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Block Parties Kick Off Summer



Children enjoy a cool slide to the delight of parents and friends during the 2nd Annual Block Party sponsored by Stapleton United Neighbors. The annual event has become one of the most popular new traditions at Stapleton and a great way to build strong community ties in the neighborhood as residents share good food, libations and fun in getting to know each other and celebrating the success of their community.

at Stapleton, bringing one of the nation's most widely respected early childhood education programs to Northeast Denver.

Surrounded by an enthusiastic crowd of parents and energetic infants, toddlers and pre-school aged children, Beth and Bill Letzsch cut the ribbon for their new school, which is located at 25th and Syracuse. The couple expressed their appreciation to The City and County of Denver, The Stapleton Development Corporation and Forest City for working with them to make their dream to bring high quality early childhood education and

Primrose describes its programs as a unique blend of educational child care with a nurturing, home-like environment. Beth Letzsch said she and her husband are excited about becoming contributing members of the Stapleton neighborhood. The couple will hold a Family Health Day carnival/festival at the school on June 10th, which will also be a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House of Denver.

For more information about enrollment at the Primrose School at Stapleton, call 303.322.7200 or visit their website at www.myprimroseschool.com/stapleton and click on "Parent Forms."



Parent-Teacher Association. See Page 5 for details.

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S.U.N. Forum Recycle Day

S.U.N. Editorial



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CALENDAR

STAPLETON EVENTS

The Sweet William Market will feature harpist Lisa Graziano on Saturday June 24.

Lisa, who performed with symphonies for many years, now plays primarily for pleasure. Her harp is so heavy it requires special transportation.

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS of scenes that portray life at Stapleton for the Front Porch calendar. Email to frontporch@fineprintco.com.

JUNE

Saturday, June 3rd

Sustainable Politics Stapleton Bike Tour 9-11:30am Westerly Creek School parking lot [SustainablePolitics@gmail.com]

Sunday, June 4th

Opening Day Stapleton Farmers Market East 29th Ave. Town Center 8:30am - 12:30pm

Saturday, June 10th

Stapleton Charity Chase 5K Run

Friday, June 16th

*Stapleton Under the Stars Movie Wallace & Gromit Founders' Green at Dusk Presenting Sponsor: Harkins Theater

Saturday, June 24th

Sweet William Market Founders' Green 9am-3pm Entertainment by harpist Lisa Graziano

Wednesday, June 28th

Bike to Work Day 6:30 - 9:30am King Soopers 22nd and Kearney [Angie Malpiede 303-468-3231]

JULY

Tuesday, July 4th

4th Annual Founders' Day

**Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10am **Parade 10:30am-Noon

**Games & Music at the Pools 1-3pm

**Concert 3-7pm

Friday, July 14th

*Stapleton Under the Stars Movie Madagascar Founders' Green at Dusk

JULY

Saturday, July 15th

*Community Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, July 22nd

**Pool House Casino Night

Friday, July 28th

*Stapleton Under the Stars Movie Footloose Founders' Green at Dusk

AUGUST

Friday, August 4th

*Stapleton Under the Stars Movie Chicken Run Founders' Green at Dusk Headliner Sponsor: University Family Medicine at Stapleton

Saturday, August 5th

Sand Creek/REI Work Day [Kate Kramer 303-468-3263]

Saturday, August 12th

*Stapleton Blood Drive, Aviator Pool

Sunday, August 13th

**Stapleton Ice Cream Social

Friday, August 18th

*Stapleton Under the Stars Movie The Natural Founders' Green at Dusk

Friday, August 18th

**Relay for Life Founders' Green

Check two weeks prior to event for information. *www.StapletonDenver.com *www.StapletonOnline.com (requires registration)

EVERY MONTH

Third Monday

Stapleton Pool Committee Call Jennifer Graham at 303-355-9600 for time and location

Every Tuesday

AA Open Discussion Meeting Bladium 8:00pm [Joe Mc at 303.912.7075]

Second Tuesday

Stapleton Residents' Social Events Comm. Call Jennifer Graham at 303-355-9600 for time and location

Second Tuesday

New Resident Orientation Meeting Call Jennifer Graham at 303-355-9600 for time and location

Third Tuesday

Stapleton Business Association Call for location 8am [Stapleton Foundation 303.393.7700]

First Wednesday

Westerly Creek PTA Meeting 6:30 - 7:30pm Westerly Creek Elementary School [Westerly Creek Elementary School 303.322.5877

First Wednesday

"1st Wednesdays" Home-based business group [Check StapletonLife.com for time and place-most meetings 11:30am - 1pm]

EVERY MONTH

Second Wednesday

S.U.N. Transportation Comm. Meeting 2393 Alton St. 6:30 - 8:30pm [Michael Johnson 303-292-7808]

Third Thursday

Stapleton Citizens Advisory Board Mtg Stapleton Development Corp (SDC) 7350 East 29th Ave. 7:30 - 9am [SDC 303.393.7700]

First Saturday

Bluff Lake Birders Bluff Lake Nature Center 7 - 9am [BluffLakeNatureCenter.org 303.468.3240]

Second Saturday

NE Denver/Park Hill MS Self-Help and Peer Support Group Pauline Robinson Library 10:15-11:45am 5575 E 33rd Avenue [Paula Sussman 303.813.6691]

Last Saturday

Sweet William Market May - Oct. Founders' Green 9am-3pm [Karen Pardue 303.355.6168]

Every Sunday

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Crowd of 200 Attends SUN-Forest City-SDC Forum

crowd of more than 200
Stapleton
residents and neighbors turned out on May
18th to hear an update from senior officials from the Stapleton
Development
Corporation and Forest
City in regard to future development at
Stapleton.

Sponsored by Stapleton United Neighbors (SUN), the forum provided the

audience with information about projected commercial and residential projects on the horizon, as well as a new recreation center planned for Central Park. Captain Steve Carter of the Denver Police Training Academy at Stapleton also discussed the

future for his facility, which may one day be replaced by a regional training facility serving the needs of the Denver Metropolitan Area if a suitable location and funding sources can be identified. The forum also included a lively question-and-answer session on a proposed self storage project for Stapleton.

Jim Chrisman,
senior vice president –
development for Stapleton's master
developer, Forest City, walked the audience
through a lengthy presentation that
described two medical office buildings
currently under development adjacent to



Jim Chrisman, Forest City senior V.P.- development, addresses the forum.

Walgreens in the East 29th Avenue Town Center. The larger of those two medical buildings will open late this year as the home of the University of Colorado Hospital's Centers for Healthy Living, while the smaller building, projected to

Denver Judge Andre Rudolph, a Stapleton resident, participated in the forum.

open in 2007, will house practices and services involving pediatric medicine. Mr. Chrisman also described a proposed mixed use development that could bring offices, a health club and day care to Martin Luther King Boulevard in the vicinity of the former Stapleton Visitor Center that now houses the C-TEK Stapleton venture center for small high-tech businesses. He also noted that ground has been broken on Central Park Boulevard near 23rd Avenue for professional office and retail condominiums that could accommodate retail, office, medical, dental and restaurant tenants.

Mr. Chrisman and Tom Razo, who is the developer of the proposed Shurgard Storage facility for Stapleton, also fielded questions from the audience about its proposed location on Martin Luther King Boulevard, immediately east of the new Denver Fire Station and across the street from the former airport parking structure. Mr. Chrisman said that location had been chosen to allow the storage facility, which is designed to look like an office development, to serve as a "transition"

between residential development south of MLK Boulevard and the parking structure and high density development planned for north of that main arterial.

A number of people participating in the question-and-answer period called that location unsuitable but one speaker in favor still drew applause from the audience. Forest City officials noted that if the decision is made to move forward with a rezoning required for the storage facility, there will be public hearings before the Denver Planning Commission and the Denver City Council that would allow residents to speak for and against the proposal.

The public forum was the second in eight months sponsored by Stapleton United Neighbors, the Stapleton Development Corporation and Forest City. It was held at the Denver School of Science and Technology in the southern portion of the Stapleton neighborhood.

District 2 Top Cop — Kisha Pinder

n April 13th at approximately 8:45 p.m., Denver Paramedics observed an armed robbery in progress in Stapleton's East 29th Avenue Town Center. The paramedics gave Denver Police a detailed physical and clothing description of the suspect over their radio.

The Denver Police
Dispatcher simulcast the robbery in progress call and several District 2 cars responded.
Officer Kisha Pinder was driving on Quebec St., approaching E. 29th



Officer Kisha Pinder

Avenue. when the call came out. Officer Pinder, who had just completed the Field Training Program the week before and was on her third day working as a solo Officer, was the first to arrive on the scene, just in time to observe the suspect emerging from the store and pulling down a bandana worn to mask his face. As she was approaching the scene, the

suspect was walking west on E. 29th Ave. towards her. Officer Pinder exited her vehicle and *(continued on page 12)*

STAPLETON EVENTS THIS SUMMER

Sweet William Market on the green

Stapleton welcomes a new monthly event to Founders' Green: Sweet William Market on the Green!

Sweet William Market on the Green is an open-air market, reminiscent of one you'd discover in Europe, featuring vintage and antique treasures, art, retro finds, and charming seasonal decor.

The market opens at 9 a.m. on the last Saturday of each month. Here are this year's dates!

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

SATURDAY, JULY 29

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

See you at the Market!



Welcome back to the third season of Stapleton Under the Stars, Stapleton's own outdoor free movie series!

Movies are screened at Founders' Green in the East 29th Avenue Town Center on Friday nights beginning at dusk.

The 2006 series schedule is:

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 - Wallace & Gromit

FRIDAY, JULY 14 – Madagascar

FRIDAY, JULY 28 – Footloose

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 - Chicken Run

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 - The Natural



Visit StapletonDenver.com for more information on all events!

2006 Founders' Day on the 4th of July!

Celebrate our country's community's founders on the 4th of July at Stapleton!

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. PANCAKE BREAKFAST Benefitting the Denver Firefighters Relief Fund Run by the Hearts of Fire! \$2.50 per ticket – buy online at www.wildirisrecreation.com; \$5.00 at event. 29th Place & Trenton Street.

10:30 a.m. - Noon

STAPLETON COMMUNITY PARADE Beginning at Founders' Green. Sponsored by the Master Community Association.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. *GAMES AT THE POOLS* Games and live music for the whole family at Aviator and Puddle Jumper Pools! *Sponsored by the Master Community Association.*

3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

FOUNDERS' DAY CONCERTS
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3:00 p.m. – The Outlets 5:00 p.m. – Boogie Machine



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HEALTH & BEAUTY

A Day Spa Offer: 20% off of any one product with purchase of any service. Location: Quebec Square

A Wild Smile **Pediatric Dentistry** Offer: Free well baby check up for 12-18 month-olds. Location: East 29th Avenue

Bladium Sports Club Offer: \$75 for initiation fees.

Town Center

Curves Offer: 50% off initiation fee. Location: East 29th Avenue Town Center

Executive Tans Offer: 20% off select lotion with purchase of a session. Location: Quebec Square

Fantastic Sams Offer: 10% off all services and professional products. Free haircut with color service. Location: East 29th Avenue Town Center

GNC at **Quebec Square** Offer: \$5 off a purchase of \$30 or more. Location: Quebec Square

Great Clips Offer: 20% off any product with haircut purchase. Location: Quebec Square

Phoenix Yoga Studio Offer: One month unlimited, first timers \$79. Stapleton residents. Location: East 29th Avenue Town Center

Sports Clips Offer: \$2.00 off a men's or boy's haircut. Location: Quebec Square

Stapleton Health and Wellness, LLC. Offer: Every resident will get their first yoga class

Stranz Beauty Supply/Salon Offer: 10% off all service and professional products Location: Quebec Square

SERVICES

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SERVICES (cont')

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Credit Union at Stapleton Offer: Receive a FREE \$20.00 gift when you open your new Credit Union at Stapleton account! Location: Quebec Square

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LolliLocks **Kid Salon** Offer: 10% off any one product purchase with a purchase of service Location: Quebec Square

New Avenues Real Estate Office Offer: \$100.00 gift certificate toward select Stapleton merchants. Location: East 29th Avenue Town Center

PostNet Offer: \$3 off Fed Ex and/or UPS shipments (excluding ground service). Location: East 29th Avenue

Town Center

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Renaissance **Denver Hotel** Offer: Special room rate, savings up to 33%. Offer valid though 12/30/05.

Stapleton Home Services Offer: Free Estimates For Maid Service, Carpet Cleaning & Window Washing.

SERVICES (cont')

Stapleton Realty, LLC

Offer: Free move-out house cleaning (\$250.00 value) when you sell your home with Stapleton Realty PLUS discounted commissions.

Tires Plus Offer: \$9.99 oil change; 10% off any automotive service; \$25 off of a set of four tires; \$30 off your 30, 60 and 90k scheduled maintenance service. Location: Quebec Square

Town Center Apartments Offer: Receive \$100.00 off of your move-in costs when you lease at Town Center Apartments Location: East 29th Avenue Town Center

UPS Store Offer: 50% off black and white copies. Location: Quebec Square

US Bank Offer: .25% discount on ANY fixed rate loan. Location: East 29th Avenue Town Center – in King Soopers

U-Shampooch Self Service Dog Wash & Pet Boutique Offer: Free treat with any bath. Location: East 29th Avenue Town Center

MISC. RETAIL

Amore Fiori Offer: Saturdays - get two for one on select flowers. Location: East 29th Avenue Town Center

Baby Power Offer: \$10 off of class session fee Location: Quebec Square

Cat's Music Together at the Bladium Offer: \$5 off tuition for each registered child in your family.

Cingular Wireless Offer: FREE Vehicle power adapter with new activation Location: Quebec Square

Grape Leaf Offer: 5% off liquor and wine purchases Location: East 29th Avenue Town Center

Graham Taylor Photography Offer: 15% off listed Wedding Package or 50% off portrait sitting fee.

Instant Imprints Offer: 10% off of all products and services. Location: Quebec Square

SERVICES (cont')

Miss Talulah's Offer: 10% off all lighting products. Location: East 29th Avenue Town Center

V2K Window Fashions Offer: 10% off of orders of \$100 or more.

RESTAURANTS

Anthony's Pizza and Pasta Offer: 10% off all items Location: East 29th Avenue Town Center

Character's Sports Bar & Grill (at the **Doubletree Denver**) Offer: 10% discount on all food and beverage.

Cold Stone Creamery® Offer: \$1.00 off "Love It," or "Got to Have It" creations. \$3.00 off cake order. Location: East 29th Avenue Town Center

Copper Canvon Grill & Bar at the **Renaissance Hotel** Offer: 15% discount on all food and beverage.

Coral Room Offer: Free dessert with the purchase of an entrée. Location: East 29th Avenue Town Center

Doubletree Denver Café Offer: 10% discount on all food and beverage.

Inta Juice Offer: 10% off of any item. Location: Quebec Square

Kyle's Saloon and Eatery Offer: FREE salad with dine-in pizza or calzone order.

Noodles and Company Offer: Free fountain beverage with purchase of entree sized bowl. Location: East 29th Avenue Town Center

Panera Bread Offer: \$1 off Sandwich. Salad or You Pick Two. Location: Quebec Square

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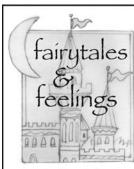


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Recycle It @ Stapleton

he first annual Recycle It @ Stapleton event on Saturday, May 13th in the parking lot of Tires Plus was a great success! The event was sponsored by the Greater Stapleton Business Association, The Stapleton Foundation and Forest City Stapleton. Here are the impressive results:

Shred-It collected over *1,500 pounds* of paper to be shredded. Thanks to the Shred-It driver, Jay Hollingsworth, and general manager, Lynn Anthony, for donating their time and truck.

Tires Plus provided a home for the event, and Lee Boyd and his crew collected used tires, batteries, motor oil, transmission fluid, steel and aluminum scrap.

Diana and Michael Kearns of **The Kearns Team** at RE/MAX City Horizons at Stapleton hosted a Moving Box Exchange by collecting used boxes and distributing them to Stapleton residents and new residents getting ready to move. This was a great opportunity to keep used boxes out of the landfills, and save some money by reusing them! The Kearns Team still has more boxes available and they are always looking for more. If you either have boxes you would like to give away, or if you need boxes, please call Diana Kearns at (303) 598-2076 or e-mail Info@BuildingStapleton.com. If you have old boxes that are no longer usable you can recycle them with Denver Recycles. Go online to www.denvergov.org/recycle for more

The Stapleton Rotary Club collected 63 PCs and Macs, 47 Monitors, 17 Printers, plus scanners, and other accessories for charity. All of the computer equipment has been delivered to AHAN, the Aikido Humanitarian Action Network. Since 2004, AHAN has cleaned, refurbished, and

Birdhouse Fundraiser

A Home for All

ur feathered friends will soon have their very own homes at Stapleton. Stapleton builders have constructed 16 birdhouses that will be auctioned off at a silent auction from June 1st through July 4th. Proceeds will go to Westerly Creek Elementary PTA. There are two auction categories 1) In Honor/Memory, and 2) Take Home.

The birdhouses for the "In Honor/Memory" Category will be available for the public to bid on and will be permanently placed in a specific location in one of six designated parks in Stapleton. A paver stone or plaque signifying the person being honored or memorialized will be placed in the ground at the base of the birdhouse. The birdhouses for the "Take Home" Category will be available for the public to bid on and take home to place in their own yards. Minimum bids will start at \$100.00.

The birdhouses will be on display at the Stapleton Visitor Center at 7480 E. 29th Avenue from June 1st through July 4, 2006. Bid sheets will be at the Stapleton Visitor Center. Please stop by the Visitor Center daily Monday – Saturday from 10:00 – 7:00 p.m and Sundays from 10:00 – 5:00 p.m. to bid on one or more of these beautifully designed birdhouses. Bidding will continue on July 4th until 5 p.m., with the top bidders being announced during the concert at Founders' Green on the 4th of July at 6:30 p.m.

sent computers to schools and other needy organizations in Mongolia, Nepal, and Mexico. AHAN's 2006 goal is to ship 100 computers to Bangladesh, and this donation puts them well on their way! For more information on AHAN, please visit http://www.nippon-kan.org/ahan/ahan.html

The Stapleton Rotary Club also cooked burgers, hot dogs, and pulled pork, and collected \$450 in donations to be distributed to Bluff Lake, The Urban Farm and Sand Creek. Thanks to Matt Ackerman, Jason Brown, Michael Kearns, Bill Rawlsky, Steve Wise, and Tom Wolf for their time and hard work. For more info on the Rotary Club, call Michael Kearns at (303) 598-3468 or e-mail Rotary@BuildingStapleton.com.

Thanks also to Angie Malpiede of the Stapleton TMA, Steve Norris from Bluff Lake, and the folks from Denver Recycles for their support and participation!

06-07 Registration for Westerly Creek During the Summer

By Kathy Epperson and Christine Nelson
Testerly Creek Elementary is growing by leaps and bounds. Since opening in 2003, the number of students has increased 500 percent! We expect at least 570 students in the 2006-2007 school year at both the Westerly Creek Primary building (ECE through grade 3) and the new Bill Roberts building opening this Fall (grades 4-8).

To formally enroll, families living in Stapleton (or soon to be living in Stapleton) must present a birth certificate, a copy of the child's latest immunization record, and proof of residence. For families that are building homes not yet completed, please bring a copy of the purchase agreement/contract; for families that are renting, please bring a copy of the lease agreement.

Registration for new students in grades ECE-3 can be completed at the Westerly Creek primary building on East 28th Avenue (enter at the east entrance located at 28th and Akron St.). Registration for new students in grades 4-8 can be completed at this same location until the new Bill Roberts building, located at Central Park Blvd. and Montview Blvd., opens in August. Office hours at the Westerly Creek primary building on 28th Avenue are 8:00am to 4:00pm until June 2, then Tuesdays during the rest of the month of June from 10:00am to noon. The office will be closed for the month of July. Starting August 7, 2006, the office in both buildings in the Westerly Creek campus will be open for registration from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Westerly Creek students and parents are invited to an orientation and Lemonade Social on August 17th. For details, see your information packet or check out the new Westerly Creek website that launches early this summer. The first day of school is August 21! Join us for the annual Pool-to-School walk that morning at Aviator Pool.

See you in the Fall!

WANTED: Young Entrepreneurs for Business Competition

Young Americans Center for Financial Education is seeking young business owners to apply for the 5th annual Celebration for Young Entrepreneurs, a unique business competition for entrepreneurs, ages 6-21, who currently run a business in Colorado. This competition recognizes and rewards young people who have taken risks to start and run their own businesses. Among the 2005 winners was Jordan Shelton, a Stapleton resident and founder of "Step by Step" a circular delivery service.

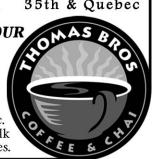
Examples of businesses from past years include photography, note cards and placemats, door-to-door delivery service, jeans purses, gooey flubber and more. Whatever your business, we want you to apply! One winner and two finalists will be selected from each of four age categories. The application deadline is June 15, 2006. Go to www.yacenter.org for more information or to download an application, or call 303-321-2265. All applicants and winners will be honored at a dinner Sept. 21, 2006.

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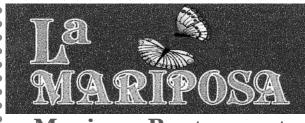
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"We're reopening the refuge on

schedule as expected," said Refuge Manager Dean Rundle. "The clean up is going well, and we're looking for-

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Lake Mary at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge.

ward to having visitors here to enjoy the fishing."

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closed the refuge to visitors in April and May as an added precaution during the initial phase of the Basin F Wastepile clean up.

reduced pace while the odor controls were proven effective.

After six weeks of work with no odor complaints, the project continued at a faster pace under the ongoing oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Tri-County Health Department. The Arsenal will continue its 24-hour odor monitoring throughout the project, which is scheduled to end by October 2007.

The Basin F Wastepile is one of the last major clean-up projects at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal as it completes the transition into a premier urban national wildlife refuge. Only two more projects involving contaminated soils remain.

When the refuge reopens June 3, residents will once again be welcome for drop-in visitation every Saturday and Sunday. Two-hour trolley-tram wildlife viewing tours will also be held every Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m. The refuge is also hosting a new wildlife photography exhibit by Jerry Goffe. His photos, which focus on images from Col-

orado and the Southwest, can be seen at the Visitor Center.

For questions about the Basin F Wastepile clean up, please call the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Community Information Line at 303-289-0136 or visit the Arsenal online at www.rma.army.mil. To learn more about the 2006 fishing season, tram tours and nature programs, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 303-289-0930.

June Nature Programs

Fishing Fever -

Sat., June 10 — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free fishing day, with fishing and activities for kids.

Early Birders

Sun., June 11 — 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. View the winged residents of the refuge in the early morning light. Recommended for ages 12 and up.

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Information of interest from local real estate professionals

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Close the air vents in rooms not in use. For example, close the vents and shut the door to an unused guest room.

Keep heat producers far from your thermostat in summer. Floor lamps and televisions can significantly raise the temperature in the area near a thermostat, turning on your air conditioner too often.

Run both furnaces. If you have multiple furnaces or air conditioners heating and cooling one home, you must run them both for the most efficiency. Running one will just

cause it to work over-time to heat or cool the whole house.

Clean your furnace and air conditioner filters. Replace existing dirty air conditioner or furnace filters. Replacement is recommended every 30 days.

Operate large appliances during low –use periods in summer. Use your washer and dryer and other

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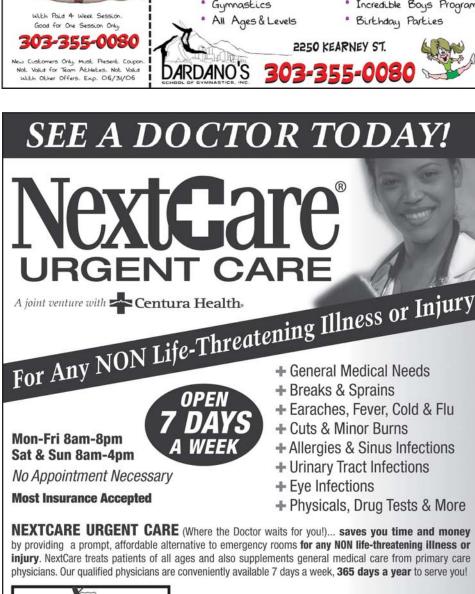
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Accomplishing just a couple of these tasks may increase your homes value and may end up saving you a few dollars in the process.

Sarah Rogers is a Stapleton resident, President of the Westerly Creek PTA, and a Real Estate Broker with Metro Brokers Rogers Real Estate Brokerage in the Town Center. She may be reached at 720-480-5578.





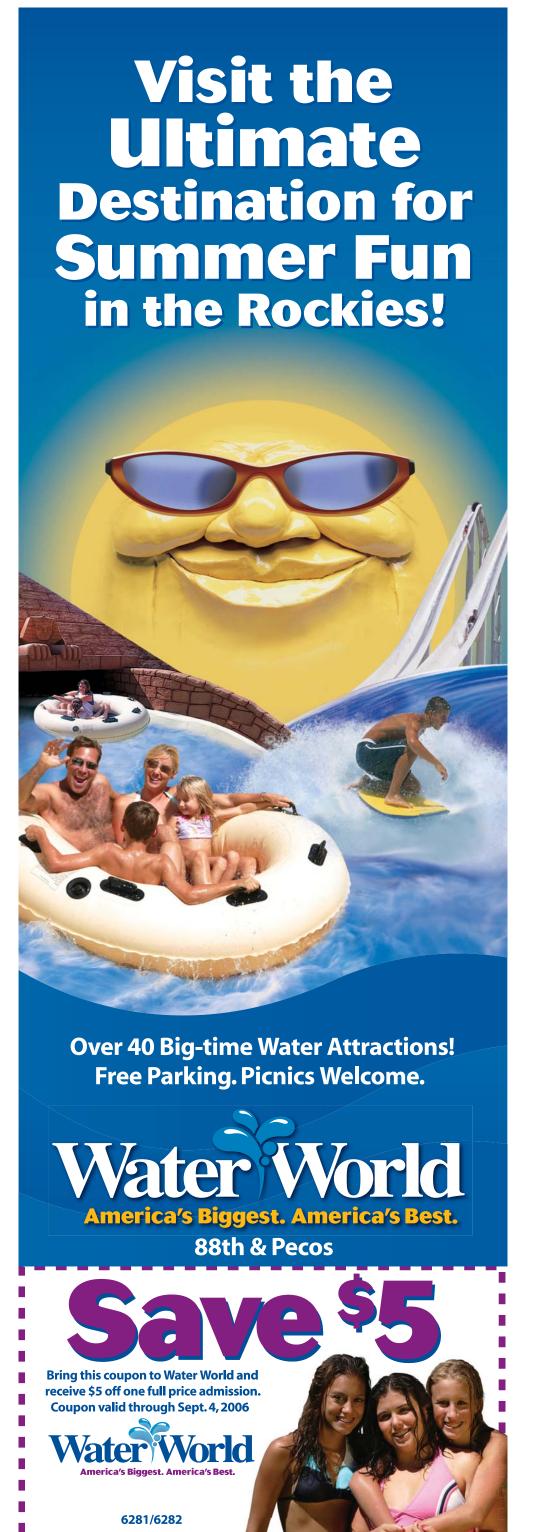
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The 2006 "Flicks on the 'FAX" film series will run June 17 through August 12 with movies that will begin showing at sunset on a customized outdoor movie

screen. Moviegoers are advised to bring a blanket or lawn chairs and get there early to secure the best seat on the plaza and enjoy pre-show activities ranging from craft projects to trivia games. Refreshments will be sold on site. Visitors will not be permitted to bring alcohol or dogs to the

Flicks on the 'FAX is sponsored by the Aurora Credit Union Alliance. For more information, call the Flicks on the 'FAX hot line at 303-326-8804 or visit www.auroragov.org/flicks.

2006 Flicks on the 'FAX

June 17: Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG) June 24: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG)

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July 15: Madagascar (PG) July 22: Yours, Mine and Ours (PG)

July 29: Zathura (PG)

Aug. 5: Coach Carter (PG-13) Aug. 12: King Kong (PG-13)

For more information about Aurora summer activities check www.auroragov.org. Register for classes and leagues at www.auroragov.org/recreation Sign up for newsletters at: http://www2.auroragov.org/apps/Newsletter/ NewsletterSubscribe.cfm?Return

Guard-A-Kid

Guard-A-Kid, the child ID and safety program, will be at Baby Power (Quebec Square 303-377-8855) on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month. Parents will receive 2 wallet ID cards, full sized ID sheet, CDROM containing 10 digital finger print images, color photo, child vital info. and a law enforcement specific file all for just \$15.00. Hours: 9:00am-12:30pm and during open gym 3:30pm-4:45pm

Mon. June 12, Visitor Center **Stapleton Relay for** Life Kick-Off Party

→he Relay For Life kick-off rally, from 7-9pm on June 12 at the Visitor Center, is where families, caregivers, cancer survivors, schools, companies, etc. get together to kick off the Relay For Life season, and begin preparing for the August event.

On August 18 and 19, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held at Founders Green. This event is an overnight community celebration where individuals, families and teams camp out, barbeque, dance, and take turns walking around a track relay-style (in Stapleton's case, the Founders' Green) to raise funds to fight cancer. At nightfall, participants will light hundreds of luminaries around the track in a moving ceremony to honor cancer survivors as well as friends and family lost to the disease. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life represents hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

To learn more about the Stapleton event, visit: www.acsevents.org/relay/co/stapleton.

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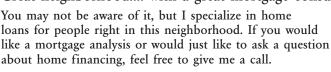


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Sustainability at Stapleton

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

Denver Recycles' Expands Service East of Westerly Creek

Denver Recycles' now offers recycling pickup service to residents in Filing 11 on the east side of Westerly Creek. Service started for residents who live between Clinton Street and Fulton Street and 26th Avenue and



Recycling now goes to Filing 11 east of Westerly Creek.

Martin Luther King Boulevard on Wednesday, May 17th.

To sign up for residential recycling services simply go online to www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles. You will be asked to enter your name, address and phone number and can even sign up to receive an e-mail reminder about your collection day. You can also call Denver Recycles at 720-865-6805 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. and a customer service representative will sign you up. Once you sign up you will receive two recycling bins at your front doorstep about two weeks after signing up. Even if you already have bins, please officially sign up with Denver Recycles so that your household is included in the participation counts for Stapleton. There is no charge for the recycling bins and pick-up service. The recycling bins are yours to use as long as you participate in

the Denver Recycles program.

Denver Recycles accepts the following materials for recycling: corrugated cardboard,

Photo by Karen Kingsbury

paperboard (cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.) office paper, junk mail, magazines and catalogs, phone books, brown paper bags, newspaper and inserts, plastic bottles, glass bottles and jars, aluminum

cans, foil and pie tins, steel cans and empty aerosol cans. All of these materials can be mixed together.

Bike to Work Day -Wednesday, June 28th!

Join fellow commuters on Wednesday, June 28th for Bike to Work Day! Bike to Work Day is held in our state each year on the 4th Wednesday of June as the crowning event of Colorado Bike Month. Over 18,000 people throughout the metro area rode their bikes and saved the region just over 268,000 miles of vehicle travel during last year's Bike to Work Day.

This year, the Stapleton Area TMA is hosting two breakfast stations from 6 - 9 a.m. One will be in the King Soopers parking lot at the 29th Avenue Town Center and another one will be at the Perk Hill

Coffee House at 2202 Kearney St. in Park

Bike to Work Day is sponsored by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). For more information on Bike to Work Day go to www.drcog.org/btwd2006/

On this site you can register to participate, find out what great prizes you're eligible to win, locate stations that will be serving breakfast the morning of the 28th, connect with resources for route planning, order t-shirts and more!

Farmers Market Shopping Tips

The 2006 season of the Stapleton Farmers Market opens on Sunday, June 4th. The Stapleton Farmers Market is held in the 29th Avenue Town Center every Sunday

morning from 8:30am - 12:30pm through September. For more information, visit

www.stapletondenver.com. Hope to see you there!

The market changes every week, so keep coming back throughout the season to see

To find out what fruits and vegetables

are in season in Colorado go to www.coloradofreshmarkets.com and look at the Colorado crop calendar.

Bring a cooler with ice packs to keep your produce fresh if you are not heading straight home.

Take advantage of the opportunity to get to know the people who produce your

If you generally buy groceries for the week over the weekends, wait until Sunday afternoon so that you can take advantage of the market. You can get most of your produce fresh from the Stapleton Farmers

As you support the market, the market will grow!

Project YES Coming to Stapleton!

This June, the Stapleton Master Community Association and the Stapleton Foundation will be sponsoring a summer art and leadership program by

Project YES. Project YES (Youth Envisioning Social change) is a nonprofit organization based in Lafayette, CO, with a mission to create leadership opportunities for young people through the arts and service learning. The organization supports young people in engaging in their (continued on page 12)



Farmers Market shoppers stop for a meal or just to relax.

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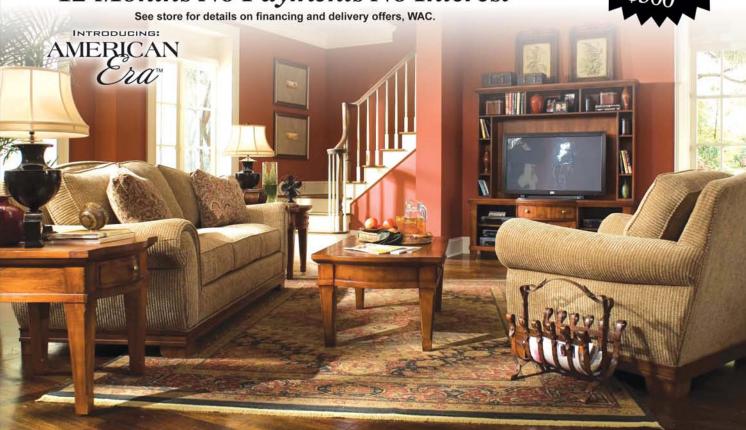
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Family Kicks

By Mike and Karen Giles Mike Giles Family Karate

Don't let television and video games capture your child this summer!

In the summer a large portion of parents allow the television to be the baby sitter while they go off to work. For some parents this works out fine, and for others, they realize they have made a terrible mistake. Why would a parent use television and video games as a babysitter? Maybe it's convenient, it seems less costly than a summer camp, or a babysitter, or maybe they just want to give them a break from structured programs, sort of a vacation from life.

The American Obesity Association (AOA) says, "teaching healthy behaviors at a young age is important, since change becomes more difficult with age." They also say that you should create an active environment for our children. One of the ways to create an active and healthy environment is to enroll your child in a structured activity such as gymnastics, tennis, baseball or martial arts. You and your child can bike, roller blade, play basketball, swim, dance, and run or take a nice brisk walk together. These activities may or may not be your cup of tea, but they are ways that parents can lead by example.

With the necessity and obsession to make money and the help of the "electronic age" our children are witnessing Mom or Dad typing away on the laptop, talking through our Bluetooth, e-mailing through our blackberry, watching cable television, reading the news electronically, listening to our I-pod, or satellite radio. (All of which I hear can be done, simultaneously) The message your children are receiving becomes obvious when you give them a choice of toys, and they choose the play cell phone.

Any activity is better than the sedentary lifestyle of watching television and playing video games. When checking out the many opportunities available for your children, this summer, make sure the environment is safe, fun and a learning experience.

If you are considering a karate camp, your child will not only have physical fun, but will learn home alone safety tips, common sense self defense, focus and listening skills, bully proofing techniques, and how to make the right choice. Simple things, that we take for granted, like not answering the door for strangers, and trusting their inner instincts, or how to call 911. These mental skills can be extremely important in a split emergency moment, where the right decision could save their lives.

The sedentary life style is easily adapted into a child's life and can cause life long problems, not easily reversed. By joining your child in any of these "sports" type things, you are not only setting the correct example but investing in their healthy future.

And I think we'd all agree there is no greater gift we can give our child than love, education and a healthy lifestyle!

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Home Work

by Kathy Epperson



E2 Business Gifts

In a world of information overload and competing marketing messages, it's easy to tune out anything that misses the mark. Stapleton resident Joanna Johnson brings to bear her passion for excellence and over 12 years of professional marketing experience in the advertising and entertainment industries in helping clients hit the mark just right. Having worked at a music label, entertainment distributor, ad agency and design firm, she was persuaded to start her own company at the urging of a good friend and mentor in the promotional product industry. Joanna took the plunge and recently launched E2 Business

Gifts as a full-time,

home-based business.

The promotional products Joanna sources and personalizes for clients range from inexpensive giveaway items used for marketing outreach to branded retail stock and higherend gifts for a company's client and employee appreciation programs. Joanna enjoys working with each client to evaluate their outreach needs and find just the right personalized promotional item for them. One of her more unusual requests was for a microwave rice steamer with an imprinted logo for a trade organization. "My customers run the gamut from an out-ofstate Fortune 500 merchant processing based non-profit

company, to a Boulder-



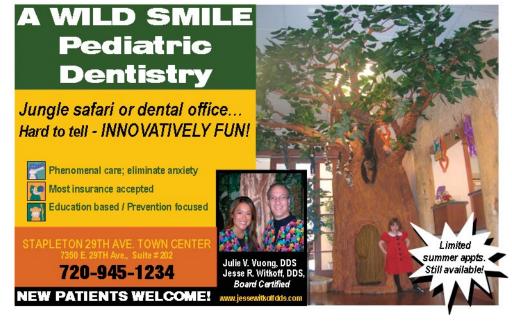
Joanna Johnson displays samples from E2 Business Gifts.

organization, to even a neighborhood-located independent start-up retail business," she says. "Frankly, the variety of both customers and promotional products that I work with is exactly what I love so much about operating E2 Business Gifts."

Joanna admits her business is a lot of work, and each product requires a great amount of research and review. "My days are filled with verifying customer details, price shopping, quality assessment issues, shipping and imprinting details, and manufacturing schedules," she explains. To stay on track, Joanna treats her home-based business with the same professionalism and structure as any other business. She starts and ends her work at the same time each day, taking one break for lunch. "It certainly can be a challenge not to get distracted by household chores and errands," she says, "but I believe my daily discipline insures the difference between success and mediocrity for E2 Business Gifts as well as my clients."

Joanna, her husband Christopher, and their dog Lennox moved to Denver and Stapleton just one year ago. For E2 Business Gifts inquiries and a gift catalog, contact Joanna at joannaindenver@hotmail.com or 303-522-3686.

Kathy Epperson is a Stapleton resident who writes a monthly column about home businesses. She may be reached at kathyox@yahoo.com.





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Keeping Pets Healthy

by Steve Rubin, D.V.M. Banfield The Pet Hospital

Preparing Your Pet for a Boarding Kennel

First and foremost: plan ahead. There is more than one errand to run, and it is best to have it all accomplished at least 7 days prior to kenneling. You will have to make sure that your dog or cat is up to date on vaccines, has a sufficient amount of their own personal food, and if they are taking any prescription drugs, that an adequate supply is available to the boarding facility. Let's consider these three errands one at a time...

Vaccines: almost all boarding facilities will require a Bordetella vaccine for dogs. This will provide some protection against Kennel Cough—the persistent dry cough that dogs often contract at kennels. The Bordetella vaccine will provide some protection against one of the causes of Kennel Cough, however, there are many viruses and bacteria which contribute to this disease. If you make sure that your dog is up to date on the Distemper vaccine, then it is likely that she is also vaccinated for Adenovirus and Parainfluenza. These viruses are also likely causes of Kennel Cough. Cats should also be fully vaccinated, because they can also contract upper respiratory viruses at boarding facilities. Two important points to note: one, vaccinate at least 10-14 days prior to kenneling, so that the vaccine will have time to provide some measure of protection, and; two, vaccines designed to prevent Kennel Cough and Upper Respiratory Tract Infections are not perfect. There are simply too many viruses and bacteria that cause the problem to make a perfect vaccine. However, it is the best you can do, and the kennel will likely require it anyway.

Food: changing food will be a challenge that your dog or cat's stomach may not like. In order to help prevent an upset stomach and diarrhea, it is best that your dog or cat receive the same food that they are already eating. Simply buy enough food to last while you're away and provide it along with their beds and toys. Any special feeding or drinking schedules should be written down and explained to the boarding facility. Also note: it is quite stressful for your dogs and cats when you are away. Do not be surprised if some vomiting, and especially diarrhea shows up when you come home. You should see your veterinarian for diagnosis and treatment, however, stress induced vomiting and diarrhea is very common when pet parents are away.

Medications: if your dog or cat requires any sort of medication, make sure that your veterinarian provides a sufficient amount prior to your departure. Beware: YOUR veterinarian must provide the prescription. You will not be able to go into any local veterinary clinic and ask for a prescription drug unless that doctor has seen your pet and has completed a physical exam. This is just another good reason to plan on having all these errands completed at least one week prior to your departure. Also, make sure that the schedule of medication administration is written down and explained to the boarding facility. In addition, if your dog of cat requires special care, for example, your cat is a diabetic, then ask your veterinarian if they provide medical boarding. This is a special situation where your dog or cat is a boarder at a veterinary clinic, but is also cared for by veterinary technicians and is under the supervision of a veterinarian.

Finally, don't worry. Your dogs and cats are very empathic: they know how you feel. Make them feel loved and comfortable when you leave: as you know, they will be looking forward to your return and very happy to go back to their regular routines.

Dr. Steve Rubin is partner and chief of staff in Banfield The Pet Hospital at Stapleton. His practice is located in the PetsMart in Quebec Square. Call 303.393.5406 for more information.



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Eat Good Food

by Annie Brown



Dinner Party Ice Breaker - Making Pizza Together

Making pizza is one of my favorite things to do with my family. My husband and I started making pizzas together nearly 15 years ago. At the time we lived in Minneapolis and making pizza was a double bonus – not only did we get something great to eat in the end, but we also warmed up the entire house!

Today we make pizza primarily on our grill. We have a pizza stone that we place right on top of the grate and can get our grill up to well over 500 degrees (we have a Big Green Egg – which is like having a brick oven as a grill). But, if you don't feel comfortable putting the pizza on a grill, try getting a pizza stone. We keep ours in the oven all of the time – it works great for warming up breads and pastries, too. Whatever you do, I just urge you to try making pizza at least once totally from scratch: dough and sauce.

One of the reasons we enjoy making our own pizzas, other than the fact that it costs less and tastes 100-times better, is that it's something to do when you're throwing a casual dinner party. Hand your guests a beer or glass of wine, a knife and cutting board and tell them to cut up some garlic/onions/tomatoes/etc. and conversation just starts to flow. I am a firm believer in participatory dinner parties. I think it helps relax people and give them a place to focus their energy if they're feeling uneasy. It's also great to see a bunch of people come together and think of new combinations for pizzas.

If it's just us, we'll sip a beer and just have fun watching the girls participate in making their own amazing creations.

The key to keeping it simple is to start your dough just before you start cutting up your toppings. I make a batch in my food processor. It takes about 5 minutes total to mix, and the rest of the time it's just rising.

The sauce is my favorite because it serves as a great non-intrusive base to a simple pizza. The flavors of the toppings really shine and are not overrun by the taste of a jarred "pizza sauce" which is frequently filled with a bunch of nasty additives and way too many "Italian Seasonings." Go for simple and your taste buds will be rewarded!

Editor's Note: Sadly, this is Annie Brown's last column for The Front Porch, due to her time constraints and a family move on the horizon. Her delightful columns about healthy food will be missed by one and all. Thank you, Annie! We're so depressed, we may go eat some junk food. People who love cooking and would like to write a food column for the Front Porch should email a sample column to tgleason@stapletondenver.com.

A Simple Pizza Dough Recipe

- I teaspoon instant or rapid-rise yeast

 3 cups all-purpose or bread flour or white
- whole wheat
 2 teaspoons coarse seas salt
- I 1/4 cups lukewarm water 2 tablespoons olive oil
- In a food processor fit with a metal blade, add yeast, flour, and teaspoons salt. Process to mix. With processor still running, add water and oil slowly. Process for only about 30 seconds at a time, taking a moment to scrape down the sides if necessary. The dough should quickly come together into a ball. If it's too dry, add a couple of tablespoons of water to the mix. Take dough out of processor and on a clean,
- well-floured area give it a few kneads until the dough is smooth and supple. In a large bowl add a bit of olive oil and spread it around. Add the dough and turn it once or twice to cover it with the oil. Cover bowl with plastic wrap or simply put a plate on top. Let sit while you finish prepping your sauce and veggies. Dough

can sit up to two hours or if you want to

make it well before your pizza-party starts you

can put the dough in the fridge until about 2 hours before you're ready to make the pizzas.

Dough makes 1 very large or 2-3 small pizzas.
Roll out dough into whatever thickness you'd like, put in oven or on grill (make sure grill is well oiled) with a sheen of olive oil over the top. Cook at 475 degrees for about 5 minutes.
Remove and put whatever toppings you'd like on top. Cook again for another 5-7 minutes until crust is perfectly browned and toppings and cheese are well cooked.

And An Even Simpler Sauce

I – 28 oz can of whole tomatoes
 Puree in your blender or food processor.
 Pour pureed tomatoes into a small pan until slightly reduced, about 15 minutes.

Our favorite toppings

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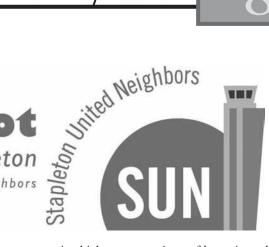
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2nd Annual Stapleton Block Party Day: "Creating Community"

SUN sponsored the second annual Block Party Day on May 20, 2006, with several dozen blocks and hundreds of neighbors participating. Block Party Day brings together neighbors and is intended to spur on neighborhood building and more block-level interaction year round. The block-level friendships, goodwill, and organization cultivated by events like Block Party Day and the SUN Kickball Tournament help bolster neighborhood-wide efforts on community policing, two-way communication of information, and the like.

Pets and Pollution: Making #2 Public Enemy #1

Pet waste is a serious public health issue and a water quality problem in Denver's lakes and streams.

- Pet waste contains high concentrations of bacteria such as E. Coli and fecal coliform.
- When pet waste is left on the ground, it gets carried by rain or snowmelt runoff into storm sewers or directly into lakes and streams.
- Water that contains high levels of bacteria such as E. Coli is unfit for human contact. Contaminated water can cause illness in humans and pets when ingested.
- The total effect of thousands of pet owners in the metro area not properly disposing of their pet waste adds up to a big problem.
- Denver's Wastewater Management Division has found large piles of bagged pet waste in the storm sewer inlets and manholes, which lead directly to lakes and streams without treatment.

Do your part - please help keep our neighborhood and Denver's lakes and streams clean. Plus, pet waste left by careless or lazy owners gives pets and pet owners everywhere a bad name!

Project YES

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communities by creating pieces of public art about community issues important to them. The organization was founded in 1990 and serves over 1,000 young people annually through inschool, after-school and summer programs.

The Stapleton Art in the Community program is open to young people in third through eighth grade. With the support of a professional artist, participating youth will gain skills in collaboration, communication, conflict resolution, critical thinking, event planning, and in a particular artistic medium. During this summer's program participants will focus on sustainability by designing and

creating a ceramic tile mosaic depicting the water cycle in words and images. The youth will also include messages to the community about conservation related to water issues and the environment.

The program runs June 12th -June 30th, Monday -Friday, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Westerly Creek Elementary School. There is a \$30 materials fee, but scholarships are available. Registration forms are available at Westerly Creek Elementary School and the Stapleton Visitors Center. For questions, contact Juliet Biagi at 720-904-8299 or Shelby Dennis at 303-399-6186.

For more information, please visit the Project YES website at www.project-yes.org.

Top Cop (continued from page 3)

confronted the surprised suspect, ordering him to the ground. She held him there until covering officers arrived a short time later and completed the apprehension. The suspect was found to have a BB gun fashioned to look like a real semi-automatic pistol in his pants pocket along with the stolen money from the robbery.

The Top Cop Citizens Committee and Officer Pinder's superiors applauded her ability to react calmly and collectively during an extremely tense situation. Because of her actions, a criminal who preyed upon the business community was successfully taken off the street.

The citizens of Denver Police District Two salute the contributions to a safer community made by Officer Pinder and her fellow officers in the Denver Police Department.

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arents' Corner: Teachable Moments

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for decades for babies as young as eighteen months old. Peeling a hard-boiled egg is educational to a tiny child, as they are learning and exercising fine motor skills. The pincer grasp they are perfecting will allow them to hold a pencil



more easily when they are older, and that is one of the basic measures of school readiness. They also learn patience, which is an attribute every kindergarten teacher appreciates. The children have fun peeling the egg, and there is the reward of being able to eat it when they are done. Having a child help you prepare a family meal by

opportunities everyday with their kids. Some are obvious, and some take a bit of explanation. Now, thanks to incredible research and efforts by Civitas, the Ad Council and United

Way of America, these Born Learning techniques are available to parents in simple forms. Nationally, they are promoting the Born Learning concept through public service announcements and a wonderful website: bornlearning.org. Here in Colorado, Mile High United Way, Anna Jo Haynes of Mile High Montessori, The Children's Museum and others have partnered to spread the Born Learning concept in our community.

peeling an egg is not only educational, but it also

meal and watch the child at the same time.

reduces the anxiety the parent has in trying to cook a

Parents have a hundred of these "teachable moment"

At The Children's Museum, our mission is education through play. If children are enjoying the activity, they will want to do it. If the activity is educational, they will learn. The fire truck at the Children's Museum is an easy example. If you ever try to take a five year old off of our fire truck, you will instantly learn how much fun it is, perhaps to the point of trying your patience. It is also educational. Children are often scared of the very firefighters who are trying to save their lives. They hide under the bed or in the closet. If they wear our

fire hats and jackets, drive the truck, flash the lights and blare the siren, they are far less likely to be afraid of the fire rescue team if an actual fire ever occurs. You don't need The Children's Museum, however, to take advantage of this teaching opportunity. When you see a fire truck or ambulance from your car, point it out to your children and explain what it is doing. Use the opportunity to teach your children how to dial 911 in case of an emergency and create an evacuation plan for your home as a family. Please look for more ideas in future articles or ask us about Born Learning at The Children's Museum.

Tom Downey is the Executive Director of The Children's Museum of Denver. He lives at Stapleton with his wife, Lori Fox, and daughters Cate and Ella.





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With great food, a chance to catch up with neighbors, and loads of fun for kids, the Stapleton Block Party Day on May 20th was another success!

Above: Noah Sanders, age 5, enjoys watermelon at his neighborhood block party. **Left:** Neighbors gather in their street during their block party.

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