Getting Around 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 (continued on page 8)

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)

New Retail Coming to Stapleton

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

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)
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2004/05 STAPLETON EVENTS

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EVERY MONTH
First Tuesday of each month
Stapleton Residents’ Social Events Committee 6 – 7:30 pm
Stapleton Visitor Center

First Wednesday of each month
Wesley Creek PTA 6:30 pm
Childcare $3.00/head donation

Third Tuesday of each month
Stapleton Business Assoc. 8 am

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
Wesley Creek School

First Saturday of each month
Bluff Lake Bicycles 7 – 9 am
Bluff Lake Nature Center

Every Tuesday
Stapleton Strollers 9:30 am
29th and Valentina

Every Other Friday
Mobile Cyclery 9 am – 6 pm
King Soopers parking lot

For more information visit
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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 Wesley Creek PTA
(Dates 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

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
1–4 pm

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

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

Saturday, November 20th
Bluff Lake Day
6:30 pm

First Saturday of each month
Christmas Tree Lighting
12 – 1 pm
Aviator Park

Stapleton Strollers 9:30 am
29th and Valentina

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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 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 participated from the Greater Park Hill neighborhood is 8.64 miles.

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

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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 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

Eco Pass

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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.

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Going out of town? Not able to bring along your canine companions?

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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.
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 have 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 crosswalk 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 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 Street.

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.stapletontma.org.

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 it is 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) 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.
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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 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 from sunup to sundown. For more information visit www.blufflakenaturecenter.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.

The Blossoms of Light will be open every evening from December 3 - January 23, from 6 - 9 p.m. Call 720.865.3544 for more information or visit www.botanicgardens.org.
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 thanks to sponsors that included Active Living Partnership of Greater Stapleton (ALPS), The Bladium, Chipotle, Get Fired Up Pottery, King Soopers, Noodles, Forest City Stapleton, Inc., and Starbucks.
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.:
- October 11th through December 6th

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

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.

Close to Stapleton!
There is no other place quite like the University of Colorado Hospital’s remarkable Anschutz Centers for Advanced Medicine. Stapleton residents have a health care complex close by. Here some of the brightest minds in medicine are using some of the world’s most advanced science and technology to provide the best health care services available. Visit us at www.uch.edu.

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A Wild Smile
Stapleton Town Center
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Clinic Cancelled

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 to sign up!
• Next time you are out and about, save your drink container until you can find a recycling bin.
• Help start a recycling program at 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.americarecycleday.org.

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 landflling leaves.

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.
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 fixtures in the house will match. 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.

TRIM AND BUILT-INS: Adding crown molding or beefing up stock cabinetry and adding simple trim. Corbels over a window. Often these projects can be accomplished using child’s room, built-in bookcases, or a wide display shelf with supporting bases 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
  - Neighboring 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
  - Graffiti .............................................. 720-865-STOP
  - Large Item Pickup ............................... 720-865-6900
  - Denver Recycles .................................. 720-865-6805
  - District 11 – Councilman Hancock ........... 303-331-3872

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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 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!

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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 make you a defendant in 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 law assigns 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.

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Views on the Street
What alternatives to driving do you use – or would you like to use?

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.

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.”

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.
Guest Editorial

Stapleton Residents Celebrate Their Jewish Faith

By Tai Beldock

When we moved to Stapleton, we posted a note on 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.

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 tgbai@aol.com.

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

For more information, contact Melissa Darzins at 303-393-1142 or Tammy Sauer at 303-322-1743.
An update of Stapleton’s evolution from a former airport to a new urban community.

**HOMES**

Nearly 3,000 residents are now calling Stapleton home and living in over 1,200 architecturally diverse homes.

John Laing Paired Homes models (shown below) are now open. These homes combine two low-maintenance homes built around a variety of outdoor spaces. Priced from the high $300s, these homes offer two-, three- and four-bedrooms.

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.
One of the secret pleasures of living at Stapleton is an autumn stroll along the Bluff Lake trail, watching the turning leaves light up as the setting sun hits one tree and then another.

The Lunch Equivalent of the Promised Land.

Einstein Bros.® Café is now open in Stapleton, which means that you now live in a culinary mecca, of sorts. With a new look, an entirely new menu, and a new standard of taste, Einstein Bros.® Café is the place for creative and delicious lunch options. Good thing you live here. Come in now and try one of our great new menu items.

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