Beginning phases to be open for use later this year

Central Park Taking Shape

The land forms for the sledding hills that rise to an elevation of 35 feet in the northwest corner of the park are visible with the tower in the background. At left an artist’s rendering shows the promenade and concert venue.

New Venture Center Coming to Stapleton

CTEK Colorado, the statewide business catalyst for innovative entrepreneurs, is partnering with Forest City Stapleton, Inc. to develop a new Venture Center in the Stapleton community, serving Denver’s start-up technology companies. The 5,000 square foot facility, which will be located in Stapleton’s former Visitor Center at Martin Luther King Boulevard and Syracuse Street, is under construction and will include 10 fully furnished office suites, 4 conference/meeting areas, a kitchen, and copy/fax facilities. CTEK Stapleton will offer technology companies all of the existing CTEK programs, including Business Plan and Feasibility Reviews, the Finance Track (with access to Angel Investors), the CEO Track, and the Venture Labor Track, as well as customized engagements.

“The future of the Denver Metro region will hinge on how successfully the creative energies of the region’s entrepreneurs can be evolved into a successful business enterprise,” said Hank Baker, senior vice president of Forest City Stapleton, Inc. “CTEK Denver at Stapleton will allow those with cutting edge ideas to bring exciting new ideas to reality.”

Additional community support is being provided by Wells Fargo Bank, the region’s leading SBA loan provider, Brownstein, Hyatt and Farber’s Corporate Securities and Intellectual Property and Technology law practice, and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the largest health benefits provider in Colorado. Comcast is providing broadband access to the facility. Additional partners will be named at the grand opening, planned for later this summer.

CTEK Stapleton will be led by Stephen Miller, economic development veteran and former Vice President of the Southeast Business Partnership. Miller also previously served as an economist for the State of Colorado’s Department of Labor and Employment.

“I couldn’t be more excited about the partnership between Forest City and CTEK,” said Miller, who is also a Stapleton resident. “We have already signed our first resident client, Asuda, a strategic planning software development company.” Miller expects to have as many as three companies by opening day. The redevelopment of Denver’s former Stapleton International Airport by Forest City Enterprises, (continued on page 3)

The Doctor Is In... at Westerly Creek School

Joyce Huggard’s first grade class at Stapleton’s Westerly Creek Elementary School could not have had more expert help with their class project on animals recently when Stapleton’s veterinarian, Dr. Michele Smith, made a special visit to their classroom to answer questions about caring for injured or sick animals.

Dr. Smith and her nurse, Chanae Bowden, set the stage for the discussion by bringing along doctor’s masks and scrub hats for each of the children. Once the kids put on the special apparel, they were ready to view X-rays Dr. Smith brought along showing a (continued on page 15)

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CALENDAR
2005 STAPLETON EVENTS

EVERY MONTH

First Tuesday
Stapleton Residents’ Social
Events Committee
6 - 7:30pm

First Wednesday
Westerly Creek PTA Meeting
Childcare $3.00/head donation
6:30pm

First Saturday
Bluff Lake Birders
Bluff Lake Nature Center
7 – 9am

Third Tuesday
Stapleton Business Assoc.
Call 303-393-7770 for location
8am

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

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

Every Tuesday
Preschool and Parent Support Group
Westerly Creek Elementary School
1 - 3:30pm

Fourth Tuesday
Pool Committee Meetings
Call Stapleton Community Manager
time and location

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

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

Every Sunday
June 5 - September 25
Stapleton Farmers Market
East 29th Avenue Town Center
8:30am - 12:30pm

Saturday, June 4th
ALPS Fest
Fred Thomas Park
1 - 3pm

Sunday, June 5th
Stapleton Farmers’ Market
Opening Day
East 29th Avenue Town Center
8:30am - 12:30pm

Saturday, June 11th
Stapleton Charity Chase
Greenway Park
9am

Saturday, June 11th
Founders’ Day
Founders’ Green
4 - 6pm

Saturday, June 11th
Stapleton Under the Stars Concert
Dressy Bessy, Matson Jones
and Vicky Woodworth
Founders’ Green
5 pm

Friday, June 17th
Stapleton Under the Stars Movie
The Incredibles
Founders’ Green
Dusk

Saturday, June 18th
1st Annual Stapleton Block Party Day
Noon

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

Friday, August 5th
Stapleton Under the Stars Movie
Shark Tale
Aviator Pool
Dusk

Friday, August 19th
Stapleton Under the Stars Movie
Legally Blond - Red, White and Blonde
Founders’ Green
Dusk

Friday, August 19th
Relay for Life
Founders’ Green

Saturday, August 20th
Happy Hour
Aviator Pool
6:30 - 8:30pm

Saturday, August 27th
Stapleton Stampede Run

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 2nd
Stapleton Under the Stars Movie
Finding Neverland
Founders’ Green
Dusk

September 9-11
MS Challenge 3-Day walk
Ending at Founders’ Green

Saturday, September 24th
Wine Festival
Founders’ Green

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 15th
Fall Festival
Founders’ Green
11am - 1pm

DECEMBER

December 5th - 9th
Holiday Lighting Contest

December 11th
Lighting of the Holiday Tree

**Watch www.StapletonDenver.com
for more information**

Stapleton Farmers Market – every Sunday from June through September
DPL Launches 2005 Summer Reading Program

According to the U.S. Department of Education, many kids lose up to three months of reading skills during summer months—a time when they most need to develop lifelong reading habits. With that in mind, the Denver Public Library has established "Summer of Reading and Teen Summer of Reading 2005," programs designed to encourage children, teens and parents to continue reading during crucial non-school months.

This year the Summer Reading Program hopes to provide Denver metro area students plenty of incentives and summer fun for kids and their parents during the 9- to 10-week period. The goal of the program is to encourage kids and teens to read over the summer months to keep their reading skills sharp for the fall school year. The following are programs involved in this year's summer activities:

**Children's Summer of Reading Program**
This summer, boys and girls (infants to fifth-graders) will take a Pirate Adventure in search of literary treasures during summer months—a time when they most need to develop lifelong reading habits. With that in mind, the Denver Public Library has established "Summer of Reading and Teen Summer of Reading 2005," programs designed to encourage children, teens and parents to continue reading during crucial non-school months.

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**Teen Summer of Reading Program**
Teen Summer of Reading 2005 program provides an opportunity for older kids (sixth to 12th graders—12 to 18-year-olds) to participate in the summer library activities. Through July 23, 2005, teens can visit any Denver Public Library location to register for the program and collect their earned prizes. This year's theme of TRP "Time Warp: Beyond Time and Place," encourages kids to relax, escape the every day and experience the wonders of books. Teens and parents can call the Children's Library at 720-465-1111 or visit neighborhood Libraries to learn more about the program.

**Venture Center**
Inc. is one of the largest urban redevelopments in the nation. Since development began in May 2001, more than 1,500 homes have been sold and nearly 4,000 residents are now living within walking distance of new parks, schools and just under one million square feet of new retail. When fully developed in 15-20 years, the 4,700-acre Stapleton property will become a community of 15,000 residents and have thirteen million square feet of commercial uses employing 35,000 people.

Stapleton's residential and commercial development will be enhanced by more than 1,100 acres of new parks and open space. Stapleton's commitment to "smart growth" has earned international and national recognition that includes awards from the Stockholm Partnership for Sustainable Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and The National League of Cities.

Three new Denver public schools are already open at Stapleton and a fourth, scheduled to open in the summer of 2006, is under construction near the intersection of Montview Boulevard and Central Park Boulevard. The schools now open include the highly acclaimed Denver School of Science and Technology; a charter high school that opened its doors in Stapleton since 2004. "She is one of the best GPs I've ever been to," says Jim McBain of Denver, Colorado. Dr. Walsh’s compassion makes a difference in her patients’ lives. “I’ve been a patient myself so I know how important it is for your doctor to be a good listener,” says Dr. Walsh.

**Mayor Visits Smith Elementary**
Mayor John Hickenlooper visited Smith Elementary School in the Park Hill Neighborhood west of Stapleton recently to launch the “3 By 5 Project” which introduces young children in Denver’s Head Start program to arts, culture and play as a way to spark imagination and stimulate creativity and learning.

**Stapleton Public Art Program**
In addition to information about the ellipse at the Library at 720-865-1311 or visit www.summerofreading.org.
The Urban Farm Hands on Learning

By Donna Garnett

Do you remember when you learned about genetics? If you were like me, it was really hard to get in touch with those peas and their cross-pollinations. My findings have some relevance in everyday life. It was much later in life, when I began breeding and training horses, that suddenly dominant and recessive genes began to make some real-life sense to me. This year I had the distinct pleasure of working with a talented and gifted teacher at the Odyssey school who wanted to make genealogy come alive for her seventh and eighth grade students. Since The Urban Farm (affectionately known as TUF) and the Odyssey School have been educational partners for four years, it was only natural that Liza Eaton and I strategize about how TUF might serve as a lab to teach her genetics objectives. We decided to skip the peas and go to the farm animals in hopes that kids might grasp the academic concepts.

Liza created an engaging game that involved horses at The Urban Farm. Working in small groups, the students researched breeds that are much more or less likely to match and are often stabled with certain desirable coat color characteristics. The students were to set a coat color goal that could be achieved within a given number of generations. Most of the horse coat colors were represented by horses at TUF - horses that the kids knew on a first-name basis. Having that connection to the horses provided incentive to the students to learn more about each animal’s pedigrees. They began forming around terms like “homozygous” with confidence and understanding. As a conclusion to this semester-long experience, the kids created their own pedigrees that demonstrated their success (and, in some cases their lack of success) in achieving their desired color in the time given.

This project was one of several Farm-School education projects that was implemented this year, working with the Farm-School Partnership program, an entire school forms a partnership with TUF. Our education staff meets with school staff to plan a variety of experiences in which students at many grade levels can participate. The students may visit The Farm monthly or once or twice during the school year. In some cases, the curriculum is jointly developed by the Farm-School team. While subject areas are heavily weighted toward science and social studies, the Farm does feature two literacy programs. In all cases, the students also participate in a micro-enterprise that is developed out of their projects. Last year students started a small farm-fresh egg business. The real world of agriculture is the focus for teaching food production, marketing, health codes, nutrition, and economics.

In a study of plant science at TUF, a culminating micro-enterprise for their botanical studies, was to plant small pots of herbs that will be sold at Stapleton’s first Farmer’s Market of the year. Hope to see you there. Donna Garnett is President and Co-founder of The Urban Farm at Stapleton. For more information about the Farm-School Partnership program, contact www.donna@theurbanfarm.org.

Baby Power Adds New Programs

By Dan Mitzner

Since opening in January of this year, Baby Power/Forever Kids in Quebec Square has “had our ears to the ground.” Listening to the needs and desires of local parents. Based on what we’ve heard, Baby Power is announcing the following additions to our developmental play programs.

Signing Smart™ programs

With the ever-growing population of infants in the “Golden Triangle” neighborhoods of Stapleton, Park Hill and Lowry there is a need to teach parents and babies the means to communicate. With that thought in mind, Baby Power is adding the Signing Smart™ program to its developmental curriculum. The play class programming integrates American Sign Language (ASL) signs and interactions through songs, props, games and activities. In addition, workshops give parents and caregivers an action plan to make signing seamless and successful in their homes or classrooms. With their interactive methods of teaching, Signing Smart™ will fit perfectly into the Baby Power family of classes and programs.

Spanish added as Power Curriculum

Recognizing the demand for a Spanish program aimed at children as young as two years old, Baby Power and its older Forever Kids programs are introducing a new Spanish Power curriculum. Baby Power is answering the call of many local parents who want their children to start learning a second language at a young age.

Association for Police and Sheriffs Kids ID Fair July 31st

Being the kids are too Young to Power in Quebec Square on July 31st to have their finger prints taken and state ID forms filled out. The event will be braving, balloons and face painting! Come join the fun at Baby Power and our neighbor LowryKids on July 31st.

We are also proud to announce that Baby Power will team up with Rocky Mountain PBS on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons starting June 21st to offer FREE “Ready to Learn” parenting workshops. Baby Power will also serve as a drop-off location for the PBS program. The drive benefits the Rocky Mountain PBS Learn and Share-Story programs. New and gently used children’s books from pre-K to 8th grade English or Spanish are appreciated. For more information about the “Ready to Learn” program, visit www.rmpbs.org/readytolearn.

Dan Mitzner and his wife Rachel Baumel are the owners of Baby Power/Forever-Kids located in Stapleton’s Quebec Square. Call (303) 221-1611 or visit their location or website for any questions you may have.
Should Your Child Google Before She Goo Goo?

By Beth Letzsch

Many early childhood experts agree that technology can enhance learning, but there is considerable discussion about what kind of technology is appropriate, and when. A recent article by Beth and Bill Letzsch is an example of this discussion in the early childhood education community, focusing on whether children under three should be allowed to use computers.

The Letzsches note that computers have been introduced to the preschool classroom in recent years, and that some early childhood experts believe computers can enhance learning. However, the Letzsches raise important questions about the benefits and drawbacks of introducing computers to young children.

They point out that while computers can be valuable tools for older children, they may not be as valuable for very young children. The Letzsches also note that there is a risk of over-reliance on technology, which can detract from other important learning experiences.

The Letzsches suggest that parents should consider how technology can be used to support other aspects of their child’s development, such as social interaction and creativity. They also recommend that parents be vigilant about what their children are using computers for, and that they limit screen time for very young children.

In conclusion, the Letzsches argue that technology should be used thoughtfully and in a way that supports other important aspects of young children’s development. They encourage parents to be aware of the potential risks and benefits of technology, and to use it as a tool to enhance their child’s learning and growth.
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**Stunt Planes—Mad Science**
by: Mad Science of Denver
06/01/2005 - 02:00 PM
Learn the principles of flight, and do some fancy flying with your own creations! Registration is required. Limited to 25 children. This program is intended for school-aged children. Registration Required

**Memory Wire Bracelets**
by: Mary Schadler
06/14/2005 - 04:00 PM
Hey teens! Come make a memory wire bracelet!

**Listen and Talk Story Time**
by: Mime Time
06/14/2005 - 05:30 PM
06/21/2005 - 05:30 PM
06/28/2005 - 05:30 PM
Join us for an interactive story time that the whole family will enjoy. You’ll be encouraged to join in, ask questions, add comments and share experiences. Drop in for a few minutes or stay an hour!

**Miss Abbie the Clown Show**
by: Mime Time
06/15/2005 - 02:00 PM
Miss Abbie demonstrates her amazing clowning abilities! Watch her escape the treacherous grasp of a painting easel. Clowning abilities! Watch her escape the treacherous grasp of a painting easel.

**Comedy and Magic**
by: Mark Strivings
06/29/2005 - 02:00 PM
Come see Mark Strivings as he amazes us with his magic and entertains us with his comedy!

**Japanese Folk Drumming**
by: Toni Yamaguchi
06/22/2005 - 10:30 AM
Boom! Bang! Crash! Learn about Japanese drums in this interactive program with Toni Yamaguchi.

**Paul-Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!**
by: Jackman Brothers
06/22/2005 - 02:00 PM
Bryce Jackman will share some unusual bugs with you!

**Light Switch Covers**
by: Denver Public Library
06/28/2005 - 04:00 PM
Tired of your boring old light switch covers? Come design an interesting, colorful cover in this craft program. You may bring your own light switch cover, or a standard cover will be provided.

**Memorial Day Movie**
by: Denver Public Library
06/01/2005 - 02:00 PM
Find out! But be careful. You may be picked from the audience to help perform!

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Tom Kramer, executive director of Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership said, “We love the fact that we were recognized by this honor. As the Stapleton population grows, we will be providing even more recreational opportunities along the greenway for all.”

For more information about the Sand Creek Regional Greenway, visit www.sandcreekgreenway.org.

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Managing Mosquitoes

By Tony Stilwell

This year, as last, the Mosquito Management Program we manage for the Park Creek Metro District at Stapleton will follow sound environmental principles for mosquito control. And it all starts with mapping.

Many people think of GIS (Geographic Information System) as being a tool for civil engineers and city planners. But today’s GIS technology has dramatically improved upon mosquito control programs of the past. At Stapleton, this layered mapping system is used to first combine aerial photography into a database with streets and other features. Potential mosquito breeding habitat is then added to a map, with each site receiving a unique number such as “SP-0001.” This site number actually links each site to years of mosquito history. By combining GIS with our database, we can use each site’s historical data to predict when a site may produce mosquitoes, what type of mosquitoes are produced there, and also bring up the treatment the site has received. The map is then “field checked” for accuracy and is then ready to be put into the weekly inspection cycle. In the Stapleton area, every mapped site is checked on a weekly basis. This allows us to catch mosquito breeding cycles and if found, will treat using a biological larvicide or growth regulator. Some of the larvicides used are actually registered for organic use, yet are still highly effective.

One group we work with is the Colorado Mosquito Control, which is under contract to Stapleton’s Park Creek Metropolitan District. Colorado Mosquito Control technician inspects these sites for mosquito larvae, and if found, will treat using a biological larvicide or growth regulator. Some of the larvicides used are actually registered for organic use, yet are still highly effective and very selective. Biological larvicides are the product of choice because they are naturally occurring throughout the world and have not been altered or genetically modified. We focus on using mosquito control products that have years of data and are selective only on mosquito larvae, thus they have little to no impact on the environment.

Our technicians are out in the field every day identifying possible trouble spots, but each resident of the Stapleton community can play an important role in mosquito elimination by removing the potential breeding areas, such as standing water in flower pots to children’s toys collecting sprinkler water, or by contacting us at Colorado Mosquito Control. Over the years, the general public has helped us identify many sites that have proven to be large mosquito breeding areas.

So the next time you see a technician in your area, whether you have information for them or a question they can answer, stop them and say “hello.” To contact our office, dial 303.558.8730.

Tony Stilwell is the Northeastern Operations Manager for Colorado Mosquito Control, which is under contract to Stapleton’s Park Creek Metropolitan District.

Seeing Double?

Members of StapleTwins gathered recently at Stapleton to discuss issues of mutual interest. Look for more information about StapleTwins in an upcoming issue of the Front Porch.

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2005 Summer Water Use Program

The Denver Water Board announced its 2005 Summer Water Use Program at the May 11th meeting. The 2005 program takes effect June 1st. See www.denverwater.org for complete information.

Mandatory Components
Do not water between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Penalties for water waste are in effect. The first violation results in a $50 fine, the second violation results in a $100 fine, and the fourth violation may result in suspension of water service.

Voluntary Components
Three day-a-week turf watering schedule
Even numbered single family homes: Monday, Wednesday, Saturday
Odd numbered single family homes: Sunday, Tuesday, Friday
Multi-family, HOA’s, Businesses and Government:
Odd numbered single family homes: Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday

Water flowers, trees and shrubs as needed, on any day,
Three day-a-week turf watering schedule

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Sustainability Resources
Education is at the core of all of our sustainability initiatives at Stapleton. As Director of Sustainability, it is my goal to encourage individuals to change just one behavior in their day-to-day lives. Here is a handy list of sustainability programs and resources available to you:

Stapleton Farmers Market – The Stapleton Farmers Market opens Sunday, June 5th. Come to the market to greet your neighbors, meet Colorado food producers, purchase luscious fresh fruits and vegetables, and enjoy the ambiance that Colorado Fresh Markets will create. I look forward to seeing you there!

New Leaf - Each month we publish a monthly flyer with tips for sustainable living called New Leaf. You can download two years’ worth of issues from our website at www.stapletonsande.com.
You can also sign up to receive New Leaf via email from our website or pick it up in paper form at the Stapleton Visitor’s Center.

New Leaf for Kids - In 2004 we started distributing New Leaf for Kids to area elementary schools. New Leaf for Kids is available on our website and at the Stapleton Visitor’s Center and features fun tips and activities to help children understand the principles of sustainability.

Denver Recycles - Denver Recycles’ website (www.Denvergov.org/DenverRecycles) has great information on managing household hazardous waste, composting, and residential recycling, including a recycling directory that allows you to locate the nearest drop-off recycling center for a wide range of materials that are not included in Denver Recycles’ program.

Tri-R Recycling Center - At Stapleton we are very lucky to be close to the main Tri-R Recycling Center, located at 3600 East 48th Avenue (north of 179 between Colorado Blvd. and Vasquez) where you can recycle cardboard, paperboard, phonebooks, and much more.

If you have an interest in sustainability or questions about resources, feel free to contact me at mknott@stapletonsande.com with ideas. We want to help make it easy to change daily habits!

Recycle Your Old Sneakers!

Dig out your old, tattered sneakers from the back of your closet and bring them down to the 29th Avenue Town Center June 1-8 for recycling! Denver Recycles/Solid Waste Management and the Metro Denver Sports Commission are teaming up to collect more than 5,000 pairs of old athletic shoes as part of the Reuse-A-Shoe program sponsored by the National Recycling Coalition, Inc. and Nike. Stapleton is one of four collection sites in the Denver area.

There will be a recycling bin at the southwest corner of 29th Drive and Roslyn St. in the parking lot behind Noodles & Company from June 1-8. All brands of sneakers will be accepted. Shoes with metal cleats or spikes, flip-flops, sandals, pumps, dress shoes and boots will not be accepted for recycling. Shoes that are wet, tied together or in plastic bags will also not be accepted. The recycled shoes will be made into a material used to make new athletic playing surfaces, such as basketball courts and soccer fields. For information on recycling your old sneakers, please call Denver Recycles at 720-865-6805.
Long-Time Denver Residents Connect with Stapleton

Stapleton is a diverse community comprised of unique people from all over the world. We each have a personal history. Meet Michael Wear and James Deaguero, Stapleton residents since 2004.

Mike was born in San Diego, CA. He is the oldest of three children and the son of a Vietnam veteran Navy pilot. As a child, Mike enjoyed riding bikes with his friends and camping with his family. He was avid tennis player and member of his high school's tennis team in Venice, CA. He attended junior college for two years at nearby Moor Park College before relocating to Denver.

He worked in photo labs developing prints and motion picture film, including practice films for the Denver Broncos (used before video tape.) According to Mike, he had an “all-access pass to the stadium” where he would retrieve the film from the cameras located behind the scoreboard and other vantage points. In 1984, he started a career with the U.S. Postal Service where he has been a clerk at the Montclair Station for the past ten years.

James was born and raised in Commerce City, CO. The seventh of ten children, he has five brothers and four sisters. James grew up in a family where he and all of his brothers were involved in team wrestling and trained virtually year round. The Deaguero family has produced several state champion contenders. After graduating from Adams City High School, James attended UNC and then Metro State, but found working full time and attending college too burdensome. He soon started his career with the Postal Service where he has worked for 20 years and is now a clerk at the Park Hill Station.

The Postal Service brought James and Mike together about 17 years ago. They have earned tenured positions and receive 5 weeks of vacation per year. During their free time, they travel, play volleyball, and visit with their large extended families. With nearly 30 years and neighbor kids between them, there is a family event almost weekly. They also enjoy gourmet cooking and fine dining. In fact, Mike can remember and describe with vivid detail meals they enjoyed years ago.

James has a long time connection to the Stapleton Airport. As a teenager, he volunteered to transport family and friends to the airport “any time day or night.” He not only drove them to the airport, he accompanied them to the gate and waited until the outbound flight took-off and disappeared from sight before returning home. Now, 20 years later, they live on the same runway from which James used to watch the planes take-off.

Meet Michael Wear (left) and James Deaguero.

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Meet Your Neighbors

by Jody Donley

Julia White of Matching Moms

When Stapleton resident Julia White had her first child, she experienced what many moms do: feelings of isolation and the challenges of interacting with other moms while working around nap schedules. “I eventually got up the courage to go knock on a neighbor’s door who also had a baby,” she says. “Being able to conveniently connect with another mom with our kids kept us both sane.”

Julia decided there needed to be a more convenient way to meet other nearby moms, and a little over five years ago started “Matching Moms,” a website service that helps mothers meet other moms in their area and set up playgroups (www.matchingmoms.org). Julia’s husband, Jason Friedman, works as a computer programmer and was able to build the site himself. Launched in June of 2000, the site now services more than 16,000 active members and 1,200 playgroup listings from all fifty states. “Even though we live in a community with lots of families with young children, new friends don’t just fall into our laps,” she says.

“There’s effort and time involved to make those connections, and our website can be one of several ways for moms and kids to meet.” Not only can moms make initial contacts over email, they can also match up to moms with common interests and children of similar ages.

Prior to having children, Julia worked as a clinical social worker and Employee Assistance therapist, specializing in children ages 0-3 and their mothers. Creating “Matching Moms” has given her different ideas about how to utilize her social work degree, but it has also presented new challenges. When Julia and her husband first conceptualized the site, they hoped they could eventually get enough membership to charge a small fee. But between the “dot com” bust, having two children (Abigail, age 6 and Charlie, age 3), and moving, they have not yet been able to attract the millions of members that would help them maximize the site’s potential. While they hope one day to add features that will create a good revenue stream, for now “Matching Moms” remains a labor of love.

Asked for her advice to those starting a home-based business, Julia says, “If you feel strongly about your business, don’t let the fatigue and discouragements stop you. Keep plugging along, because you will eventually have something to show for all of your work. And there is much to be gained by the process alone, even if you don’t end up with what you initially envisioned.”

Kathy Epperson is a Stapleton resident who writes about home businesses.
Use Lawn and Garden Products Cautiously Around Pets

On weekend mornings in the summer my family and I often wake up to a symphony of lawnmowers, weed wipers, and mowers. People work hard at our yards and gardens now will soon enjoy delicious tomatoes, beautiful blooming gardens, and deep-green lawns.

Just last weekend my parents came by to help me in my garden. And along with several garden tools, my Dad brought the weed killer. My Mom and I shared a knowing glance. With my dog and cat, who begrudgingly share their backyard space, it can be hazardous to have weed killers and fertilizers.

However, for pet owners who want to spruce up their yards and use lawn care products, reading the label and using the products properly is the key to keeping pets safe. Problems usually arise only when people apply lawn care products incorrectly or when a pet is accidentally sprayed or allowed on a freshly sprayed lawn too soon.

Most lawn care products fall into three categories: fertilizers, insecticides, and herbicides. If you use these products correctly and read the label, most really do not cause a problem. In general, most residential-use products have low toxicity. But everybody makes mistakes. It isn’t unheard of for a person to grab a bottle of herbicide instead of the fertilizer and accidentally dose the cat. With these yard products, any direct exposure can be a problem. If you find your pet rolling or walking in a recently sprayed area or spray him by accident, immediately wash the substance off with a mild dish soap, such as Dawn, and contact a veterinarian.

Insecticides tend to be more toxic to pets than herbicides or fertilizers. There are a few insecticides not in the garden, especially those for roses and molluscicides for snails, that can be very toxic. People need to be especially careful with these products around animals.

Your pets will thank you for following instructions and using common sense with lawn care products. So, put your animal in a safe place, away from the area of application. Store all fertilizers, insecticides, and herbicides where pets cannot gain access. Keep all products in the original container and make sure the label is intact and readable before using. Then, always read the label and follow directions exactly. And finally, make sure a treated lawn is completely dry after waiting the maximum period recommended on the label. To be extra safe, consider watering down the lawn after application and letting it dry before allowing pets into the area.

If you notice your dog or cat acting strangely, stumbling, salivating, vomiting, or having seizures and especially if you have recently applied a lawn care product, call your veterinarian or ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (1-888-4 ANI-HELP) immediately. Don’t forget to have the product in hand so you can tell a veterinarian what chemical your pet may have been exposed to.

For the latest information and advice on the pet-friendliness of specific lawn care products and less toxic alternatives, consult your veterinarian or the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center.

Dr. Smith is a Stapleton resident. Her clinic, the 29th Avenue Animal Hospital, is located on the courtyard next to Fantastic Sams in the 29th Avenue Town Center. For more information, call 303-394-1937.

On the Golf Course

Golf Pro Sherri Keller

By Sherri Keller

Whether you are left-handed or right handed, a slice will get you in all sorts of trouble on the golf course. What causes a slice? Your swing path is outside to in and the clubface position is open at impact. An outside to in swing path happens when the path of the club is swinging more away from the body on the back swing and too close to the body on the forward swing. If the clubface is open at impact it will create counter clockwise spin on the ball which causes the ball to slice.

Improper alignment and grip are two major contributors to a slice. When aligning to your target, do your best to aim the club first. Position your body so it is parallel to your target line. Visualize railroad tracks running from the ball to the target. Imagine the ball on the right rail and your body on the left rail. Use your alignment to help get this more consistently to practice with two clubs on the green. Positioning one club at the target and the other parallel to it. Placing a ball in between the clubs will give you a good visual of proper alignment.

The only connection to the golf club is your hand, therefore making your grip and grip pressure a critical factor in your swing. Hold the club in the fingers of your hand and not in the palm. This allows you to square the clubface at impact. Make sure you can see two knuckles on the back of your left hand (for right handed golfers). Always hold the club with light pressure as if holding a tube of toothpaste.

Concentrating on these key areas will help you get the clubface back to square at impact, thus sending the ball off without that slice spin you were creating before.

Sherri Keller is a Stapleton resident, an LGPA Member and a teaching professional at Kennedy Golf Course. She is available for private lessons and group instruction 7 days a week. Contact her at 303-755-0105 ext. 272.
Stapleton United Neighbors Editorial
New Board Members, Pool Issues, Dog Ordinances

On May 17, Stapleton United Neighbors (“SUN”) held its annual election for one-half of the seats on its Board of Directors. Current SUN President Bill Fulton was re-elected, and the SUN Board received an infusion of new perspectives and ideas through the election of Anthony Aaxon, Michael Berlincqua, Rob Goldstein, Susan Hadinger, Mike Johnson, Danielle Kearns, and Justin Silverstein. Each Board Member will serve a two-year term with SUN, and will participate in one of SUN’s working committees. These committees are open to participation by residents, and include the Education, Public Safety, Traffic, Outreach, Communications, Membership, Smart Growth, and Community Relations Committees. Together with continuing Board Members Bernard Doucet, Elizabeth Garner, Mike King, Melissa McQuen and Bryan Penny, the Board represents a wide array of backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences, and seeks to continue to transcend the typical neighborhood association focus on pure advocacy and also proactively addressing neighborhood concerns, engaging in joint problem-solving and dispute resolution, and building common ground within the neighborhood. SUN also thanked outgoing Board Members Gregory Diggs, Jason Longson, Jeppe Koeppe, and Caroline Wilten for their dedicated service on the Board.

Among other things, the meeting included an update on the Stapleton pools. Last fall, SUN facilitated a neighborhood meeting on issues regarding the pool, and followed up throughout the winter and spring on those concerns with Forest City and pool service provider Wild Iris. As a result, (1) the water trench running across the pool yard which, despite the best of artistic intentions, was potentially dangerous has been filled in with concrete, (2) additional shade will be available through fixed umbrellas and solar shade tents, and (3) the iron grates and metal water fountains will be replaced with materials designed to be cooler in sunshine. While substantial progress has been made, the pool hours and the opening of the new pool continue to be topics of interest that the community, SUN, Forest City and Wild Iris will continue addressing together. For complete minutes of the public meeting, visit the StapletonOnline website under Community Associations.

Dog Owners, Be Advised: Division of Animal Control to Step Up Enforcement of Dog-Related Ordinances at Stapleton

In response to concerns expressed regarding dog owners continuing to allow their dogs to roam off leash and neglecting to pick up their waste in violation of Denver city ordinances, the Denver Department of Environmental Health’s Division of Animal Control will be increasing enforcement of these ordinances in and around Stapleton. Efforts have previously been made to raise awareness by posting signs near Stapleton parks reminding residents of the ordinances and providing free bag dispensers to encourage and facilitate cleanup efforts. The ordinances exist for the public good, as fecal material from dogs poses a health risk to both dogs and humans alike, while off-leash dogs can inadvertently harm small children, other dogs, and even adults.

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Festivities at Noon, Sunday, June 18th
Block Parties

Beginning at noon on June 18, SUN’s Outreach Program will kick off the first annual Stapleton Block Party Day. Each of forty to fifty Stapleton blocks will organize and throw its own unique party. While SUN hopes to finance traveling entertainment to visit each block party, the explosion of interest in this event has made paid entertainment for each block financially infeasible. Instead, SUN has focused on providing “best practices” and fun ideas for block parties, advertising and logistical support, and adult and kids’ versions of the Block Championship of “Know Your Neighbor BINGO!” This game is sure to stoke competitive fires while building friendships – the better you know your neighbors, the more likely you will walk away with an exciting prize donated by local businesses and SUN! Below is a list of party locations and email addresses for “block captains” organizing their block’s efforts. To help make your block’s party the best it can be, please find your block number on the map (right) and contact the volunteer Block Captain listed below for your block.

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From the Stapleton
Letter to the Editor
An Open Letter from Blessed Sacrament Church
Dear Members of the Stapleton Community:
As pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, a loving Catholic Community, located immediately to your West at 4900 Montview Boulevard, I take great pleasure in welcoming you to the area. Your decision to choose the Stapleton Community for your home carries all of us to be richer for your involvement. To enhance that experience I would like to take just a few moments to tell you more about Blessed Sacrament.

Founded in 1912 the parish has grown to a point that today it consists of a parish offering a full range of Catholic Sacraments as well as preparation for the reception of these sacraments. The parish also provides a long list of religious as well as service opportunities both to participate in or to receive. Blessed Sacrament has a school which was opened in 1922 and today is a preK (3 year olds and 4 year olds) through 8th grade. The school provides a classical educational opportunity for the children our parish family and others choosing a quality private educational experience.

We are a Stewardship community and as I mentioned earlier, members of Blessed Sacrament Parish participate actively in a full range of spiritual and temporal outreach activities which embrace all phases of parish and community life. Our parish staff, schools staff and teachers are dedicated to providing every parishioner and student an opportunity for service and fellowship with those aspects of parish, community and educational life that captivates their energies and interests.

We invite you to join us! One day, perhaps in the not too distant future, Stapleton will have grown to the point that your own parish will be appropriate. Until then we would hope that you will find Blessed Sacrament as a home where your spiritual and temporal Catholic Community needs might be met and fulfilled. For more information about Blessed Sacrament Parish, please call (303) 355-7361.

Once again WELCOME to Stapleton. Please join us at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church to complete your involvement in all aspects of a truly fulfilling community life.

Sincerely Yours,
Rev. Kenneth J. Liuzzi, Pastor

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 Glassen, editor, The Front Porch, Forest City Stapleton, Inc., 7351 E. 29th Avenue, Denver, CO 80238 or email: tgleason@stapletondenver.com

Will Your Child Be 4 by Oct. 1st?
Westerly Creek Elementary School (WCE) in Stapleton is currently registering new students, Early Childhood Education (4-yr-olds) through 6th grade, for the 2005-2006 school year.

• Please stop by the school, located at 8800 E. 28th Avenue (enter through the east doors on Akron Street) and complete the Pre-Enrollment Form for your child(ren) who will attend WCE next Fall.

• Additional items required for Registration include:
  – Original Birth Certificate (a copy will be made)
  – Current immunization record
  – Proof of residency (for example: house deed, contract on house, mortgage)

• Please note: if you have already enrolled your child(ren) at WCE, you do not need to re-enroll.

• If you have any questions, or if you are reading this notice for the first time during summer (when the school is closed), please contact a co-chair from the WCE PTA Welcoming Committee: Abby Reynolds 303-321-5484 or Meg Yoder meg@familyyoder.com

New! Classified Ads
Classified advertising will be introduced beginning in the July issue of the Stapleton Front Porch. Classified ads will be accepted in the following categories: For Sale, Help Wanted, Events, Services and Miscellaneous Items.

Ad rates per month are based on the number of words: 15 words/$10; 30 words/$18; 45 words/$35. Ads must be submitted by the 10th of the month for the following month’s paper. Personal classifieds will not be accepted and Forest City Stapleton, Inc. reserves the right to refuse any classified based on content. No colors or logos are allowed in classified advertising. Classified ads will be linked or included on the StapletonDenver.com public website or StapletonOnline.com community intranet. For more information go to www.StapletonDenver.com.
Experience of a Lifetime

By Stacie Gilmore and Garrett Thomas

A nyangler would look forward to an enjoyable day of fishing for northern pike and bass, but it is even more fun when it is opportunity to bring along inner city kids who never get a chance to go fishing.

Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK) provides city kids from the Denver metro area with the opportunity to take environmental education field trips throughout the year to learn about and enjoy the outdoors. ELK introduces, immerses, educates, and inspires youth about science, nature, wildlife, and careers in natural resources. Through a partnership with the Colorado Division of Wildlife and other natural resource agencies, scientists, wildlife biologists, fisheries biologists educate and mentor youth to encourage them to develop respect and a stewardship ethic to the environment to conserve, protect, and restore natural areas and enjoy the need to help younger generation values centered on the enjoyment of nature and the need to help conserve, protect, and restore natural areas and wildlife. When these kids are planning an annual fishing trip to the unique urban wildlife preserve of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, where more than 130 species of wildlife, including deer, coyotes, white pelicans and owls thrive in a wildlife habitat in Commerce City on the northern boundary of Stapleton. The Arsenal provides a wide variety of environmental education programs, fly fishing classes, wildlife viewing opportunities, and site tours for the public. When our group of 45 kids and adults arrived at the arsenal, we had to go through an orientation before we were allowed to fish. First, we were educated about what types of fish we would be catching, basic fish biology, how to handle the fish (this was a new experience: fish with big teeth!), and aquatic ecology. Next our group learned some history about the history of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

The classroom session was very interesting and informative, but the kids and adults could not wait to do what we came here to do: catch fish! Following the classroom session, one group of 4 boys, all about 12 or 13 years old, headed to a spot that looked like “good bass territory.” Although the boys’ fisheries biologist mentor rigged their fishing poles as fast as he could, it wasn’t fast enough. Before they could even get their lines in the water, a young lady by the name of Chiquesta Cole and another group of young anglers caught the first fish of the day—an absolutely beautiful 3-and-a-half-pound largemouth bass! At first, some of the boys in the group said that a girl caught the first fish, but it didn’t take long to see that there were plenty of big bass to be caught by everyone. The group must have caught and released over 100 fish between us all, and it was only lunchtime.

Experiences like these are “once in a lifetime” for many of the youth and families in the ELK programs. In educating people of color and females about science, natural resources, and outdoor recreation, we are opening up doors of opportunities for new family activities and new career options for minority youth. The young lady who caught the first fish on our outing at the Arsenal has been involved in the ELK program since the sixth grade and is considering studying fish biology in college. As a sophomore in high school, she (continued on volume at right)

Celebrity Apply the Paint for Charity

Local broadcasting celebrities from 9News and CBS4, along with stars from Characters on Ice, are applying the paint for Colorado AIDS Project’s Let’s Dish! fundraiser. The finished plates, with all their unique designs and star signatures, will be up for auction at the 18th annual Art for AIDS Fine and Decorative Art Auction.

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an activity to do with their own children years from now. So let’s hope Stapleton will remember how much fun they had with ELK and that first time they went fishing.

Stacie Gilmore is Executive Director of Environmental Learning for Kids. Garrett Thomas is the Education Coordinator for Environmental Learning for Kids.
Bike to Work Day June 22nd

By Angie Malpiede

On June 22nd, thousands of people will leave their cars at home and use “pedal power” to get themselves to work. Cyclists can stop at breakfast stations all over the metro area the morning of the event to catch their breath and get an energy boost. This year, with the cooperation of the Stapleton Area Transportation Management Association, there will be two local breakfast stations: the Greater Park Hill Community Office at 2923 Fairfax Street and the King Soopers parking lot on 28th and Quebec in the East 29th Avenue Town Center at Stapleton. Local eateries will provide a free, healthy breakfast and snack items and riders will have the opportunity to win prizes. Online registration will open in mid-April at www.drcog.org. Call 303-458-7665 for more information.

Mobile Cyclery

Anyone planning to participate in this year’s “Bike to Work Day” may want to visit Mobile Cyclery for a tune-up when the van returns to Stapleton on Friday, May 6. Look for Mobile Cyclery in the King Soopers parking lot from 9am-5pm on that date! Angie Malpiede is the Executive Director of The Stapleton Transportation Management Association, a service provided by The Stapleton Foundation for Sustainable Urban Communities. For more information, visit www.stapletonsma.org.

The Doctor Is In (continued from page 1)

pregnant dog, a parakeet who mistook screws for edible treats, an arthritic snake and the broken leg of a guinea pig. Dr. Smith then fielded a series of questions from the kids, including one child whose cat “Smudge” had been a recent patient in the veterinarian’s 29th Avenue Animal Hospital. Dr. Smith’s clinic is located in Stapleton’s East 29th Avenue Town Center. Helping the children in their discussions with Dr. Smith was Mr. Tom Washington, a para professional who has worked for Denver Public Schools for 18 years. Chances are, Mr. Washington will not soon forget the day he spent with so many “junior veterinarians!”

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The off-leash dog park is a popular destination for Stapleton’s dog owners.

10. Residents can buy freshly grown fruits and vegetables, bundles of flowers and mingle around on Sundays at the Farmers Market.

8. Happy dogs frolic in Stapleton’s “off-leash” dog park while their owners meet new friends and neighbors.

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Infinity Builders’ Crescent Lofts on Founders’ Green are one of many upcoming options for new Stapleton buyers.
School’s Out!

Students from Westerly Creek Elementary School turned out with enthusiasm to participate in their year-end field day activities. Although the books were closed for the year, students learned an important lesson: “nothing succeeds like teamwork!” Decked out in their new “Westerly Creek Wolves” t-shirts, the children burned up energy that had built up during a successful year in the classroom.