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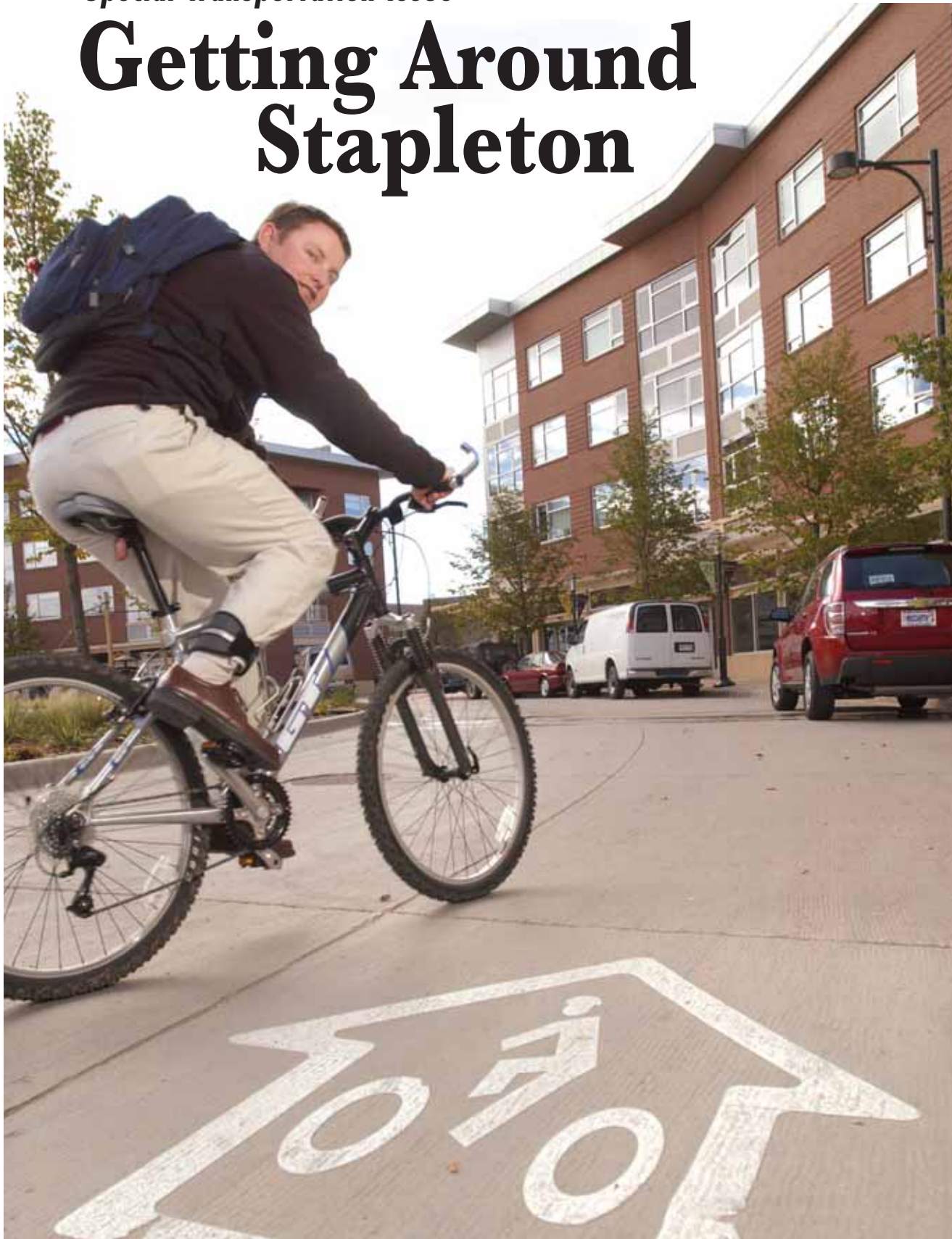
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**Special Transportation Issue**

## Getting Around Stapleton



This fall, The Stapleton Area Transportation Management Association (TMA) joined The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), the Regional Transportation District (RTD) and other partners to launch RideSmart Thursdays, a three-month campaign that encourages commuters to commit to getting to work by some method other than driving alone in their cars, one day a week.

Participants in the program have been asked to carpool, vanpool, take transit, bicycle, walk or even work from home, pledging to do so for the duration of the campaign. To celebrate the difference that these commuters make in air quality and traffic *(continued on page 3)*

## Eco Pass Makes Work Commute Easier

By Angie Malpiede

In 2003, The Stapleton Area Transportation Management Association (TMA) began a 16-month master contract with The Regional Transportation District (RTD) for the implementation of an Eco Pass program for the employees in and around the Stapleton area.

The Eco Pass is an annual transit pass purchased by the TMA. With this photo ID card, employees at Stapleton and the adjacent hotels can ride all RTD buses (excluding special services) 7 days a week for an entire year at no cost. Those transportation services include Local, Express or Regional buses, SkyRide bus service to Denver International Airport, Light Rail and Call-n-Ride.

Another feature of the pass is the Guaranteed Ride Home Program. All *(continued on page 3)*

Stapleton resident Mark Taber rides his bike to his job as a pharmacist at the Walgreens in the E. 29th Ave. Town Center.

## New Retail Coming to Stapleton

More new retail is coming to Stapleton.

Instant Imprints, a network that has been helping businesses and individuals with decorated apparel, signs and promotions for over 15 years, will be opening a store soon in Quebec Square at Stapleton.

Owners Lyn and Bob Reinert are enthusiastic about the opportunity to bring high quality screen-printing, embroidery, ad specialties and banners

and signs to customers who want the convenience of shopping at Stapleton. "We have an extensive promotional products database that includes over 200,000 imprintable items for any occasion - along with premium apparel and uniforms for work and play," Mr. Reinert said. "We look forward to serving the businesses and residents

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Instant Imprints owners Lyn and Bob Reinert show their store's banner.

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### First Wednesday of each month

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# Mark Your CALENDAR

## 2004/05 STAPLETON EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 18th  
Get Friendly With Flowers -  
Holiday Centerpieces 6:30 pm  
Amore Fiori Flowers  
29th Ave Town Center

### DECEMBER

First week of December  
Holiday Decoration Contest



Fall at Stapleton

### JANUARY 2005

Sunday, December 12th  
Lighting the Holiday Tree  
5:30 - 7:30 pm Founders' Green

Tuesday, January 4th  
DPS Schools Back in Session

### FEBRUARY 2005

Baby Stuff Sale  
Sponsored by Westerly Creek PTA  
(Date in February TBD)

### MARCH 2005

Saturday, March 19th  
Spring Fling 10 am - Noon  
Founders' Green

### MAY 2005

Sunday, May 1st  
May Day  
Thursday, May 26th  
School to Pool Party  
Aviator Park and Pool

Saturday, May 28th  
Aviator Pool Re-opens  
Saturday, May 28th  
Happy Hour at Aviator Pool  
6:30 - 8:30 pm

### JUNE 2005

Saturday, June 11th  
Founders' Day

### JUNE 2005

Saturday, June 11th  
Stapleton Charity Chase  
Friday, June 24th  
Happy Hour at Aviator Pool  
6:30 - 8:30 pm

### JULY 2005



Monday, July 4th  
4th of July Parade  
10 am  
Begins at Founders' Green

Monday, July 4th  
4th of July Ice Cream Social  
Aviator Pool  
1- 4pm

Thursday, July 28th  
Happy Hour at Aviator Pool  
6:30 - 8:30 pm

### AUGUST 2005

Saturday, August 20th  
Happy Hour at Aviator Pool  
5:30 - 7:30 pm

### SEPTEMBER 2005

Saturday, September 24th  
Wine Festival  
Founders' Green

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# Getting Around

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congestion, an event is being held each month during the campaign featuring free entertainment, refreshments, giveaways, and a prize drawing. Each registered participant was eligible to win prizes such as vacation and spa packages, Delta Airline tickets and more.

In addition to eligibility for the prize drawing, registered participants received three RTD FREE RIDE coupons. Participants who also choose to become part of DRCOG's free



Kirsten Stein, a Stapleton resident, with daughter Katherine and her friend Charlie.

carpool and vanpool-matching database receive a \$10 gas card.

According to the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), 202 Residents participated from the Greater Stapleton Community. Of that number, 12 were from the Stapleton neighborhood, 121 were from the East Montclair neighborhood, and 69 participated from the Greater Park Hill neighborhood. The average one-way trip distance for those participating was 8.64 miles.

Transportation Management Association

## The Stapleton Area TMA: A Resource and So Much More

By Angie Malpiede

We often hear about the uniqueness of Stapleton. Its proximity to Downtown Denver and DIA combined with the amenities of an urban community continues to draw many to Stapleton. As Stapleton grows and develops, it is important for the City and County of Denver and master developer Forest City to work with the residents of Stapleton and the surrounding neighborhoods to address transportation issues.

Another important participant in that effort is The Stapleton Area Transportation Management Association (TMA). When it comes to the integration of transportation, development, land-use and movement to, from and around Stapleton, The Stapleton Area TMA provides a wealth of resources and services for residents.

The Stapleton Area TMA, in partnership with Stapleton United Neighbors (S.U.N.), helps to represent the concerns of Stapleton residents at a variety of transportation planning processes. Efforts to choose the best plan for enhancing I-70 between I-25 and Tower Road and developing a transit connection between



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Downtown Denver and DIA are underway. This process, referred to as the I-70 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process, relies heavily on community input. The Stapleton Area TMA is working directly with the I-70 EIS planning team, attending community meetings, addressing Stapleton specific needs and concerns and coordinating Stapleton area recommendations regarding the

preferred plan for I-70. Additionally, the TMA coordinated FasTracks presentations with the Community Advisory Board and Stapleton Development Corporation. Working closely with RTD, the TMA ensured the Stapleton area communities' expectations and views on FasTracks were discussed and addressed.

The Stapleton Area TMA understands how important it is for people to be able to move quickly, safely and easily around their community. Being able to run errands and commute to work and school, as well as getting around for recreational purposes as efficiently as possible, is important to residents. While there are times when the automobile is the most efficient way to get around, other (continued on page 5)

## Eco Pass (continued from page 1)

Eco Pass card-holders are eligible to use the Guaranteed Ride Home Program from RideArrangers, a program of the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). This



peace-of-mind program gives employees a free taxi ride home in the event of an emergency, illness or unexpected schedule change.

The Eco Pass program has been so successful that the Stapleton Area TMA was designated "A Best Workplace for

Commuters District" by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). The award recognizes the Stapleton Area TMA's community-wide efforts to reduce congestion,

improve employee retention and reduce commute-related stress through employer and employee transportation programs and services. Stapleton is one of only four recipients of this prestigious honor in the nation.

As of the end of September, over 43% of the 1,100 eligible employees have received their passes. A similar program in the metro area drew the participation of only 19% of the eligible employees.

Angie Malpiede is the Executive Director of The Stapleton Area Transportation Management Association.

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A Concrete Relationship

# Rocky Mountain Arsenal is Largest Customer for Stapleton Concrete

What does an environmentally responsible, former airport do with miles of runway, taxiway and apron concrete and asphalt when making way for redevelopment? If you're Stapleton, you create a win-win arrangement with a neighbor in need.

"Stapleton has a unique product with its airport concrete," said Jed Lowrey, project manager for TetraTech FW Inc., a contractor to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA). "It's stronger than normal concrete because it was subjected to more stress. It's also a higher quality." Airport concrete has twice the compressive strength as what is used in constructing highways or buildings. Strength is an important quality in concrete as it is a good indicator of its resistance to aging and degradation.



This is where the Arsenal comes in. Airport concrete is exactly what the Arsenal needs for its environmental cleanup work. In fact, environmental agencies have agreed that only airport concrete is suitable for constructing caps, or covers, for its landfills. The concrete is used to create a biota barrier—a barrier that separates the cap from the soils placed in landfills, which contain contaminated material. The barriers keep animals from burrowing into the landfill cap and damaging it. The biota barrier is just one of several components that cover a landfill once work is completed.

"It was a great opportunity for us to acquire a material that would suit our needs," said Lowrey. "Stapleton needed to remove the concrete, asphalt and aggregate material so the land could be developed and we needed it for our cleanup work. It's very environmentally friendly to recycle and reuse. We're fortunate to have a large source of good construction materials in close proximity. Stapleton is pleased to have another customer for a large portion of its products, instead of relying solely on the local commercial construction industry. It's truly a win-win situation for both of us." Lowrey estimates that RMA will buy a little more than two million tons of concrete, probably by the end of this year.

Lowrey noted the alternative was for RMA to buy rock from quarries in the mountains and pay to have it trucked through Denver and Commerce City to the Arsenal. Instead, Stapleton residents will see a pile of concrete on the former airport just north of 56th Avenue until work wraps up in 2011. The location makes the material handy for workers needing to use it and accessible for direct delivery to the Arsenal without using public highways.

"By having the material so close to RMA, we're avoiding about 100,000 long-distance round trips for haul trucks," said Lowrey. "When you can take that much traffic off the road, it increases safety for both the workers and the general public who drive I-70 and I-76."

The Rocky Mountain Arsenal is currently more than halfway complete with its environmental cleanup of the site's soil, structures and groundwater. The project areas are located in the central and northern portion of the site and are not currently accessible to the public. Once the remainder of the cleanup is complete in 2011, 15,000 acres of vast open space will constitute one of the nation's largest, urban wildlife refuges. With 5,000 of those acres already belonging to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the site now provides environmental education programs, close to 10 miles of trails, wildlife viewing opportunities and site tours for the public, as well as a sanctuary for more than 330 species of animals, including deer, coyotes, bald eagles and white pelicans.


This article was provided by The Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge.

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Reverend Gil Ford and Epworth United Methodist Church are in need of volunteers, contributions and recipients for the 2004 Daddy Bruce Thanksgiving Dinner.

Last year, 150 volunteers and donations of \$112,000 from the public made it possible to distribute more than 6,000 Thanksgiving meals in baskets to needy individuals in Denver. The dinner is a longstanding holiday tradition that continues to be held each year in memory of the late "Daddy Bruce" Randolph, a long-time restaurateur and community leader who was known for his generosity to people in need.

This year's baskets will be distributed on Saturday, November 20th. To volunteer to distribute baskets, make a contribution or identify a needy individual or family, please contact Daddy Bruce Thanksgiving at 1865 Bruce Randolph Avenue, Denver, CO 80205-4041 as soon as possible.

# Holiday Boutique at St. Thomas Church

The 2004 Holiday Boutique at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 2201 Dexter St., will be held Saturday, November 13, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, November 14, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. This event features a wide variety of arts and crafts including foods, African items, jewelry, toys, holiday decorations, ceramics, books, paintings, and photography. Also, live Colorado grown Christmas trees, wreaths, and garlands can be ordered for the holiday season. A lunch room serving homemade soups and bread is open Saturday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm with desserts available all day at the Bake Sale.

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# Crossing Quebec Now Safer

By Angie Malpiede

Five seconds head start is just one more accomplishment The Stapleton Area Transportation Management Association (TMA), city officials and the community has achieved to ensure pedestrians can more safely cross Quebec Street at East 35th and East 36th avenues to reach Stapleton and its surrounding neighborhoods.

In September, City of Denver Traffic Engineering placed new, improved pedestrian crossing signals that provide pedestrians an extra five seconds to cross Quebec. Pedestrians now simply press the cross walk button, wait for the “walk” sign to appear and traffic will be stopped an additional five seconds while they safely cross Quebec Street.

Achieving this additional five seconds took strong partners. In November 2003, Carol Wilkins and Sharon Bridgeforth, community leaders with King Baptist Church and Metropolitan Organization for

Photo courtesy of Stapleton Transportation Management Association



Sharon Bridgeforth (left) of Metro Organizations for People, and Carol Wilkins (right) from King Baptist Church Organizing Ministry, with one of the new pedestrian crossing lights on Quebec Street.

People (MOP), approached the Stapleton Area TMA stating their concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians attempting to cross Quebec Street. As expected, community members were drawn to the new services and retail provided by Quebec Square. Many of those attempting to visit Quebec Square by foot found themselves competing with fast moving vehicles and a short amount of time to cross Quebec Street.

The TMA and MOP met with Denver City

Councilman Michael Hancock to discuss their concerns and discuss solutions. Adding five seconds for crossing time was one of four items Councilman Hancock, the TMA and MOP requested from the City and County of Denver. In July, flashing lights on Quebec between the I-70 underpass and East 38th Avenue were also installed to alert drivers to the presence of pedestrians. Furthermore, the Denver Police joined the effort to help pedestrians by scheduling their mobile speed trailer on Quebec to make drivers more conscious of their speeds.

Efforts to paint pedestrian crossways on East 35th Avenue and East 36th Avenue are now underway. These methods, combined with individual safe walking practices such as crossing only at the crosswalk, looking both ways and delaying crossing when the crossing signal begins to blink, increase the safety and ease of crossing Quebec Street between Stapleton and the neighborhoods to the west.

Thanks to Carol Wilkins’ and Sharon Bridgeport’s commitment to their community, the leadership of Councilman Hancock and the cooperation of Denver Police and Traffic Engineering, the Stapleton TMA has been able to contribute to a safer environment for pedestrians in the greater Stapleton neighborhoods.

Angie Malpiede is the Executive Director of The Stapleton Transportation Management Association. For more information, visit [www.stapleontma.org](http://www.stapleontma.org).

# TMA (continued from page 3)

times traveling by bus, bike, foot or carpooling is better. The TMA is here to assist residents in recognizing all of the options available. From promoting carpool commuting and riding transit to work, to exploring the possibility of a Stapleton area shuttle, to working with RTD to improve bus service and frequency in Stapleton, the TMA is committed to improving transportation choices for residents. As an example, the TMA recently launched an incentive-based residential transportation pilot program, “Stapleton In Motion,” and is gearing up to implement a sustainable program open for resident participation. “Stapleton In Motion” has received national attention and the Stapleton TMA recently discussed the program at a national transportation conference.

Finally, the TMA works closely with Forest City Stapleton, Inc. and the Stapleton Foundation to solve localized transportation issues. But in order for the Stapleton Area TMA to be most effective, it needs to know and understand your transportation concerns, issues and proposed solutions. Please contact me at or visit the bi-lingual website at [www.stapleontma.org](http://www.stapleontma.org), for more information. Equally important, please attend an I-70 EIS Public Forum on either Wednesday, November 17th at Greenwood Elementary School or Thursday, November 18th at Bruce Randolph Middle School. Both public forums are scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Dinner will be provided.

## Stapleton Area TMA Launches First Bilingual Transportation Website in Colorado

By Angie Malpiede

Websites are an important channel of communication for today’s communities, and therefore is it important that a website be developed to serve all of the citizens it is intended to reach. The new Stapleton Area Transportation Management Association website ([www.stapleontma.org](http://www.stapleontma.org)) does just that! The Stapleton TMA is the first in Colorado to provide a website in both English and Spanish. All information it provides can be translated by one click of a button.

Other features of the Stapleton TMA website include an interactive map that connects users with live links to the schools that are in and round Stapleton as well as nonprofit organizations such as The Bluff Lake Nature Center, Sand Creek Regional Greenway and The Urban Farm. Visitors to the website can also check out The Bladium Sports Club of Denver, Colorado Studios, United Airlines Training Center and The Denver Police Academy, to name a few. And, of course, the Stapleton TMA also links directly to The Regional Transportation District site and all RTD schedules that serve the Greater Stapleton Area. Access is also provided to the the Interstate 70/Colorado Department Of Transportation camera to give commuters a preview of traffic before they leave home or work.

The Stapleton Area TMA website was developed to assist commuters in making choices on how to get to their destinations, whether by bike, on foot, public transit or automobile. Please take a moment to check it out at [www.stapleontma.org](http://www.stapleontma.org).

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## Denver School Of The Arts Features "Strings Away" Concert

The highly acclaimed Denver School of the Arts (DSA), a Denver Public School middle and high school magnet program located just west of Stapleton, will feature its talented young musicians, ages 11-18, at the fall "Strings Away" Concert.

The DSA orchestra will celebrate its first concert of the year with a performance of Beethoven's 4th Symphony in B flat. Also slated are guest artists, including FERINTOSH, an all star trio of musicians, featuring distinguished cellist, Abby Newton, David Greenberg on fiddle and Kim Robertson on Celtic harp. The trio's sound has been described as "chamber folk" because it combines the soulful energy of traditional Scottish music with the virtuosic precision of Baroque music. FERINTOSH presents vibrant new renditions of music that kings and commoners alike heard in centuries past, from poignant aires to high-spirited strathspeys and reels. The dynamic arrangements of FERINTOSH unleash both the subtle beauty and rhythmic energy of this timeless music.

The Strings Away Concert will be held on Sunday, November 7, 2004 at 2:00 pm at Denver School of the Arts, 7111 Montview Boulevard, at the corner of Montview Boulevard and Quebec Street, west of Stapleton. Tickets may be reserved by calling the DSA Box Office (303.394.8571) between 8:00 am and 3:30 pm, Monday - Friday. The price of admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for seniors and children under 12. Event proceeds will benefit the DSA Orchestra program.

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## Bluff Lake Nature Center Holds Anniversary Celebration

The Bluff Lake Nature Center at Stapleton will celebrate ten years of educational service for the citizens of Metropolitan Denver with two special events on Saturday, November 6th.

At 3 p.m. on November 6th, internationally renowned nature photographer John Fielder will host a photo clinic at Bluff Lake, which is located on the eastern portion of Stapleton where Havana turns into Moline Street. Tickets for the photo session are \$150, with proceeds benefitting Bluff Lake. Please contact Steve Norris, executive director of The Bluff Lake Nature Center, at 303.303-7700 to make reservations.

Later that evening, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Mr. Fielder will be the featured guest at a silent auction and dinner to be held at Johnson



One in a series of photos at Bluff Lake taken by John Fielder.

and Wales University Hospitality College at Quebec Street and Montview Boulevard. Tickets

for the dinner and silent auction are \$30 (individual) and \$50 (couple). Mr. Fielder will also have a slide show and sell books at the dinner. Information is available by calling Steve Norris, executive director of the Bluff Lake Nature Center at 303.393.7700.

The Bluff Lake Nature Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving a unique urban wildlife refuge and providing exceptional education to the Metropolitan Denver Area's schoolchildren. Since 1994, the Bluff Lake Nature Center has welcomed over 40,000 children to the 123 beautiful acres of Bluff Lake that have been preserved and are now teaming with wildlife. An estimated 20,000 visitors enjoy Bluff Lake free of charge daily

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## Blossoms of Light at Denver Botanic Gardens

The 16th Annual Blossoms of Light at Denver Botanic Gardens is bigger and brighter than ever before, with more sparkling lights and a longer path to enjoy. This holiday tradition allows visitors to see the Gardens in a different light during the holiday season and into January.

Over 900,000 colorful lights draped in elegant designs will illuminate the plants and hardscapes throughout more than 17 acres of the Gardens. Highlights on the path include artistic displays in the Japanese Garden, Rock Alpine Garden and Shady Lane. Romantic and popular kissing spots, ornate



The 16th Annual Blossoms of Light will be open December 3 - January 23 from 6 - 9 pm every evening.

balls of mistletoe hung in the most romantic spots throughout the Gardens, will also return.

from 6 - 9 p.m. Call 720.865.3544 for more information or visit [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org).

Indoors in Gates Lobby Court, a captivating display of seasonal plants will be on display including cedar, creeping fig, variegated fruit trees and white poinsettias. Each night includes special seasonal entertainment including bell choirs, carolers, dancers and holiday Celtic music. Piping hot beverages will accompany savory snack offerings.

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# New Retail at Stapleton (continued from page 1)

at Stapleton and the Northeast Metropolitan Denver Area.” Among the ad specialty and promotional items provided by Instant Imprints at Stapleton will be t-shirts, golf shirts, caps, jackets, bags, bumper stickers, pens and key chains. Instant Imprints can also provide sport bottles, mugs, banners, magnets, mouse pads, photo shirts and team numbering.

The Instant Imprints store at Quebec Square at Stapleton will be located at 7505 E. 35th Avenue, Suite 305 (next to the PETsMART). For more information about Instant Imprints, call 303-780-7838 or email [sales@imprintsdenver.com](mailto:sales@imprintsdenver.com).

In the East 29th Avenue Town Center at Stapleton, Einstein Bros. Café opened last month with what the retailer describes as “a new spin on an old classic.” Located at the corner of East 29th and Quebec, Einstein Bros. Café offers a wide range of breakfast, lunch, dinner or “anytime” items designed to appeal to any appetite. To begin the day, tasty items on manager Jeff Stuckey’s new menu include a Spinach Frittata Breakfast Sandwich. Later in the day, a Beef Pastrami



Jeff Stuckey, general manager of the new Einstein Bros. Café in the East 29th Ave. Town Center.

Sandwich or a Mediterranean Chicken Salad is likely to become a favorite. Customers with a sweet tooth will find it hard to pass up a Chocolate Truffle Bundt, Fruit Strudel or a variety of specialty gourmet cookies.

Einstein Bros. Café in the Stapleton Town Center is open Mondays through Fridays from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Elsewhere in the East 29th Avenue Town Center at Stapleton, final preparations continue to open Anthony’s Pizza and Pasta later this month. Anthony’s is located across from the fountain in the south crescent building on Founders’ Green.



Jason Priddy, owner of Anthony’s Pizza and Pasta in the East 29th Ave Town Center.

Also coming to Quebec Square at Stapleton is the Quebec Square Family Dentistry office. Look for more details in an upcoming edition of The Front Porch.



Before the end of the year, four additional businesses are scheduled to open their doors in the East 29th Avenue Town Center: The Grape Vine (a wine and spirits store), The Coral Room Restaurant, The Yoga Studio and Clancy’s Pub.

## S.U.N. Kicks Off Successful Tournament

A crowd of nearly 200 adults and children turned out for the first kickball tournament sponsored by Stapleton United Neighbors (S.U.N.).


A total of six teams participated in the tournament, which was held on the athletic fields of the Westerly Creek Campus. Each team played two games with the winners moving on to a championship game, which was won by “Clean Sweep,” a team captained by Krista and Matt Azer. The tournament also featured a “pick-up” game for kids. “It was a beautiful fall day to spend outside with friends and neighbors,” said Caroline Wilten, one of the organizers of the S.U.N. tournament. “There was a sense of bringing blocks together in new ways, and having a spirit of competition all within an event in which everyone really ‘won’ by having such an enjoyable day as a community.”

Caroline said that interest in signing up for other athletic activities was strong, providing the hope that intramural teams and groups will be formed. She said S.U.N. is definitely discussing having another tournament next year. Caroline expressed a special




Stapleton Home Services sponsored the winning team.

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# Sustainability at Stapleton

by Melissa Knott



## Transportation Options At Stapleton

As usual, there is a lot going on in relation to Sustainable Living at Stapleton. You will notice that many articles in this edition of The Front Porch explore transportation options in the greater Stapleton area. There are many ways to get around Stapleton, and around town. I encourage you to consider all of your convenient options – walking, biking, bus, carpool, rollerblades, skateboards, scooters – the list is endless! There are lots of options for having fun while getting around.

One great way to get around Stapleton is to utilize the trails along Greenway Park and Westerly Creek. The design of Westerly Creek recently won an award in a statewide competition for stormwater and floodplain management projects in Colorado – the 2004 Grand Award for Engineering Excellence from the Colorado Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Managers. The project will now represent Colorado in the national awards competition held by the Association of State Floodplain Managers. We will provide more details on the award-winning project in the January 2005 edition of The Front Porch, which will be dedicated to sustainability issues. Congratulations to the team of people involved!

*Melissa Knott is the Director of Sustainability for Forest City Stapleton, Inc.*



The Westerly Creek open space at Stapleton offers additional trails.

## Rake, Reuse, and Recycle!

Looking for a way to keep your leaves out of the landfill and off the street? **The 2004 Denver Recycles’ LEAFDROP program runs from October 11th through December 6th.**

The best options for recycling leaves are to dig them into your garden, compost them at home, or mulch small amounts into your grass. By using your leaves at home you’ll enrich the soil, save money on fertilizer purchases and water bills, and help the City and its residents minimize the environmental and economic costs of collecting, hauling, and landfilling leaves.

## Rake, Reuse, and Recycle (continued )

Denver residents who can’t reuse all of their leaves at home can bring them to one of the convenient drop-off locations listed below. Then residents can help to close the recycling loop next spring by reclaiming their leaves in the form of rich compost at the Denver Recycles’ annual Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and LEAFDROP Compost Sale.

### 2004 Denver LEAFDROP Dates and Locations

**Sunday Drop-offs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.:** Sunday, October 31st, Sunday, November 7th, and Sunday, November 14th  
**Northwest:** Sloan’s Lake Park – 17th Avenue at Sheridan Boulevard  
**Southwest:** John F. Kennedy High School – Newland St. & Brown Pl.  
**East Central:** Cranmer Park – 3rd Avenue and Clermont Street  
**Weekday Drop-offs from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** (closed weekends and holidays): October 11th through December 6th residents can drop off bagged leaves only.  
**Havana Nursery** – 10450 Smith Road, just south of I-70 on Havana.  
**Denver Solid Waste**

**Transfer Station** – Quebec Street and Cherry Creek Dr. South  
*Please note that the Havana Nursery and The Solid Waste Transfer Station are open weekdays only and only accept leaves in tied or secured bags.*

## America Recycles Day is Monday, Nov. 15th!

It’s easy to make recycling a part of your everyday activities. Here are a few simple ideas:

- Start recycling at home. If you are not already signed up for residential recycling services, call Denver Recycles at 720-865-6805 or go to [www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles](http://www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles) to sign up!


- Help start a recycling program at your office or school. If there is already a recycling program in place, encourage your co-workers or classmates to use it.
  - Recycle your fall leaves.
  - Next time you are out and about, save your drink container until you can find a recycling bin.
- Recycling helps to reduce the need for landfill space, saves energy, conserves natural resources, and reduces pollution. Recycling is one of the easiest things we can do to

help protect the environment. It’s about paying attention to what can be recycled and how, and then acting upon it. One of the best things about recycling is that every little effort truly makes a difference. And, if everyone made a little effort, imagine the possibilities.

For more information on America Recycles Day, visit [www.america-recyclesday.org](http://www.america-recyclesday.org).


## Exempla Flu Shot Clinic Cancelled

Due to the shortage of Flu vaccine, the Exempla Family Medicine vaccination clinics scheduled to be held at the Stapleton Visitor Center on November 6th and 10th have been cancelled so that the available vaccine may be used for recipients in the highest risk categories. For more information, contact Exempla Family Medicine at 303.467.8900.



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# Adding Character to Your New Home: Simple Techniques



*By Diane Gordon*  
You are in your new house with all the modern conveniences and plenty of space, but while builders do a nice job of varying the exterior elevations of their models, inside they look pretty similar. So how do you begin to add character and your personality to your new home? Here are a few simple and inexpensive ways to begin.

**COLOR:** The simplest change, and perhaps the one with the most impact, is interior paint. Changing color from room to room can help create different moods in spaces that serve

different purposes. It is important in houses with open floor plans to stay in the same value, or relative darkness or lightness of a color. To help tie rooms together while changing wall color, try “cross-color pollination,” continually using one color throughout the house. For example, the wall color in one room can be an accent color in another room. And don’t forget about the sixth surface in a room: the ceiling. Ceilings don’t always have to be bright white.

**LIGHTING:** Have fun with lighting. Whether you received the builder’s standard lighting or purchased an upgraded lighting package, all the fixtures in the house will match. Spice things up a bit. Splurge on a new chandelier and instantly transform a dining room. Or consider keeping the bathroom vanity fixture, but swap out the simple shades with art glass shades. Try incorporating lighting to go with the style of your house. Many



Diane Gordon checks on final construction in her new home.

Stapleton homes were modeled after turn-of-the-century houses, and there are so many wonderful reproduction lighting sources today to complement different styles of architecture.

**TRIM AND BUILT-INS:** Adding crown molding or beefing up baseboard can make a typical room look special. You may need a pro to install the trim, but you can caulk and paint it yourself to save some money. The material itself costs less than you might imagine.

Similarly, built-in furniture pieces make old houses charming so why not incorporate such features into new houses? Consider a window seat in a child’s room, built-in bookcases, or a wide display shelf with supporting corbels over a window. Often these projects can be accomplished using stock cabinetry and adding simple trim.

**JEWELRY:** A favorite technique for personalizing a home and giving it

## Master Community Association News



by Diane Deeter  
Stapleton Community Manager

### Community Policing and Crime Prevention Training

Don’t miss the Stapleton Outreach Program on Community Policing and Crime Prevention Training at 6:30pm on November 18. The meeting will be held in the Mike O’Neill Community Room in the new District 2 Police Station located at 3921 Holly Street.

Blocks that achieve 75% participation or greater will become official participants in the Denver Neighborhood Watch program. The neighborhood program includes posting of Neighborhood Watch signs, which have had a proven effect in deterring crime. Among the topics to be addressed at the meeting are:

- Integration of Denver Police and neighborhood efforts for maximum effectiveness
- Know and help your neighbors
- Securing your home and valuables
- Suspicious trends and pattern behaviors
- Reporting all crimes, however minor: how and why
- Come one, come all – bring your neighbors!!!

Quite often, I receive requests for telephone numbers to solve one or more problems or inquiries. The following is a list of numbers that should be kept handy to help obtain necessary information:

Emergency	.....911
Denver Police Dispatch	.....720-913-2000
Denver Fire Dispatch	.....720-913-2400
Neighborhood Inspection	.....720-865-3200
Animal Control	.....303-698-0076
Max Fund (No Kill Animal Shelter)	....303-595-4917
Noise Control	.....720-865-5452
Abandoned Cars	.....303-295-4376
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### Add Character to Your New Home (continued)

instant charm is the addition of “jewelry.” This includes cabinet knobs and pulls, unusual door hardware, new porch numbers, beautiful faucets – basically all the details that visitors will notice first. Changing hardware is an easy and inexpensive project, and can totally transform a kitchen or bath. For maximum impact, look for hardware that will contrast with the cabinetry but reflect other finishes in the room such as the faucet or light fixture. Glass panels can also be retrofitted in new cabinet doors and help break the monotonous look of stock cabinets.

Look at books and magazines, consult professionals if you are overwhelmed, and don’t be afraid to put yourself into your house. Good luck with your weekend projects!

*Diane Gordon is a Stapleton resident and design consultant specializing in kitchen and bath remodeling, general interior upgrades, and basement space planning. Call 303.594.2854 to schedule a consultation.*

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## 4 Paws News

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

### Animal Laws Can Bite Back

Lawyers and courts are not usually the first things that come to mind when you think of your four-legged friends, but pets can be the subject of court cases. Dog and cat bites are one area where owners could find themselves in legal hot water. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that dog bites occur in nearly 2 percent of the U.S. population, and most of those cases involved children. That's where animal laws come in.

The statutes of the Colorado Animal Control Act are an incentive for people to keep animals under control and thereby prevent problems. Besides requiring that dog owners keep their pets confined or on a leash in order to prevent bites, the laws assign liability when bites do occur. Often, the pet owner will be held strictly liable for any injury or damage a pet inflicts upon another person, whether or not the owner is to "blame." That's why pet owners might want to make sure their homeowner's insurance covers injury due to dog or cat bites.

If a dog or any animal bites a human, the Animal Control Act says that anyone who has knowledge of that bite must notify Animal Control. That includes a veterinarian, witness, or animal owner. The dog will have to be confined for 10 days to observe for signs of rabies.

The law is designed to prevent the spread of rabies. At the discretion of the animal control veterinarian, a dog with current vaccinations may be allowed to be confined in the house of the owner for rabies observation. If an animal shows signs of rabies during the observation period, it has to be euthanized and tested for rabies, and the person bitten may have to receive costly rabies treatment.

Common sense can go a long way in preventing dog bites, so always obey leash laws, and rabies license laws. Make sure your dog sports identification tags to aid his homecoming should he become lost. Most dog bites come from male, un-neutered dogs that tend to be more territorial and aggressive — so spay and neuter your pets. If your dog ever snarls or snaps at a person, seek the help of your veterinarian or trainer to nip any signs of aggression in the bud. Don't allow children to walk the dog until they are physically strong enough and emotionally mature enough to understand a dog's behavior. Never leave children alone with a dog.

Dogs and cats add happiness to our lives. But while most people consider dogs and cats part of their family, the law often sees them as property. It gets complicated if your animal bites somebody, so follow the local laws and ordinances, know your responsibilities as a pet owner, and encourage others to do the same. To find out more about local laws and how to prevent dog bites, contact your local Animal Control Veterinarian or Humane Society.

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## Dental Tips for Tots

by Jesse Witkoff, DDS  
A Wild Smile  
Pediatric Dentistry

### Formula for Cavity-Free Children

The Crest Corporation found through a survey performed that the #1 reason why children miss school is because of their need to have dental restorations performed or basically translated to have cavities filled.

Believe it or not, there is actually a proven formula for keeping your children cavity free. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) has found that when the following regimen is diligently followed, 95% of the children studied were able to remain completely cavity free. In addition, we have found that these few easy steps set up the foundation for your children to build a lifetime of great dental habits and a healthy lifetime smile.

Limit frequent snacking. Rather than allowing your children to "graze" continually throughout the day, set up a routine of 3 main meals per day and at most, 2 snacks – mid-morning and afternoon. This includes limiting juice and drinks other than water. Of utmost importance, is to never put your toddler to sleep with a bottle of any liquid other than water. This single habit is the #1 reason why children 1-4 years old have extensive decay. The reason is, the sugars from the juice or milk sit on the teeth over the 8-10 hour period your child is sleeping, creating a "smorgasbord" for the bacteria to feast on. By maintaining these restrictions, this limits the ability for bacteria to have the environment of sugars constantly on the teeth onto which they feed.

Brush twice a day, floss once a day. Children under the age of 6 will need mom and dad's help. We encourage/teach you how to make this fun.

Visit your pediatric dentist twice per year. The AAPD recommends, "First visit by first birthday." We further encourage this by performing a free "Well baby" visit for babies 12-18 months old. This allows us to give you a lot of preventative information to help you build the foundation for your child's dental well being. Beginning at the age of 2, we start scheduling your child twice per year for exam, cleaning, fluoride and x-rays when necessary.

Make sure your child is receiving the recommended amount of fluoride to ward off decay. Your pediatric dentist will want to interview you during your appointments to find out how your child is naturally receiving fluoride daily in addition to the fluoride treatment we perform at your child's regular dental visits. One of the ways children receive fluoride daily is through the public water system (when cities provide it). When this element is missing, a dietary fluoride supplement through a fluoride "vitamin" may be prescribed.

Have sealants applied to the chewing surfaces of permanent and back teeth (molars) as soon as they come in. Sealants are the best product invented since fluoride to prevent cavities on the chewing surfaces of teeth. They create a layer that is impenetrable by bacteria, thus insuring the teeth remain cavity-free.

Information and education is the key to helping your child build a lifetime of good dental habits. With the help of your pediatric dentist and the regimen suggested above, your child can enjoy a lifetime of healthy smiles!

Dr. Jesse Witkoff is a pediatric dentist located in the East 29th Avenue Town Center. His practice, "A Wild Smile," can be reached at 720.945.1234 for your child's dental needs. For more helpful hints, visit his website at [jessewitkoffdds.com](http://jessewitkoffdds.com).

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Stapleton United Neighbors

S.U.N. and Denver Police Department Partner on Community Policing

On October 14, Stapleton United Neighbors’ Outreach Program and the Denver Police Department collaborated on their first Community Policing and Crime Prevention program, which was held at the newly dedicated District 2 Police Station. “This is the first neighborhood-wide training program in the city of Denver, and SUN is light years ahead of the curve in getting organized,” noted DPD Neighborhood Liaison Officer Mike Rappe. Because neighbors knowing and looking out for their fellow neighbors drives any successful community policing program, residents attending the session were organized on a block-by-block basis. Officer Rappe and fellow Neighborhood Liaison Officer Reyes Trujillo provided training on personal safety and crime prevention, and each household received a copy of the Denver Police Department’s Crime Prevention Manual.

Blocks that achieve 75% participation or greater in the community policing training and registration will become part of the Denver Neighborhood Watch program. Among other benefits, the program includes the posting of Neighborhood Watch signs, which have had a proven effect in deterring crime. While some Stapleton blocks achieved “Neighborhood Watch” status with their strong attendance at the initial meeting, most blocks will need more participation to complete the program. To that end, SUN and the DPD will run this program again on November 18 at 6:30 in the Community Room at the District 2 Police Station (located at 3921 Holly Street), with light refreshments and door prizes included. Additional information and periodic updates can be found on the Stapleton Intranet’s Grapevine under the “Community Policing” discussion heading.

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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](mailto:tgleason@stapletondenver.com).

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**Jamie Scoular**  
“My wife and I bike as much as possible, although I live far too far away from work to actually bike there. But we’re really looking forward to the light rail making it out here. If we could get light rail within 5 miles of here we’d be using it all the time I think. Around Stapleton we bike and use our baby joggers all the time. If we don’t have to we don’t drive. At Stapleton everything’s close enough that we don’t ever have to drive if we don’t want to.”

Neha Patel

“I carpool with a co-worker everyday that I go in. She lives close to Lowry so either she picks me up or I pick her up. I think a light rail train would be great. Bikes would be great but my work is 25 miles away so that’s not going to happen. I used to bike a couple of days a week. If the light rail station were at the RTD parking lot I’d use it. I don’t use the bus now but if we had to go to the airport we probably would. We walk around the neighborhood a lot to the restaurants and stuff.”



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### Chris Roper

"The alternative transportation I use is to ride my bike during Bike Day once a year. If light rail was an option, especially out to DIA, I would definitely use it. I do not use the bus because I don't have time to get to DIA with my job. I can't ride my bike more than once a year because it's a little difficult getting to the Tech Center. There are no bike paths, I have to use the streets."

### Hillary Heien

"I have taken the bus from Stapleton and I would also use the light rail if it were here. I catch the bus at the RTD station over on Martin Luther King. Riding the bus is pretty easy for me. Sometimes I park there and sometimes I have someone drop me off. I ride the bus about three times a week."



### Corby Felsher

"As far as alternative transportation, Stapleton is perfect for bikes, I use my bike. I'd love to use the light rail. If it ever comes through here that would be great. I'd ride it out to the airport. Now I use the bus. I fly four times a year, all holidays."

### Guest Editorial

## Stapleton Residents Celebrate Their Jewish Faith

By Tai Beldock

When we moved to Stapleton, we posted a note on [www.StapletonOnline.com](http://www.StapletonOnline.com) hoping to find a few Jewish families to connect with to share holidays and Sabbath dinners. To our surprise we found more than just a "few families." Over a dozen Jewish families attended the first Shabbat Potluck back in May. Now the number of families that belong to the group we call "Jewpleton" is over 30 and growing daily.

In October, the Jewpleton Group celebrated the Jewish Holiday of Sukkot in the cafeteria of Westerly Creek Elementary. The focus of the holiday is the Fall Harvest. Sukkot is a 7-day holiday, for which the Jewish people build a temporary booth called a "Sukkah" where we are supposed to eat, sleep and gather for the entire week. The lesson is that the physical objects with which we surround ourselves is not what brings happiness.

Each day we also wave the Four Species of plants, in celebration of God's gift of bounty. These four species include the Willow, Palm, and Myrtle branches and an Esrog (commonly confused with a lemon). On Sukkot, all the branches are bound together — two willows on the left, one palm branch in the center, and three myrtles on the right. This bundle is held in the right hand, and then lifted together with the Esrog. The bundle is shaken all together, three times in each direction: front, right, back, left, up and down.

History tells the Jews that the four species represents four different types of Jews:

The Esrog has a good taste and a good fragrance. It represents a person with both wisdom and good deeds.

The Hadas (myrtle) has a good fragrance, but is inedible. It represents a person who has good deeds, but lacks wisdom.

The Lulav (date palm) is edible, but has no smell. This represents the person with wisdom, but without good deeds.

The Aravah (willow) has neither taste nor smell. It represents a person with neither good deeds nor learning.

The Jewpleton Sukkot celebration this year also included a party at our home where the children made decorations for the Sukkah. Over 20 families attended the celebration at Westerly Creek. For more information about Jewpleton events, please send an email to [gitai@aol.com](mailto:gitai@aol.com).

Tai, John, and Penn Beldock are Stapleton residents and members of Temple Emanuel.

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# STAPLETON FALL FESTIVAL

Hundreds of people turned out for Stapleton's Fall Festival on October 16. Riding on a horse-drawn wagon, decorating pumpkins, stuffing scarecrows and listening to Halloween stories were among the activities offered. The afternoon culminated in a costume parade.







## Story Time Held at Westerly Creek Elementary



The first “Story Time” reading program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents and caregivers was recently held at Westerly Creek Elementary School.

Sponsored by the Westerly Creek PTA and featuring a special, animated reading by Principal Trish Lea, the program was designed for children to enjoy stories and finger plays as they also made new friends and got to know their neighborhood elementary school. The “Story Time” readings are scheduled to be held every Friday morning at 9:30 in a Westerly Creek classroom of the school at 8800 E. 28th Avenue (corner of 28th and Akron). Participants are asked to enter the building on the east side, sign in at the front desk and follow signs to Room 117.

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The diverse collection of homes at Stapleton continues to grow with the addition of McStain's Carriage Homes and Wonderland's Artisan Court Homes.

### SCHOOLS

Planning is underway for the second neighborhood school at Stapleton. Located at Montview Boulevard and Yosemite Street, this school is scheduled to open in fall 2006.

### SHOPS

The East 29th Avenue Town Center is gearing up for the holidays with the opening of Einstein Bros. Cafe, which opened October 18th, and offers a new spin on the classic Einstein's favorites.

The Grape Vine, a wine and spirits store, will be opening soon in the East 29th Avenue Town Center.

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Stapleton Strollers (above left) continues to hit the streets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. This stroller exercise conditioning class walks through the neighborhood doing various exercises along the way.

### PARKS

Part of Westerly Creek's trail system is open and residents are now exploring this new park, located just east of Beeler Street (above center).

The Skate Park, located in Greenway Park, offers residents of all ages a place to refine their talents on wheels.



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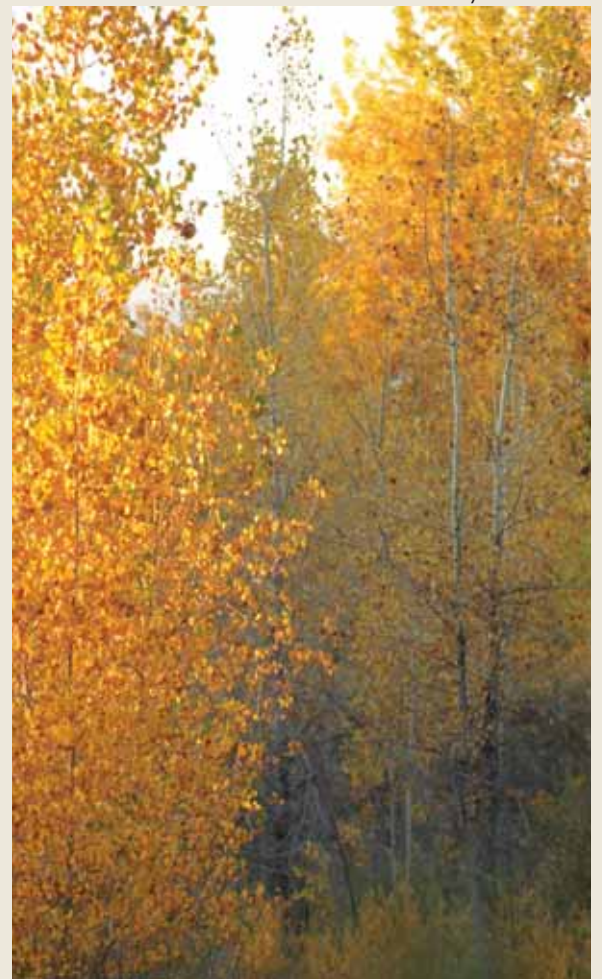
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