks —

Yes On FasTracks

By Patrick Teegarden

The Stapleton community which we now call home was made possible by the vision and forward looking attitudes of thoughtful voters in Denver and Adams County 15 years ago, when we decided to build DIA and redevelop the old airport. Those were hard fought campaigns because so many "naysayers" (as Republican and Democratic leaders alike termed them) were convinced that the status quo was "just fine, so why vote for progress?" Fortunately, the majority of our residents recognized that modern transportation infrastructure is an essential component to improved quality of life and economic prosperity.

Likewise, this year's FasTracks proposal is about looking forward—not to the past. Our existing growth patterns are the result of an extensively subsidized highway system that supported the average household of the 1950s. But things have changed. We are marrying later, living longer, and moving more. Many segments of our population want different housing and community options—walkable, mixed-uses, transit-supported developments. In other words—more communities like Stapleton.

FasTracks will encourage and support such developments. It offers us the chance to accommodate the 900,000 additional people expected to live here over the next 20 years while minimizing sprawl, protecting open space, and preserving the identity of the many unique communities in the region. The alternative is more highways, more sprawl, and increased homogenization as communities merge together. FasTracks gives us the opportunity to maintain our great quality of life.

With FasTracks we can live at Stapleton, take a train to DIA for work or travel, go to downtown Denver to a sporting event, or visit CU in Boulder without ever driving a car. FasTracks provides efficient, reliable transportation choices.

The modest FasTracks tax increase of 4 pennies on a \$10 taxable purchase promotes individual choice and benefits the broader community. We will no doubt be inundated with this year's "naysayers" trying to couch this proposal as a tax increase rather than as the vital infrastructure investment the community so sorely needs. I hope you will join in ignoring that noise just as we did in 1988 and 1989 when we made DIA and the Stapleton Community vision into realities. Vote 'yes' on FasTracks Nov. 2nd.

Patrick Teegarden is a Stapleton resident.

Views on the Street Which Secret Restaurant is Your Favorite?



HEATHER SPRING – I don't know how much of a secret it is any more but my favorite restaurant is the Moon Gate Asian Grill, 745 Quebec, right across from Lowry on Quebec. My favorite dish is the sesame tofu but you can't order it to go because it's just nice and crispy when you get it there at the restaurant.

RUSSEL PEREZ – I have to say my favorite restaurant is Café Brazil. It is located on 32nd, across the highway in the Highlands neighborhood. They have great breads and a great seafood dish with coconut milk. It's spicy and it's real good.



EDMOND WALTON and CAROL JACKSON – Strings on 17th Street, owned by Noel Cunningham, is very very good. We have been there many times and never had anything wrong at all. Our favorite dishes are steaks, shrimp rock-and-roll, and halibut. The shrimp rock-and-roll is sauteed shrimp in various herbs like cilantro with pepper and balsamic vinegar.



ROBERT MELUN – My favorite is probably Potager at 11th and Ogden. My favorite dish there is lamb. I'd describe it as a nouveau American cuisine. Standard American fare meat dishes and they use all organic vegetables – just great natural flavors.



RUSSELL SCOTT (alias Blinky the clown) – My own favorite restaurant is The Pancake House. I love it because they're consistent. But if we have friends I take them to the White Fence Farm. It's the type of place that when you have friends come to town you won't be embarrassed and you get a good and a reasonable meal. I love the shrimp chicken.

MARK DONALD (Thomas and Jenna In stroller) – Kyle's Eatery and Saloon just north of the tracks on Ulster. It's a good old-fashioned Denver neighborhood bar. You go in and they remember who you are and what you like – friendly folks. The food is excellent – pizza, calzones, burgers, sandwiches, salads. I think probably my favorite dish is either the calzone or the Thursday special of ribs.



Pro and Con

FasTracks: No

By Randal O’Toole

FasTracks costs too much and it does too little. Building and financing FasTracks will cost \$8.4 billion, or more than \$3,200 for every current resident of the Denver metro area. For all this money, Denver will get slow trains that won’t attract many people out of their cars. RTD says light-rail trains will average just 24 miles per hour. Diesel-powered commuter-rail trains will average 41 miles per hour, but will operate only two to four times per hour.

Slow or infrequent trains won’t relieve congestion. DRCOG predicts FasTracks will get just 1.4 percent of rush-hour traffic off the road. In the FasTracks corridors, RTD expects rush-hour traffic speeds to decline from 27 miles per hour in 2001 to 15.4 miles per hour in 2025 if FasTracks isn’t built. And if it is built? Just 15.9 miles per hour. For \$8.4 billion, wouldn’t you rather keep speeds at 27?

In 2025, says DRCOG, the FasTracks sales tax will equal \$24 for every new transit ride generated by FasTracks. It would cost less to give people rides in stretch limousines! Bus-rapid transit, meaning buses running on rail schedules, works better and costs less than trains. RTD says it can operate bus-rapid transit faster than 50 miles per hour every two to four minutes all day long at a lower operating cost than any FasTracks rail line. This would save taxpayers billions of dollars.

Neither trains nor bus-rapid transit will significantly reduce congestion. But Denver can use some of the federal money RTD wants for FasTracks to start a network of high-occupancy/toll (HOT) lanes. High-occupancy vehicles use such lanes for free; everyone else can use them by paying a toll.

Such lanes are highly successful in California and Texas, where they offer a congestion-free alternative even at rush hour. They also reduce congestion in the free lanes, so everyone benefits whether or not they pay the toll. Best of all, users, not taxpayers, pay for the lanes.

A vote for FasTracks is a vote for higher taxes and no congestion relief. A vote against FasTracks will tell regional leaders you want a plan that will relieve congestion and improve transit without raising taxes.

Randal O’Toole (rot@i2i.org) is writing on behalf of Taxpayers Against Congestion (taxpayersagainstcongestion.org) and is the author of “The Vanishing Automobile and Other Urban Myths.”

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Master Community Association News

by Diane Deeter
Stapleton Community Manager



NEW POOL HOURS STARTING AUGUST 16TH

From August 16th to September 6th, pool hours change to
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturdays: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sundays: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

WHY DO WE CLEAR THE POOL EVERY HOUR?

The 15-minute “rest break” allows the guards to clear the pool and have parents account for their children. Many parents see this as a great way to gather their children and head home. It also allows those adults without children the opportunity to enjoy the pool in a “splash-free” environment. I think all-in-all, it meets everyone’s needs.

MONTVIEW DETOURS

Infrastructure work (including the installation of “purple pipe” for the recycled water that will one day irrigate Stapleton parks and open space) is underway on Montview Boulevard requiring traffic detours. Anyone with questions may call the Metro District Construction Hotline at 720.249.5100.

LOBSTER BAKE

The 2nd Annual Stapleton Lobster Bake is quickly approaching on Friday, August 20th (6:30pm at Aviator Pool). Please watch for your invitation in the mail! Because of limited space, tickets for this popular event will be limited to two tickets per household. (RSVP will be required.) The Master Community Association has taken over the funding of this event, covering the cost for all of the rentals, entertainment, and staffing. The food cost will be covered by the ticket price, which is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$40 per ticket.

CENTRAL PARK BOULEVARD OPENS

Central Park Boulevard has opened from Montview Boulevard on the south to Martin Luther King Boulevard on the north. The roadway is designed to carry traffic levels similar to those on Monaco Parkway west of Stapleton.

OAK BORE DISEASE

The trees in the 29th Avenue tree lawn that were inflicted with Oak Bore Disease were removed quickly to keep the infestation to a minimum. The replacement of the trees will commence once temperatures and weather conditions permit. Watch this column for more information in the future.

USE YOUR INTRANET

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

To Send Letters to the Editor

The Front Porch will publish Letters to the Editor, as space allows. We reserve the right to edit length. Please mail your letters to Tom Gleason, editor, Front Porch, Forest City Stapleton, Inc., 7351 E. 29th Avenue, Denver, CO 80238 or email tgleason@stapletondenver.com



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Infinity Design at Stapleton Wins Golden Nugget Award At Pacific Coast Builder's Conference

What do you do for an encore when your home designs have won the “Home of the Year Award,” four of the past five years at The Home Builders Association of Metro Denver’s Bar and MAME Awards? If you’re Infinity Home Collection, you take your show on the road.

That’s exactly what the Denver homebuilder did recently at The Pacific Coast Builder’s Conference in San Francisco, California. Infinity walked away with the coveted Golden Nugget Award for “Best Single Family Detached Home-3,000 to 3,300-Square-Feet” for The Avanzare, its 2003 Parade Home at Stapleton.

“This unique design meets and exceeds the demands of the target market - urban professionals - and offers his and her offices,” the Judges’ statement read. “A great concept and a great plan!”

Infinity’s Avanzare showcases a unique, Tuscan-inspired exterior with dazzling interior features such as a towering 25-foot wood-beamed ceiling in the entry. Following the Avanzare’s impressive beginnings, a gourmet kitchen overlooks the great hall with an adjacent hearth room large enough to comfortably seat 12. Both spaces borrow light from the rear courtyard and are complemented with superb interior brick detailing.

Rounding out the main level are a study with gracious built-ins, formal dining room with Butler’s pantry, two indoor/outdoor courtyards, plus the master bedroom wing.

Symmetrically aligned arches announce the elegantly appointed master bathroom, intelligently zoned for separate his-and-her dressing areas. A pilates room is accessible from the master quarters and draws sunlight and fresh air from the rear courtyard.

The basement of the Avanzare showcases endless entertaining possibilities, including a billiards room, home theatre, and wet bar. A walk-in wine room is accessed from the back bar and ties in the old-world brick and mortar seen on the main level and the exterior of the home. Two bedrooms, one a grandchildren’s retreat that sleeps four and the other a luxurious guest quarters, round out the lower level.

“This home is a great place to entertain because of the scale of our grand hallway, which is similar to a giant great room,” said Dave Steinke of Infinity Home Collection.

“The detail that went into the completion of our first urban project is remarkable. Infinity Home Collection is honored and excited to receive this national recognition.”



Homes from Infinity’s Urban Estates Collection are priced from the \$700’s, while the smaller, Court Series, based on similar design elements, are available from the mid \$400’s.

Infinity’s model showhomes at Stapleton are open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. To visit the community, take Quebec south from I-70 to 29th Avenue and head east on 29th to Beeler Street and the Infinity models. For more information, contact Allyson Weaver at 303/399-6698, or visit on-line at www.infinityhomecollection.com.

McStain Supports Green Programs

The McStain Neighborhoods Community Partnership Team has selected two Stapleton environmental education programs to be recipients of its corporate giving program.

McStain Marketing Coordinator Denise Alt said \$1,000 was awarded to the Bluff Lake Nature Center to provide student field journals for the 3000 urban school children who participate in their natural science education programs each year. In addition, the funds will be used to provide each Bluff Lake staff and volunteer naturalist with a backpack containing supplies needed for small group teaching. Earlier this year, McStain also donated funds to Bluff

Lake to provide new signs for the Nature Center.

The other recipient of a \$1,000 contribution from McStain was Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK). ELK offers environmental education to students in the Stapleton, East Montclair and Park Hill communities. They work with children ages 8-18 years old and will conduct water quality testing and stewardship projects on Westerly Creek. In return, these students will develop an understanding, awareness and appreciation of the aquatic natural habitat and the wildlife that live in the riparian and prairie ecosystem. Students will also learn about water conservation and pollution prevention.

The McStain Neighborhoods Community Partnership Team meets regularly to donate money to non-profit organizations that submit proposals in one of several categories (environmental education, building community, land and natural resource conservation or housing). Each quarter, the Team travels to one of the McStain sales offices to review proposals that will benefit that community.

Bike to Work Day

The 2004 Bike to Work Day included a breakfast station at Stapleton



coordinated by the Stapleton Transportation Management Association that attracted about 200 cyclists from Stapleton and the surrounding neighborhoods. Forest City Stapleton, Inc. and The Stapleton Foundation joined Mobile Cyclery and Stapleton businesses King Soopers, Noodles and Company, Panera Bread and Starbucks as sponsors of the station.

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 Left, Denver Police Chief Gerry Whitman, City Council President Elbra Wedgeworth, and District 11 Councilman Michael Hancock enjoying the picnic.
 Far left, two young “lionesses” and Councilman Hancock display the great food.



4TH OF JULY –
 Right, a young Stapleton Resident rides in her patriotic wagon in the 4th of July parade. Far right, bicycles and strollers decorated with flags, streamers and red, white and blue bunting were the hit of the Fourth



of July celebration. The parade began at Founders’ Green, wound its way through the Farmers’ Market, and followed a route through the neighborhood until it reached Aviator Park and Pool, where an ice cream social was held later in the afternoon.



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