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Sustainability at Stapleton

Four Million Tons of Stapleton Runway Already Sold

When Recycled Materials Company undertook the challenge to recycle an estimated six million tons of materials from more than 1,000 acres of pavement at Stapleton, some skeptics thought the Arvada, Colorado company had “bitten off more than it could chew.” Now that Recycled Materials has removed more than 98 percent of those runway materials and marketed approximately 4 million tons for new uses at Stapleton and throughout the region, it has become clear that the market’s appetite for the high quality material has been every bit as big as the job.

In business for more than 30 years, Recycled Materials Company is in charge of breaking up, removing and recycling the old airport pavement under a marketing agreement with the City of Denver, which holds title to the land at Stapleton until it is sold to master developer Forest City Stapleton, Inc. Recycled Materials Company has the exclusive rights to sell the recycled aggregate it produces.

No longer headed for landfills, recycled aggregate has now become a standard specification in many municipal and private sector paving contracts in the metropolitan area. The aggregate from the former runways and taxiways at Stapleton has been judged high quality in tests conducted by the Colorado School of Mines. The material is a cost-effective substitute for virgin (continued on page 14)



Mike Meiggs, an engineer and project manager for Recycled Materials Company, walks through the mountains of runway material being recycled at Stapleton.

Early Stapleton Landowner Committed to the Environment

RK Mechanical, Inc. was one of the first businesses to move to Stapleton upon the closure of the airport. Located in a remodeled and expanded former air cargo building it purchased on Smith Road, RK Mechanical, Inc. is dedicated to reducing the construction industry’s impact on the environment for future generations. The company is the first mechanical contractor in the state of Colorado to become a member of the United States Green Building Council’s (USGBC) LEED Program (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

RK Mechanical, Inc. has been educating its employees on sustainable design and becoming

more aware of the environment through LEED accreditation. LEED is a standard for building construction created in 1993 by the USGBC. The USGBC LEED building certification program is based on well-founded scientific principles emphasizing state of the art strategies for building construction and operation. USGBC provides design guidelines to move the building construction industry toward sustainability.

The LEED Green Building Rating System is a voluntary market-driven building rating system. Based on a point rating system, buildings are qualified and certified as LEED Certified, Silver, Gold or Platinum. Points are earned

by implementing designs on operational procedures in the following areas: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, (continued on page 4)

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Westerly Creek Design Honored

Back in September 2004, the design of the Westerly Creek Open Space won top honors 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 in June 2005.

Westerly Creek is one of the great assets that make Stapleton special. The Westerly Creek Watershed comprises 18.5 square miles of mostly developed land in Denver and Aurora. The Westerly Creek stream restoration, extending approximately 1.5 miles from Montview Avenue north to the confluence with Sand Creek, represents an important step in the conversion of the former airport into our mixed-use community. Westerly (continued on page 4)

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Holiday lights at Founders' Green

Mark Your CALENDAR

2005 STAPLETON EVENTS

JANUARY

Tuesday, January 4th
DPS Schools Back in Session

Saturday, January 22nd
Winter Wonderland Party for
Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers
Westerly Creek Cafeteria
9:30 - 11 am

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 11th
Westerly Creek Silent Auction
and Valentine's Dance



Holiday lights in the East 29th Avenue Town Center

MARCH

Saturday, March 5th
Baby Stuff Sale
Westerly Creek Elementary School
8am - noon

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

APRIL

Saturday, April 30th
May Day Preparations
Westerly Creek Elementary School

MAY

Saturday, May 28th
Aviator Pool Re-opens

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

JUNE

***Stapleton Under the Stars
Movies begin**

Saturday, June 11th
Founders' Day

Saturday, June 11th
Stapleton Charity Chase

Friday, June 24th
Happy Hour at Aviator Pool
6:30 - 8:30 pm

JULY

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

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



Fall 2004 wine festival

OCTOBER 2005

Fall Festival
Founders' Green
11am - 1pm

EVERY MONTH

First Tuesday of each month
Stapleton Residents' Social Events
Committee 6 - 7:30 pm
Stapleton Visitor Center

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

Third Tuesday of each month
Stapleton Business Assoc. 8 am
Call 303-393-770 for location

Third Thursday of each month
Stapleton Development Corporation
Citizens Advisory Board 7:30 am
7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 300

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

First Saturday of each month
Bluff Lake Birders 7 - 9 am
Bluff Lake Nature Center

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

Every Friday
Story Time for Tots 9:30 am
Westerly Creek Elementary

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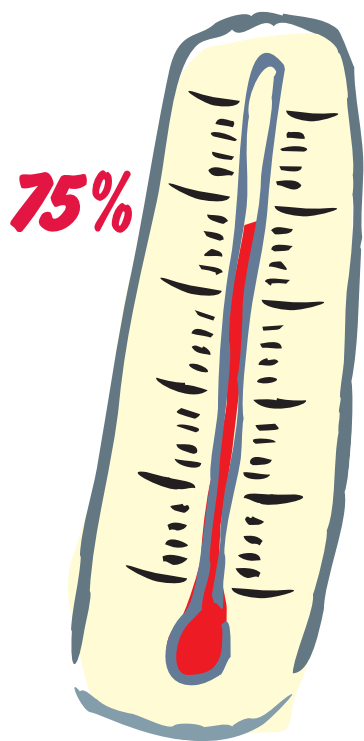
Recycling at Stapleton

by Melissa Knott
Director of Sustainability, Forest City Stapleton, Inc.



Residential Recycling

Is recycling an important value at Stapleton? Let's prove it by being the Denver neighborhood with the highest level of participation with Denver Recycles!



Here is where we stand now:

Washington Park = 79%

Hilltop = 77%

Belcaro = 77%

Stapleton = 75%

Congress Park = 73%

Lowry = 72%

North Park Hill = 56%

Recycling is a fundamental principle of sustainability and an inherent part of the Stapleton community. Our goal is to have Stapleton be the Denver neighborhood with the highest level of participation with Denver Recycles—90%. If you are not already recycling, please sign up! If you brought your purple bins with you when you moved to Stapleton but did not call Denver Recycles, they may not have you categorized as a recycler. To check, go online to www.denvergov.org/recycle or call Denver Recycles at 720-865-6805.

Residential Recycling Update within Stapleton

By Charlotte Pitt, Denver Recycles/Solid Waste Management

Denver Recycles, a program of Solid Waste Management, is aware that residents who live south of 26th Avenue between Central Park Blvd and Beeler are anxious to receive recycling service. Please know that we will add you to the program as soon as it is possible for us to safely route our trucks into the area. We cannot send our trucks through this area at the moment because the construction and construction related parking and traffic present significant safety issues for our drivers and trucks. The risk of an accident is just too great. Please know that we check the area regularly to assess the progress of construction. We expect to expand service to this area in spring or summer of 2005 and will keep you posted. We thank you for your patience!

Stapleton residents living between 29th Ave and 29th Place between Willow and Beeler, and some residents living at 26th and Roslyn who were not previously added, should have received a letter in December from Denver Recycles notifying them of their eligibility to participate in the residential recycling program. To check on your household's eligibility, visit us online at www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles or call us at 720-865-6900.

Become a Denver Master Composter and Recycler!

How can you become an expert in composting and recycling, meet new people, and participate in interesting events, all while serving your community? By becoming a Denver Master Composter and Recycler!

Denver Recycles, Denver Urban Gardens and Metro Wastewater Reclamation District are now recruiting people interested in backyard composting and recycling education for the 2005 program. Participants in this popular program will receive 40 hours of instruction in compost

science, bin construction, worm composting, recycling and solid waste management, urban gardening and community outreach. Serious stuff, but we make it fun!

Classes will begin at the end of February 2005. Each participant is required to return 40 hours of community service teaching composting and recycling to Denver residents. Participants have a year to complete this requirement.

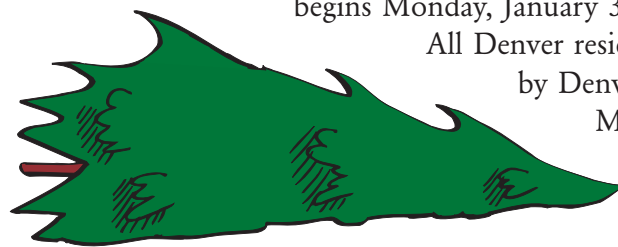
The goal of the program is to make home composting and recycling a common practice throughout Denver in order to minimize the amount of waste that must be collected, hauled and placed in a landfill.

Denver Recycles, Denver Urban Gardens and Metro Wastewater Reclamation District select up to 30 trainees annually for the program. Anyone is welcome to apply and applicants need not be experienced in composting or recycling. Applicants will be invited to a short interview in January to learn more about the program.

For more information or to register, please contact Denver Urban Gardens at 303-292-9900 or e-mail your contact information to DenverRecycles@ci.denver.co.us.

Denver Recycles Christmas Trees – Program Begins Monday January 3rd

Denver residents have two opportunities to put their trees out for recycling through the Denver Recycles' annual "Treecycle" program that begins Monday, January 3, 2005.



All Denver residents whose trash is collected by Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management may participate.

This year, Christmas trees will be collected during a two-week period from

January 3 to January 14. Your tree collection depends on how your trash is collected.

To participate in "Treecycle," please remove all decorations, tinsel, nails, stands and bags from your tree and set it out for collection as follows (please note that flocked trees cannot be recycled):

Trash Can and Barrel Customers: Set your tree at least 4 feet away from your trash container by 7 a.m. on your trash day during either the week of January 3rd or the week of January 10th. Call 720-865-6805 if your tree has not been picked up by 3 p.m. on your trash day during the week of January 10th.

Dumpster Customers: Set your tree out by 7 a.m. on either Monday, January 3rd or Monday, January 10th. Place the tree just behind your property on the edge of the alley and make sure it is not next to the dumpster. Call 720-865-6805 if your tree has not been collected by 3 p.m. on Friday, January 14th.

Denver Recycles grinds the Christmas trees into valuable mulch, which is distributed FREE to Denver residents in the spring. Last year's "Treecycle" recycled more than 21,000 trees, which were reclaimed by Denver residents at last spring's "Treecycle" Mulch Giveaway and Leafdrop Compost Sale. Residents may call 720-865-6810 after March 15th for more information about the 2005 "Treecycle" Mulch Giveaway and Leafdrop Compost Sale.

For more information about "Treecycle" and other Denver Recycles programs, visit www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles or call 720-865-6810.

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Stapleton Wins Best in American Living Award

Stapleton has been awarded the Best in American Living Award for the Best Smart Growth Community in the category of development containing more than 150 units.

— Stapleton —
Best Smart Growth Community

Professional Builder Magazine sponsors the Best in American Living Award design competition. It is open to builders, architects, designers, developers, land planners and interior designers nationwide. The awards celebrate the most innovative designs in the country and the trends that are shaping home building.

- For the Smart Growth Community Award, judges looked for communities that:
- Protect and provide access to the natural environment
 - Incorporate a mix of land uses
 - Use land in an efficient and innovative manner
 - Encourage multiple transportation options
 - Are pedestrian-scaled and pedestrian-friendly
 - Provide housing choices
 - Respect local traditions
 - Take advantage of infill opportunities
 - Deliver a genuine experience of place
 - Create jobs and impact economic development
- The award ceremony will take place at the National Association of Home Builders International Builders' Show in Florida on January 12, 2005.



All houses built at Stapleton meet or exceed Built Green standards.

John Laing Homes Energy Efficient Pilot Home at Stapleton

By Dave Froom

John Laing Homes recently teamed up with IBACOS (Integrated Building and Construction Solutions) to “turbo charge” one of our already energy efficient homes at Stapleton! IBACOS is a company sponsored in part by the Building America Program, a private/public partnership sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy that conducts research to find energy-efficient solutions for production housing.

To start this project, we gathered a team of professionals from John Laing Homes, our contractors, consultants and IBACOS experts. Together we designed improvements to the pilot home from the footings to the trusses. Our superintendents met with IBACOS and the team throughout the project, providing feedback on what was practical and what areas provided challenges.

After the pilot home was completed, IBACOS set up their monitoring equipment and began testing and waiting for results. When at last the results came in, we tore open the large envelope



John Laing Energy Efficient Pilot Home

containing the test documents. After perusing the technical pages – comparing energy efficiencies – we found the EPA Energy Star certificate. The requirement for an Energy Star certification is 86.0 points and we achieved 89.0 points. The pilot home project was a success!

We are excited to monitor the pilot home and work on building science solutions to create more comfortable and energy efficient homes for our customers. John Laing Homes will continue to push the envelope. We want to thank Forest City Stapleton, Inc., IBACOS, our trades and consultants for helping to make the John Laing Homes Pilot Home project a success.

RK Mechanical, Inc. – Committed to the Environment

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Indoor Environmental Quality and Innovation, and Design Process. The USGBC is developing LEED standards for residential community development, as well.

RK Mechanical, Inc. is proud to have six of its current employees (and more to come in the future) who are LEED accredited professionals. Currently, RK



Mechanical, Inc. is working on the following projects pursuing LEED certification: United States Department of Transportation Office Building, United States Byron Rodgers Courthouse Renovations and Belmar 2M3 project.

As the Stapleton company says: “At RK Mechanical, Inc., Performance is our Standard.”

Westerly Creek Design Award

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Creek flows previously were conveyed underneath the East-West Runway and taxiways.

This waterway was converted from a utilitarian, undersized conveyance channel to a diversified waterway, parks and open space system. Initial work required the demolition of approximately 10 acres of existing runway over the Westerly Creek corridor. Four bridges cross the creek as part of the trail system serving pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrian riders.

Ecologically, the corridor is targeted for a variety of small mammal and bird species that historically inhabit the Sand Creek corridor to the north. Habitat is provided with the planting of native and drought tolerant trees and shrubs, wetland plants, and grasses. The use of the wetlands material has a multifaceted purpose of providing stormwater filtration through water quality ponds, bank stabilization with the sod and biologists, wildlife habitat, and aesthetic enhancements for a ‘preserve’ within the largest urban infill project in the country.

The Westerly Creek restoration, a component of The Stapleton Stormwater Management Plan, was not a pure stormwater engineering project nor was it a pure ecological project. It is a hybrid of the two resulting in a non-traditional approach to designing a stormwater conveyance system. The project, a multidisciplinary effort involving hydraulic engineering, landscape architecture and ecology, demonstrates the mechanics and biological functions of a natural creek channel while benefiting urban wildlife and the residents of the Stapleton community and surrounding environs.



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January 2005 – Westerly Creek Registration for Early Childhood Education and Kindergarten

The first round in the application process for Early Childhood Education (ECE) and Kindergarten classes at Westerly Creek Elementary will be held between January 3rd and January 31st.

Early Childhood Education

A child must be four (4) years old on or before October 1, 2005 to be eligible for

Early Childhood Education at Westerly Creek, which is a tuition based pre-school program. Eligibility for full, partial or free tuition is based on family income. ECE is available on a first come, first served basis and does not differentiate between Stapleton residents and non-resident applicants.

Kindergarten

To be eligible for Kindergarten, a child must be five (5) years old on or before October 1, 2005. Full-day and half-day kindergarten classes are available. Full-day kindergarten is an optional, tuition-based program that is available at Westerly Creek Elementary School. Half-day kindergarten is guaranteed for all Westerly Creek neighborhood students. The full-day option is available on a first come, first served basis.

Registration Requirements

The items required for registration are:

- A copy of the child's birth certificate;
- A copy of the child's immunization record;
- A Medicaid/Clinic Card (if applicable);
- Proof of Address (including contract, bill deed, loan statement);
- Income Verification (only if applying for tuition assistance); and
- A \$50 application fee for ECE and Full-Day Kindergarten.

Anyone not currently a Stapleton resident, but holding a contract on a house and planning to move to Stapleton prior to or during the 2005-2006 school year should complete all registration

information using their future Stapleton address. Parents in this category must provide a copy of their contract and request that their

application be given directly to Trich Lea, Principal of Westerly Creek Elementary for processing.

"Despite the fact that we have several official kindergarten registrations dates set in the spring, I would like to urge families to register their children for Westerly Creek Elementary as early as possible," said Principal Trich Lea. "We are a growing community and I want to be able to make somewhat of an educated guess in the number of new children that will attend the school for the 2005/06 school year.

"Early registration will directly benefit the children," Ms. Lea continued. "If I have early registration, I can plan more accurately for my staffing allocations. For example, if I have fifty new kindergartners registering for school, I know that I will need at least two full time teachers at a particular grade level. I would rather not wait until weeks before school to hire new teachers; it limits the selection process and results in larger class sizes. While I totally support your ability to have choices in the school your child attends, I also support the decision to make that choice in the early part of the school year so we can plan ahead to make the school environment the best one for children."

Any parent who is not a resident of Stapleton but interested in the "Choice" process, should

complete an application during the First Round Choice Period, which runs from January 3rd through 31st, and return that application to any DPS Elementary School. Students applying for 1st Round Choice will be entered into a database by the DPS Planning Department and receive a random number placement (lottery) within their priority grouping by grade. The second round of choice will begin February 1st and go through the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year based on space available.

Upcoming Events at Westerly Creek Elementary School:

Winter Wonderland Party for Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers

Sponsored by the Westerly Creek PTA Welcoming Committee

Saturday, January 22, 2005 9:30-11 a.m.

Westerly Creek Elementary School Cafeteria

Cookie decorating, juice and pastries

Toddler Story time

Sponsored by the Westerly Creek PTA

Every Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Westerly Creek Elementary

Westerly Creek Silent Auction and Valentine's Dance

February 11, 2005 – Time to be determined

Westerly Creek Elementary School

Baby Stuff Garage Sale

Saturday, March 5, 2005 8 am - noon

Westerly Creek Elementary

First DPS Choice Period Jan. 3 to Jan. 31

Helpful phone numbers:

School of Choice Hotline, 720-423-3493

DPS Administration, 720-423-3200

DPS Welcome Center, 720-423-3970

Transportation, 303-825-2611

School Boundaries, 720-423-3400

Task Force Report on Denver Public Library Funding Released

Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper has released the Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Future Library Funding. Hickenlooper formed the Task Force in March 2004 to explore the Denver Public Library's (DPL) funding in light of its financial situation.

In their Report, Task Force members advocate a modest funding increase to help offset three years of severe Library budget cuts at both State and City levels. At its year-end meeting on Thursday, Dec.16, the Denver Public Library Commission reviewed and discussed the Report, and the Library will develop its strategic next steps, which include an extensive process to seek public opinion.

"We are grateful for the work of the Task Force, and to Mayor Hickenlooper for appointing a team to seriously evaluate solutions to our financial situation," said Library Commission President Jaren J. Ducker. "The Commission will consider the Task Force recommendations next month and direct the Library accordingly."

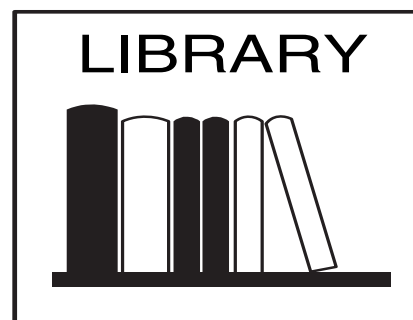
The Task Force studied four funding and governance scenarios:

1. Maintain the current system in which the City's General Fund supports the City Library.

2. Create a Library District as a separate legal entity from the City, which would be approved by Denver voters and be fully funded by an increase in property tax.
3. Continue the City Library as part of the City, but fully fund it by a Denver voter-approved property tax.

4. Support the City Library through both the General Fund and a Dedicated Mill Levy, an arrangement in which the Library would continue to receive

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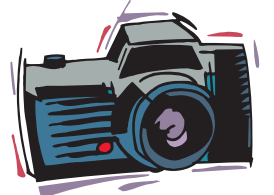
Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

January 2

Frosty Photo Tour

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy the abundance of winter wildlife and start the New Year with that perfect shot! This time of year is great for photographing birds and mammals.



January 9

Frosty Photo Tour

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

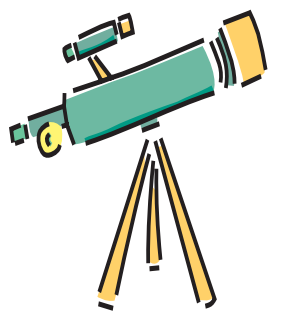
The Refuge's tree-lined lakes, woodlands and prairie provide great photographic settings. Bring lots of film and a sense of adventure!

January 15

Winter Skies

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

View Saturn and Jupiter during this special opportunity brought to you by the Denver Astronomical Society. Telescopes and star charts will be provided.



January 22

Wildlife Wars with Terry Grosz

10:00 a.m. - noon

Hear the real-life adventures of author and thirty-two year law enforcement veteran, Terry Grosz, as he spins a yarn or two about his experiences. A book signing will be held after the presentation.

January 29

Hunters of the Sky

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Hawks, eagles, and falcons make the skies of the Refuge their home. Learn about these magnificent birds before heading out on a tour to put your new skills to the test.

Wild Treks Drop-in Program

Saturdays and Sundays

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

To determine which events require reservations call 303-289-0930.



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Denver School of the Arts Upcoming Events

Musical: “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum”
Jan. 13-15, 19-21 – Schomp Theatre 7:00 pm

CO Music Educators’ Assn Festival
Jan. 27 - 29 – Colorado Springs all day

Winter Play: “The Laramie Project”
February 16 - 19 – Schomp Theatre 7:00 pm

Winter Piano Recital
Feb. 28 - Mar 1 – Concert Hall 7:00 pm

Movie Night

The Video Cinema Arts Department at the Denver School of the Arts is holding a “movie night” featuring the film “Napoleon Dynamite” on Saturday, January 22 at 7 PM. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. This fundraiser is for helping 8 seniors attend the Sundance Film Festival in Park City Utah on January 26.

The night will include the movie, pizza, soda and a “Vote for Pedro” Any participant who wears a ”Vote for Pedro” tee shirt that they create themselves will get a ”Vote for Pedro” candy bar and soda.

Denver school of the Arts is located on the northeast corner of Montview and Quebec. For additional information, please call Ed Glassman at 303-394-8564.

All School Musical

The Denver School of the Arts is presenting its all school musical “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” that opens in the DSA Kay Schomp Theatre on January 13-15 and 19-21, 2005 at 7 pm. Over sixty theatre, music, and dance students will delight audiences in this Broadway musical smash hit! Tickets are available to the public and are now on sale at the DSA ticket office. Call 303-321-9435 for more information.

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Park Hill Library Announces January Events for Children

The following special events will be held at the Park Hill Library during the month of January. The library is located minutes west of Stapleton at 4705 Montview Boulevard (Montview and Dexter):

Pajama Story Time: Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. beginning January 10. Any child who can sit for stories and do a simple craft is welcome to attend. No registration is necessary. Please wear your jammies.

Story Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. beginning January 11. Any child who can sit for stories and do a simple craft is welcome to attend. No registration is necessary.

Bookbabies: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. These story times are for babies 4-22 months old and their caregivers. Participants will share books, action rhymes and songs. No registration is necessary.

Paws to Read: This program gives children in grades 1-6 the opportunity to read one-on-one to a “non-judgmental” service dog. Each child selects a fun book to read to an unconditionally loving golden retriever for 20 minutes. Sessions are held Tuesdays at 3:30, 4:00 and 4:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Mervyn’s Super Saturdays: James Loshbaugh brings his “Great Old West Magic and Puppet Show” on Saturday, January 8 at 10:30 a.m. On Saturday, January 22, at 10:30 a.m., join Mr. Shine for fun sing-a-longs.

For more information, please contact the Park Hill Library at 303-331-4063.

Library Funding *(continued from page 5)*

a part of its budget from the City General Fund and would have an additional source of dedicated revenue from a voter-approved property tax.

The Task Force recommended option number four.

Twelve of 13 Task Force members recommended that the Mayor and City Council strongly consider additional funding for DPL, which has cut its budget by more than \$5 million or 15.8 percent since 2002, through reductions in staff, hours and days of service. The Task Force did not recommend any changes in Library governance.

Since 2002, the Library has reduced its service delivery with the following actions:

- Cutting one full day of service each week from the schedules of the Central Library and all 22 branch locations
- Reducing the books and materials budget by 34%
- Reducing staff to assist customers by 17%
- Limiting outreach to the community through programming, among other things

Also as a result of cuts, the Library has slipped in national ranking from number one to number three, and is expected to further decline without restored funding.

A survey by Denver-based Ciruli Associates indicates that Denver voters are aware of the Library’s diminished financial situation and willing to consider an item on a ballot addressing this issue.

“There is considerable opportunity for the Library, and development of our near-term plans will soon begin. We’re looking forward to holding public discussions, sharing our ideas and receiving the public’s valuable feedback as a part of this process,” said City Librarian Rick J. Ashton.

For more information, contact M. Celeste Jackson in the DPL Press Office at cjackson@denver.lib.co.us or call 720-865-2044.

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New Year's Resolutions

This year, make a New Year's Resolution that will not only benefit you, but your family, friends and the world you live in. Below are suggestions for New Year's Resolutions that make a difference in the world around you.

Water

- ☐ I will shut off the water while I brush my teeth, to save up to four gallons a minute.
- ☐ I will take showers that only last 5 minutes, to save up to 1,000 gallons a month.

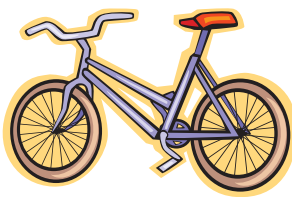
Lighting

- ☐ I will shut off any lights I am not using. This saves energy and lowers my parents' electricity bill!
- ☐ I will make sure the light bulbs we use are energy efficient, like Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs). CFLs use 75% less energy than incandescent lights.



Transportation

- ☐ I will get my parents to walk me to school instead of driving, to make the air I breathe cleaner.
- ☐ I will get my parents to walk or ride their bike to the grocery store. This is good for their health and reduces pollution.



Recycling

- ☐ I will start a recycling program for my family. This saves trees that are used to produce newspapers and plastics.
- ☐ I will buy school supplies that are made from post-consumer waste or recycled materials. This saves trees from being cut down and saves energy used to produce paper, binders and pens.



Other Ideas

- ☐ I will plant a tree in my yard with my parents, to provide shade and oxygen for me to breathe.
- ☐ I will take our family pet on more walks. This will be good for my health and will make my pet happier and healthier!

Stapleton's West Crescent Wins Landscape Design Award



The West Crescent in Stapleton's East 29th Avenue Town Center has been honored by the Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) 2004 Professional Design Awards.

The West Crescent, which was produced through a collaboration of the architectural firm of Nuszer Kopatz, Artsapes and Stapleton's master developer, Forest City, received the ASLA President's Award of Excellence in the Design Category over \$500,000 as an outstanding example of urban design. The West Crescent will now be submitted for the ASLA National Awards.

To learn more about the Colorado Chapter of ASLA, visit www.ccasla.org or email either Forest City Stapleton, Inc. project manager Jon Ratner, at jratner@stapletondenver.com or Mark Kopatz at mkopatz@nuszer-kopatz.com.

Temple Micah Mulls "Grace in Face of Adversity"

By Elaine Lee


Rabbi Uzi Weingarten, a guest scholar who specializes in helping people learn to communicate with compassion, will teach an adult session on "Grace in the Face of Adversity" at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at Temple Micah, 2600 Leyden Street. Guests are invited to stay for a 10:00 a.m. Sabbath Service.

"Jewish Mysticism" will be Temple Micah's topic for adult study at 9:00 a.m. Sundays, Jan. 23 and 30 at DCJE and Saturdays, Feb. 12 and 26 (before 10:00 a.m. Sabbath Services). All are welcome!

"The River Midnight" by Lilian Nattel is the book to be discussed when the Havdalah Book Group meets at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 at 2600 Leyden St. Participants are asked to bring potluck food reminiscent of Eastern European cuisine.

For more information about Temple Micah, call 303-388-4239; send an e-mail message to office@micahdenver.org or visit the synagogue's website at <http://www.micahdenver.org>



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Tuesday, February 8, from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Understanding your genetic makeup and family medical history can help you better manage your health today and prevent health problems in the future.

What is Adult Medical Genetics? What kinds of illnesses or diseases can genetic testing find? Is it right for me? Does my insurance cover genetic testing? Find out answers to these questions and more!

Bio-Identical Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT)
Presented by Dr. Kenton Bruce, Obstetrician and Gynecologist
Wednesday, February 9, from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.


Bio-identical HRT, a natural alternative to standard hormone replacement, uses hormones that have an identical makeup to the natural hormones created by a woman's body. Because the hormones are natural, they are safer and easier for the body to use and cause fewer side effects than synthetic drugs.

Join us and learn more about HRT and the benefits of this natural alternative.

Join us at the University of Colorado Hospital, Fitzsimons campus in Aurora, 1635 N. Ursula St. in Room 2005 of the Anschutz Outpatient Pavilion

To RSVP, please call 303-724-5397 by Monday, February 7.
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Manager Regina Miller, left, and owner Kendell Aitchison of Ladies Workout Express

Ladies Workout Express

Ladies, if you have just thirty-two minutes, Kendell Aitchison and the staff of Ladies Workout Express can give you a total body and cardio workout to help you lose that excess weight picked up during the holidays.

Located in Quebec Square at Stapleton across from The United Air Lines Flight Training Center on East 35th Avenue, Ladies Workout Express has already attracted a substantial following of women from college students to seniors who are drawn to the high energy workout program. Owned by Kendell and her father, Patrick Costello, Ladies Workout Express in Quebec Square features 24 workout stations laid out in a bright, cheery atmosphere. Kendell and Manager Regina Miller guide their clients through a program to an up-tempo beat of music designed to motivate anyone to adopt a fit and healthy lifestyle.

Ladies Workout Express is open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays are from 8 a.m. to 8 pm. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ample parking is available. Call 303.322.9980 for more information.

New Parent-Child Play Program Comes to Quebec Square



Tumbling into Stapleton's Quebec Square Retail Shopping Center this winter is the answer to parents' endless search for fun, creative and educational activities for their kids.

Baby Power/Forever-Kids brings a fresh approach to parent child play programs offering a wide variety of classes jam-packed with age-appropriate mini-gymnastics, music, story-time, and crafts. Beginning at 6 months, the **Baby Power** program stimulates the intellectual, emotional, and physical development of children through mini-gym equipment, puppetry, stories, musical instruments, and original songs. Children ages 3 and up graduate to our Forever Kids program which cultivates motor skills, hand-eye coordination, creativity, and self expression through arts and crafts, cooking, theme classes, gym play and science experiments.

The success of **Baby Power/Forever Kids** programs grows from small classes (10 max.) that focus on specific age groups, yet remain sibling friendly. Parents and nannies alike will find that our open gym and art times are a great way to get the kids out of the house for some loosely structured activities.

Birthday parties at Baby Power/ Forever Kids are a stress-free way for you to throw a fantastic party where kids can play in our gym, do crafts, sing and dance, and of course eat cake. Enjoy all of this without the headache of set up and cleaning.

Baby Power/Forever Kids is located at 7505 E. 35th Ave., Suite 330 in Stapleton's Quebec Square. Call (303) 377-8855 for information or to attend a FREE trial class. 10-week winter session begins Jan. 10, 2005.

Miss Talulah's Now Open in Stapleton Town Center



Owner Robin Lohre holds her dog "Famous Fred" behind the counter of the new Miss Talulah's boutique. Standing in front of the counter are staff members Lea Meyer (left) and Sara Westra (right).

Miss Talulah's boutique has opened in Stapleton's East 29th Avenue Town Center. Located across from the fountain on Founders' Green, Miss Talulah's has already begun drawing rave reviews for the delightful range of gifts designed for discriminating women that recently caused the store to be named "Best Gift Store" by the Rocky Mountain News. Now that they have opened the new store at Stapleton, Robin, Lea and Sara are looking forward to adding "vintage inspired" clothing and gifts for children.

Miss Talulah's is open Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from Noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call 303.293.8436.

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Master Community Association News

by Diane Deeter
Stapleton Community Manager



The following are helpful hints from our friends in Denver City Government:

City of Denver Plowing

Denver Public Works - Street Maintenance Division plows and sands all the arterials and collectors that have been conveyed to the City and County of Denver (which includes MLK, Central Park Blvd, 29th west of Central Park Boulevard and Syracuse and Roslyn). An updated plan listing all Denver streets in this year's program should be on www.DenverGov.org shortly. To solve specific problems of ice build-up on any street, residents can request ice blading by calling the Customer Service Center at 720-865-6858. Local streets only get plowed in the rare case of a major storm.

City of Denver Solid Waste Management

Denver Solid Waste Management is seeking the help of Stapleton residents to ensure that trash collection service guidelines are followed. Many of the trash containers currently being used in the neighborhood exceed the allowable size of 32-gallons.

The Stapleton neighborhood is serviced for trash collection using the "Manual Collection" service. This means that trash containers are physically lifted and emptied by Solid Waste Management employees into the back of a trash truck. On average, an employee on a manual collection trash truck makes 400 to 500 stops each day. In an effort to ensure that employees do not sustain injuries, Denver Solid Waste Management must strictly enforce the maximum size of 32-gallons and the maximum weight of 50 pounds per container.

If you currently have a trash container that exceeds 32-gallons, Solid Waste Management requests that you replace the container with one that is 32-gallons in size or smaller.

Following are some tips and reminders to increase the efficiency and safety of the trash collection services we provide to you and your neighbors:

- Place all household trash in covered, 32-gallon - or smaller - containers. If you are unable to fit all of your trash in one container, feel free to use multiple containers or to place excess trash in securely tied heavy-duty trash bags.
- Please ensure that your trash containers or separate trash bags weigh less than 50 pounds each.
- Trash must be set out no later than 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.

If your home is in an active construction area, please place your trash at the curb for collection. Due to limited accessibility and the safety concerns for our employees and the general public, we are unable to provide alley collection service until all construction is complete in an area.

If you are unsure of your trash collection day, or wish to obtain information about other services call 720-865-6900 or visit our website at www.denvergov.org/solidwastemanagement.

Front Porch Flower Talk

by Michelle Stefanon
Amore Fiori Flowers and Gifts



Recycle Your Vase

Like the old saying goes, "You eat an elephant one bite at a time." This is especially true when it comes to improving our environment through initiatives aimed at reducing the use and consumption of materials in our everyday life. Whether it's gasoline, aluminum cans, or yard waste, each little bit we do as individuals adds up to have an aggregated impact. The great news is, more and more businesses are now doing their part to help as well. And the truth is, for most business the cost of collection and removal exceeds the value of the materials. So, they are doing it because it's the right thing to do.

In this spirit, we are excited to announce a program designed to reduce one of the most used components in the floral industry— the vase. According to the American Society of Florists, there are an estimated 45,000 retail florists (including supermarkets) generating over \$19 billion in sales each year. Doing a little back-of-the-envelope math I estimate each year in the U.S., the floral industry sells 225 million vases representing about \$1.7 billion in revenue. Not quite a vase for each person in the country, but still quite a few by most measures.

So to do our part in reducing the number of flower vases that end up in landfills, we are asking our customers to join us in participating in our Vase Recycling Program. It's as easy as the three R's:

REUSE: Bring a clean vase into Amore Fiori and we will gladly sanitize it and refill it with fresh flowers. You only pay for the flowers.

RETURN: Bring in a clean vase from any previous arrangement and we will give you a \$1 - \$3 credit against your purchase depending on the size and quality of the vase (limit one vase per visit).

RECYCLE: If you have any unused vases or ones that are of poor quality and condition, donate them to your local recycling program so that they may be used to make other glass products.

Please join us in "taking a bite" out of 225 million used vases that can end up in landfills each year and we'll all benefit in the long run. And who knows, maybe other florists will like the idea and it will become the industry standard!

Michelle Stefanon's shop, Amore Fiori Flowers and Gifts, is located in the East 29th Avenue Town Center. Call 303.333.3848 for more information.



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



4 Paws News

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

Integrative Veterinary Medicine

The term “sustainability” continues to grow more common in our vocabulary. What accounts for this development? What does sustainability mean? Why is it so essential to us all?

Sustainability is about survival. It is the understanding that we must leave this planet as we found it or improve it so those who follow us will have at least the same opportunities we have had. Sustainability is difficult to define, but we think of it as an attempt to limit resource consumption in consideration of the carrying capacity of the land on which we live. It means a more natural way of living.

In veterinary medicine the demand for more natural modalities is growing at a phenomenal rate. Many of us have chosen to practice “integrative veterinary medicine,” a mixture of western medicine complemented with a holistic approach. Holistic veterinary medicine is not “alternative” medicine. It is medical care that takes the whole picture of the patient, the environment, the disease pattern, the relationship of pet with owner and develops a treatment protocol using a wide range of therapies for healing.

Some of the more popular modalities currently used are acupuncture, nutraceuticals and chiropractic care (manual therapy). Due to the limited space of this article I would like to discuss acupuncture in animals. Acupuncture is a holistic approach to health care. It is aimed at healing the cause of disease rather than the symptoms.

Acupuncture is recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association as “the examination and stimulation of specific points of the body of non-human animals by use of acupuncture needles, injections, low-level lasers, magnets and a variety of other techniques for the diagnosis and treatment of numerous conditions in animals.” The policy goes on to state, “Veterinary acupuncture and acupuncturists are now considered an integral part of veterinary medicine.”

Veterinary acupuncture has been used for over 3000 years to treat a variety of conditions. Very small needles are inserted into certain points in the body, stimulating the body’s own healing process. The insertion of the needles is virtually painless, and the needles cause no pain once they are in. Risk to the patient is minimal, with very few side effects. All species of animals tolerate acupuncture very well.

Acupuncture can benefit most situations and can be used alone or in combination with traditional western medicine. We do encourage a complete work up of the problem so it can be treated the best way possible. Acupuncture has more success with chronic or degenerative diseases, whereas traditional western medicine is more successful in acute diseases. Acupuncture is indicated for many diseases, but the most common ones treated are:

- Musculoskeletal problems like arthritis and vertebral disc disease
- Respiratory problems like feline asthma
- Gastrointestinal disease, such as irritable bowel disease
- Immune-mediated diseases like allergies and lupus
- Compulsive disorders such as feather picking in birds and lick granulomas in dogs
- To improve the overall well being in patients with cancer or organ failure such as renal disease by improving appetite, nausea control and immune modulation.

Remember, these techniques should be regarded as surgical and medical procedures which should be done only by a certified veterinary acupuncturist. Ask your local veterinarian for more information about certified veterinary acupuncture therapy.

Dr. Smith is a Stapleton resident who is certified in veterinary acupuncture. Her clinic, the 29th Avenue Animal Hospital, is located on the courtyard next to Fantastic Sams in the East 29th Avenue Town Center. For more information, call 303.394.3937.

How Is Your Smile?

by Dr. Brett Kessler
Town Center Dentistry and Orthodontics



Advancements in Dentistry Benefit our Environment

When we began to imagine the goals of our practice, my wife Gina and I wanted it to be technologically advanced, comfortable and welcoming to patients, and in harmony with our community.

Our approach to dentistry is comprehensive. Our dedication to patients is to build beautiful smiles that are both functionally strong and connected to the patient’s overall health.

Numerous technological advancements in dentistry have transformed the dreaded visit to the dentist’s office into a comfortable, stress-free, and educational experience. Quiet, electric hand tools have replaced the shrill wheeze of old-fashioned turbine dental drills, and laser cavity detectors can find areas of decay in a patient’s mouth before a cavity can develop, retiring that sharp, metal hook everyone hates. Each tool helps reduce stress and promotes a proactive and preventative attitude toward dental health.

Advancements in dental technologies also support our commitment to community. We were fortunate to be one of the first commercial tenants at Stapleton, and are proud to be raising our family here as well. Innovation in medicine is helping us to serve the health of this community and its surrounding environment.

At Town Center Dentistry and Orthodontics, we use digital X-rays, which reduce radiation by 50 to 75 percent. This is better for both patients and technicians. Plus, taking digital X-rays eliminates the need to develop X-ray film, a process involving highly toxic materials that must be disposed of properly. Digital X-rays are also very user-friendly and allow us to display images on a large computer screen and zoom into certain areas for the patient to see.

We also do not use amalgam fillings, which contain mercury. When using this type of material it is possible for mercury to be mixed into wastewater. We use tooth-colored, bonded filling material. In the proper situation, it restores the tooth; almost to its natural strength. As an added benefit - no more dark, silver teeth.

A community represents a partnership between residents and businesses with respect to the space we share. By each taking steps to maintain the health of our neighbors and our surroundings, we can ensure the sustainability of Stapleton, and promote further expansion.

Dr. Brett Kessler, DDS and his wife Dr. Gina Kessler, DDS MS, opened Town Center Dentistry and Orthodontics last December in the East 29th Avenue Town Center at Stapleton, where they are devoted to providing a whole-health approach to dentistry. He and Gina live on 26th Avenue with their five-year-old daughter Abbey, and two-year-old son, Max.

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For nearly a year, Dr. Kristine Leathery has been serving patients at Exempla Family Medicine at Stapleton. Her name recently changed to Dr. Kristine Walsh, but she continues to provide the same quality care her patients have come to expect. She offers medical care for your entire family including newborn care, child health care, and women’s health care. Exempla Family Medicine at Stapleton is conveniently located in the Stapleton Plaza Office Building, 3401 Quebec, Suite 1015. For an appointment, please call 303-467-8900. Dr. Walsh and her staff look forward to providing extraordinary health care to you and your family – our Stapleton neighbors!

Stapleton United Neighbors

S.U.N. Elections
in the Spring

Stapleton United Neighbors is preparing for its annual elections this spring. According to the bylaws, board members serve for two-year terms, with half of the seats up for election each year. These staggered terms are designed to bring fresh perspectives to the board.

A nominating committee will be formed in the next few weeks to identify members of the Stapleton community who are interested in becoming more involved in the effort to organize the neighborhood by serving on the SUN Board. Please consider sharing your voice and experience...either by joining the nominating committee or by becoming a candidate for the SUN Board of Directors.

The first Board of Directors of SUN was elected in the Spring of 2004. In the past year, the Board has worked to establish By-Laws, obtain non-profit status, host forums on community issues, share important information from Forrest City and other organizations, begin the foundation of a Neighborhood Watch program, and support active living in Stapleton. As the community continues to grow, the need for these efforts will continue and other needs will no doubt emerge. We hope to continue to provide the forum to discuss them and the means to act on them.

As the SUN sets on this first year of organization, we want you to know that all of us have enjoyed meeting and working with each of you. The support and active participation of a broad array of neighbors is important to the success of the community. Thank you for sharing your time and your ideas for how to make Stapleton a better place to live.

The election process will be one of the topics of discussion at our next SUN forum on **Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30 PM at Westerly Creek School**. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee or on the Board, contact Gregory Diggs at 303.393.6148, shupediggs@netzero.com. Check the Stapletononline website and the Front Porch for subsequent updates. We look forward to hearing from you.

To Send Letters to the Editor

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

Views on the Street

What do you do to help
protect the environment?



Kelly Crist

“We participate in the recycle program at Stapleton, and we try to do a good job with that. We walk up to King Soopers, whenever possible, to do our grocery shopping and carry things back in the baby stroller.

One of the things we liked about moving here was that our house was built green to begin with so we have low-flow water in our house. We just like the programs and the community – not having to travel so far to do enjoyable things. We’re looking forward to more shops coming in the town center so we can walk more and not have to drive everywhere.”

Eric Rasmussen

“We’ve been making an effort as a family to do more walking – particularly down to the grocery store – and to the stores here when we decide to go out to dinner. We really try to take advantage of the stores here and walk to them. We’re only about six or seven blocks from the downtown area. And, I’d like to see us do more biking, and things like that.

Of course I’d like to see the mass transit coming closer with the Light Rail and I’m looking forward to that as well. We recycle every two weeks. And there’s almost full participation in this neighborhood as far as recycling is concerned, I’ve noticed, and I’d like to see 100%.”



Marty Hebel and
daughter Hayden

“As far as sustainability here at Stapleton, I think the first thing is the homes being built green has been an amazing advantage for saving energy – the cost of heating, the cost of cooling, is much less than past houses that we’ve owned. And, as far as things that we’re doing, we did xeriscaping through a good chunk of our back yard with only a small amount of grass to conserve on water. We have a high efficiency air conditioner, and we’re participating in the recycling program here at Stapleton as well. We walk a lot of places, so we can leave our cars in the garage.”



Protect Yourself
Against Being Victimized

Happy Holidays.

This is the time of year that we are very busy. We are running around buying those last minute gifts and planning for those family gatherings.

I would ask that you take a moment to protect yourselves against being victimized. Most crimes are crimes of opportunity.



Please take a few seconds to secure purchases in the trunk of your car rather than leaving them in plain view as people walk by.

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Be careful when using credit cards. The following may be helpful in preventing identity fraud.

- Watch your mail for missing statements or bills
- Carry the minimum number of credit cards with you
- Don’t include your social security number on your drivers license



Jody Baer-Simon

"Most of the time if I can, I try to walk - like to drop my dry cleaning off or to run errands around the town center, get cash from the bank. And if it's nice enough, we try to walk the kids to school as much as we can, or ride our bikes.

I think we're doing a pretty good job - we recycle a lot, we live in this environmentally friendly neighborhood, and it's great. It's just been wonderful as far as the open space, the people we've met, and the quality of life.

It's been life changing. We felt isolated before in our one house per block neighborhood, and here we've just met so many nice families and wonderful people."



Kari Cummings

"I think the biggest thing we do to save energy is with the drought, it has really focused us on water conservation. We save bath water to water our plants, and we save water in the kitchen to water all of our outdoor flowers, and that type of thing. We try to be as aware as possible - we keep our heat fairly low, in the 60's. We just wear a little extra. We keep our blinds closed in the winter to keep the heat in, and in the summer to keep the sun out."

Richard Mogensen

"I've got one of those nice thermostats that you set so it goes down automatically after about two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening. And I just signed up for a plan with the power company (for people with central air), where at high usage points they can cut off your air conditioning for something like eight minutes every hour and you don't notice it goes off. They give you something like a 25 dollar a year credit just for doing that, and it doesn't cost you anything.

I think they call and ask if you are willing to participate in that program, then they come out and put a little breaker box on your air conditioning. Then they send a signal out to all the neighborhoods that are using too much electricity. And they said if it ever bothers you, you can take it off. If you get a certain rating on your air conditioning, you can get a rebate back for having an energy efficient air conditioning unit."



What to do with hanger 61?



Hangar 61, near Montview and Central Park Boulevards

Editor:

As a Stapleton resident, perhaps like me you have wondered about that large building near the intersection of Montview and the new Central Park Boulevard, and if there are plans to make the building useful. The building is known as Hangar 61, and was built in 1959 by the Ideal Basic Cement Company, and acted as the corporate hanger for its turboprop Fairchild F-27 airplane. This is a rare building because it is one of the few surviving examples of "thin-shell concrete construction in engineering." The building is nearly 9000 square feet, and has a thin diamond shaped domed roof and is supported by two immense concrete buttresses. My hope is that this building, which has clear historic value, can be converted and put to good use as our community continues to grow. Some ideas that have been suggested for its use are: a community center, indoor gym, art studio, an adjunct facility to the new High School of Science and Technology, an indoor pool, or unique place for community businesses. Currently, Hangar 61 is the subject of an application to the City to designate the structure as a landmark. If this effort is unsuccessful, it is probable that Hangar 61 will be demolished. Hangar 61 is a reminder of a once prominent style of architecture and engineering, and will be one of only a few reminders of the history of Denver's airport for which our community is named. As we celebrate sustainability and the wonderful growth of our community, surely it is worth considering how this special structure might fit into the future of Stapleton.

If you would like more information about Hangar 61 please contact me at mnoone@beattylaw.com.

Michael Noone,
Stapleton resident

Editor's Note: Forest City Stapleton, Inc. supports reuse of Hangar 61 if a viable proposal comes forward to fund the estimated \$300,000 to \$400,000 to bring the building up to code for a use that is consistent with the Stapleton Development Plan. To date, no such proposal has been identified.

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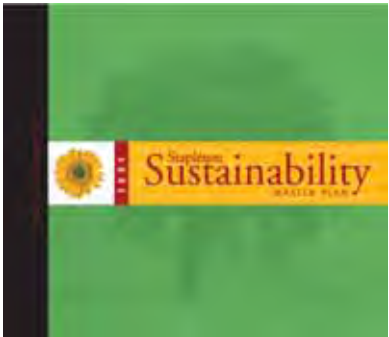


Above: Reclaimed water used for irrigation is carried in purple pipes. Below: A Stapleton resident uses an electric car for neighborhood transportation.



Sustainability at Stapleton takes many forms, including the installation of purple pipe to prepare for the use of reclaimed water to irrigate parks and open space (left) and alternative forms of transportation (lower left) that include electric vehicles convenient for running errands in our urban community. To learn more about sustainability at Stapleton, see the Sustainability Master Plan for Stapleton, which is available in electronic format on StapletonDenver.com. Hard copies of the plan are also available in the reference sections of area libraries and may be purchased in hard copy format by calling Karen Kingsbury of Forest City Stapleton, Inc. at (303) 382-1800.

If you would like to share a story about your personal commitment to sustainable living, please send it to Melissa Knott, Director of Sustainability for Forest City Stapleton, Inc. (mknott@stapletondenver.com).



Stapleton's Sustainability Master Plan

Runway Recycling

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aggregate that would otherwise be mined in quarries along Denver's Front Range. Recycled Materials Company must complete the pavement removal at Stapleton by August 1, 2005. The company has an additional five years to either consume or market the recycled aggregates, which include eleven specification aggregate materials that are consumed on-site for the infrastructure reconstruction of the new mixed-use neighborhoods at Stapleton. This represents nearly 350,000 tons of recycled aggregates utilized to date. The on-site recycled aggregates produced by Recycled Materials Company have been accepted and are certified as a BUILT GREEN material.

Mobile Cyclery Keeps Stapleton Rolling!

This past summer, Stapleton residents may have noticed a new addition to the East 29th Avenue Town Center King Soopers parking lot on Fridays – Mobile Cyclery, owned by Randy Wittmer. Randy brings his Mobile Cyclery truck during the spring, summer and fall months to the King Soopers parking lot where he provides complete mobile bicycle services for the Stapleton area. Randy and his Mobile Cyclery truck will be back in the King Soopers parking lot every Friday beginning in April, weather permitting. In the meantime, Randy is available on an appointment basis during his normal business hours of 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. For no additional charge, Randy will make home or office visits to take care of bicycling needs. Mobile Cyclery is not a typical bicycle shop, because Randy is not a typical 18-year old bicycle shop employee. Customers trust him because he has experience and also rides what he sells. Services range from flat repairs to bike rebuilds. Basic services begin with a tune-up for \$49.95, typically taking one to two hours. Mobile Cyclery also carries bicycle products ranging from small parts and accessories to complete bicycles. With \$50,000 of inventory on board a 25' long rolling bicycle store, Mobile Cyclery has just about everything a cyclist could ask for. Mobile Cyclery sells and services entry-level bikes, yet also caters to performance riders and racers, including Randy's own team, which is going into its fourth year of racing. Randy is pleased to celebrate the success of 2004 and is excited to continue serving the Stapleton area in 2005! To make an appointment, contact Randy Wittmer of Mobile Cyclery at (720) 747-8854 or www.mobilecyclery.us.

Winter Bicycle Storage Tips

By Randy Wittmer, Mobile Cyclery

Don't put me out in the cold – By storing your bicycle out in the elements – rain, snow, and direct sunlight – you are allowing the metal to rust and the rubber and vinyl items to dry rot and crack prematurely. **Cleanliness is next to Godliness** – It is much easier to clean the grit and grime off of the chain, gears, and frame now than in 3-5 months when it has had time to harden. Plus, all you will have to do in the spring is dust off your bike and ride. **Lube – if a little is good, a lot is not better** – After cleaning the bicycle you want to put on a light coat of chain lube. I recommend a chain lube designed for bikes, instead of general-purpose oils like Triflow, 3-in-1 oil and motor oil. But, if that is all you have, using a very light coating of it is better than the rust you will find in the spring. Just remember that a lot of oil on any part of your bike acts as a dust and dirt magnet. **A hanging is always good** – It is much better on the tires if you can hang your bike by its frame or its wheels. Because the inner tubes in your tires are made from porous rubber, your tires loose air every day, resulting in storing your bike on flat tires. If you cannot hang up your bike, pump air into the tires once a month to keep them from going flat and eventually cracking. (Recommended air pressure: road bikes = 80-110 pounds; mountain bikes = 30-60 pounds) **Keep me in tune** – If your bicycle is in need of a tune-up, winter and early spring (before April) is a great time to get it done. After the end of March, you will normally find that most good bicycle shops are booked up, forcing you to wait 2-3 weeks for service.



Randy Wittmer, owner of Mobile Cyclery

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STAPLETON TODAY

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



HOMES

With nearly 1,300 architecturally diverse homes and nearly 4,000 residents, Stapleton is rapidly transforming into an urban community.

Stapleton now offers more than 30 home models by 19 different homebuilders to tour. Models are open Tuesday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Monday noon - 5:00 p.m.

With a variety of architectural styles, including Denver Square, Mediterranean and Victorian, and priced from the low \$100s to over \$1 million, there is a home for every buyer at Stapleton.



SCHOOLS

The Denver School of Science and Technology, a Denver Public Schools (DPS) charter high school, returned from the Holiday Break on January 4th to begin the spring term at its brand new campus at Montview and Valencia.

Planning continues on the 2nd DPS Elementary School at Stapleton that will be open in the fall 2006 at Montview and Central Park Boulevard.

SHOPS

Over 80 shops and restaurants now call Stapleton home.

Miss Talulah's (right) is now open in the East 29th Avenue Town Center. This store is the perfect place to shop for anyone looking for the right gift for a special woman.

Instant Imprints, Ladies Workout Express, Quebec Square Family Dentistry, and State Farm Insurance are now open in Quebec Square.



PARKS/OPEN SPACE

Work on the 2nd neighborhood park and pool continues. Opening in the summer 2005, this pool will feature a fun kids' water activity area.

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Forest City Brings the Holiday Spirit to Denver Children's Home

More than 40 employees of Forest City Stapleton, Inc. gathered at Denver Children's Home on December 9th to decorate the 100-year-old building and bring presents to the students of the youth treatment facility. In theory, the day was an opportunity for the Forest City employees to "give back to their community," but in listening to those employees at the end of the day, it appeared that the greatest gift of all was the appreciation they had received from the grateful staff and students of the center.



Pam Janssen of Forest City Stapleton, Inc. arranges the holiday decorations at Denver Children's Home.

Denver Children's Home is a residential and outpatient treatment center for traumatized, abused and neglected children aged six to eighteen, many of whom have severe mental illness such as clinical depression, bipolar mood disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and psychosis. The December visit of the Forest City employees was the second visit in 2004. Earlier this year, the Stapleton employees spent their Forest City "Community Day" making landscape and building improvements at the Home. That experience proved so rewarding that the Forest City employees began almost immediately making plans for a holiday visit.

Led by "Chief Santa" Diane Deeter (known throughout the rest of the year as the energetic Community Manager for Forest City Stapleton, Inc.) and with the full support and participation of Chief Operating Officer John Lehigh, the Stapleton crew put up festive lights, wreaths and holiday greenery on the exterior of the building and worked with the children on handmade crafts and ornaments that later decorated Christmas trees in the building's dormitories, cafeteria and treatment rooms. Stapleton businesses led by Sam's Club of Quebec Square donated personal hygiene care items for the children and Forest City employees dug into their personal funds to buy Christmas presents. The employees ended the day enjoying hot chocolate and cookies with the children and staff before heading off to their own holiday celebration at a nearby restaurant.

In addition to Diane Deeter, the Forest City Stapleton "elves" responsible for organizing the event included Melissa Knott, Lisa Hall, Pam Janssen, Nancy Relihan, Ray Robbins, Katy Hull, Monica Casillas, Jenifer Graham, John Luna, Alaina Brandenburger, Latrice Norwood, Candace Dalton, John Hampton, Kim Godwin, Kimm Casella, and Shaunna Scarborough.

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Stapleton Project Manager Jon Ratner hangs a wreath at Denver Children's home.



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Holiday Activities at Stapleton



Holiday Lighting Contest

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Cheryl Lohuis
- Clark Griswald "Chevy Chase" Award
2813 Spruce- Larry & Carma Snapp
- Best Block - Willow Street between 26th - 28th
- Front Porch - 9084 28th Ave - Bob & Lizzie Kienast

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Upper left: Santa comes to Stapleton's tree lighting party.
Upper right: A young resident sleeps through the festivities.
Above: Stapleton residents enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride at the holiday party.
Lower left: Neighbors who are part of the group known as "Jewpleton" place a Menorah along 29th Ave.
Lower right: Students participate in the holiday performance at Westerly Creek Elementary School.



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