The former air traffic control tower at Stapleton has special meaning for Denver architect Jeff Reddy, whose late father Paul Reddy designed the structure that was built in 1960. Jeff was just 10 years old when his father began to design the 12 story tower in the late 1950s. He remembers with great fondness his childhood trips to Stapleton Airport on family outings with his father, who passed away in 2001.

“I recall having dinner at the Sky Chef restaurant in the terminal,” Jeff said recently. “After dinner, we would go out on the observation deck to watch the planes.”

Paul Reddy was actually responsible for designing two control towers at Stapleton. The one that remains today across from Stapleton’s new Central Park on Martin Luther King Boulevard is located just east of the site where a smaller tower also designed by Paul Reddy served the earlier days of Stapleton’s flight operations. (continued on page 4)

Control Tower a Monument to Stapleton’s Past

We’re Getting Greener

The Front Porch has a new look this month. We consulted with our printing company to find a more environmentally sound paper product and are happy to announce that our new paper contains 40% postconsumer wastepaper. We encourage you to recycle this, and all other recyclable products. The paper will, of course, continue to be printed with soy ink.

Spring at Northfield Stapleton

A Guide to Volunteering at Local Charities

Young visitors to Northfield Stapleton play in the intermittent spray of the fountain located in the square along Main Street. Visible in the background is “The Airfoils at Stapleton” public art project made from recycled tail sections of old jet aircraft. See back cover for additional spring photos.

Jeff Reddy, the Denver architect whose father designed the Stapleton control tower (in the background), sits on a boulder in Central Park.

Stanley the Pointer licks Rebecca Riff who volunteers at the Dumb Friends League

By Kathy Eggerson

There’s nothing like volunteering to make you feel connected to the larger community. A sampling of volunteer opportunities in and near Northeast Denver starts on page 13. If nothing on our list seems right for you, a simple inquiry to any charitable organization will likely reveal many more options. We also interviewed community members to learn about their selected charity and the work they do. (continued on page 13)

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Every Tuesday
AA Open Discussion Meeting
[Call Jenifer Graham at 720-249-504 for time and location]

2nd Tuesday
New Resident Orientation Meeting
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3rd Tuesday
Stapleton Business Assoc. 8am
Call for location
[Stapleton Foundation 303.393.7700]

3rd Tuesday
Stapleton Cultural Arts Committee
6 - 7pm
Coral Room

4th Tuesday
Stapleton Cultural Arts Committee
6 pm - 7 pm call for location
[Jennifer Graham 720.249.504]

1st Wednesday
Westerly Creek PTA Mtg 6:30 - 7:30pm
[Jennifer Graham 720.249.5104]

1st Wednesday
“1st Wednesdays”
Home-based businesses
[Check StapletonLife.com for time & place—most meetings 11:30am - 1pm]

2nd Saturday
Bluff Lake Birders
Bluff Lake Nature Center 7 – 9pm
[BluffLakeNatureCenter.org 303.468.3240]

2nd Saturday
NE Denver/Park Hill MS Self-Help and Peer Support Group
Pauline Robinson Library 10:15-11:45am
5375 E 33rd Avenue
[Paula Susman 303.813.6691]

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Stapleton Cultural Arts Committee
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Coral Room

2nd Saturday
S.U.N. Board Meeting at 7:00pm
Stapleton Development Corp.
7350 East 29th Ave.
[Paula Sussman 303.813.6691]

3rd Saturday
S.U.N. Transportation Meeting
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Stapleton Development Corp (SDC)
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1st Saturday
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Founders’ Green – TBA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
Stapleton Concert – Brought to you by Stapleton MCA & Forest City Stapleton
500th Ave.
Founders’ Green – 2-5pm

**JUNE**

Friday, June 8
Stapleton Movie Night – Brought to you by Stapleton MCA & Forest City Stapleton
Founders’ Green – Starts at dark

Saturday, June 9
Stapleton Charity Chase
Founders’ Green – TBA

Saturday, June 16
Summer Concert – Brought to you by Stapleton MCA & Forest City Stapleton
Founders’ Green – 5-8pm

Friday, June 29
Stapleton Movie Night – Brought to you by Stapleton MCA & Forest City Stapleton
Happy Feet
Founders’ Green – Starts at dark

**JULY**

Wednesday, July 4
4th of July Festivities
Founders’ Green – TBA

Saturday, July 7
Stapleton Movie Night – Brought to you by Stapleton MCA & Forest City Stapleton
Tie-Gan
Founders’ Green – Starts at dark

**AUGUST**

Sunday, August 12
Summer concert – Brought to you by Stapleton MCA & Forest City Stapleton
Founders’ Green – TBA

Monday, August 13
Pools go to Fall operation

Friday, August 31
Stapleton Movie Night – Brought to you by Stapleton MCA & Forest City Stapleton
Founders’ Green – Starts at dark

**SEPTEMBER**

Monday, September 3
Pools close for Season

Saturday, September 15
Stapleton Concert – Brought to you by Stapleton MCA & Forest City Stapleton
500th Ave.
Founders’ Green – 2-5pm
How Parents Can Participate in DPS Planning for Future Schools

Editors note: The Front Porch asked Northeast Denver’s School Board Representative, Kevin Patterson, “How can Denver Public Schools’ parents make their views known and influence upcoming decisions on what kind of schools Stapleton may have in the coming years?” Future articles in the Front Porch will address various options within the DPS system.

By Kevin Patterson

When it comes to public schools, Stapleton residents have a wide array of choices — and opportunities lie ahead for the community and Denver Public Schools (DPS) to create even more together.

Among the current options: Westerly Creek Elementary and the Odyssey (K-8) School. Nearby are the William Roberts K-8 and the Denver (high) School of Science and Technology. Just on the edge of Stapleton sits the 6-12 Denver School of the Arts.

And by 2009 or 2010 a third DPS K-8 school is scheduled to be built near 26th Avenue and Iola Street that is architecturally designed to house two different education programs — like the Westerly Creek-Odyssey campus — if that’s what the community and the district decides will best meet the needs of area students. Responding to those needs now defines the mission of DPS.

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The Denver School of Science and Technology (DSST) announced at its annual gala on Friday, April 20th, that it will be submitting an application to the Denver Public School Board this fall to expand its charter to serve grades 6-12 by opening a 6th grade in 2008 and a 7th and 8th grade one year at a time. Should the Denver Public Board approve the proposal, DSST could begin teaching 6th graders in 2008.

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Parent Participation in DPS Planning

(continued from page 3) Stapleton and all of central northeast Denver:

Working in partnership with the community is the key to a productive future. That was made clear soon after my colleagues and I hired Michael Bennet as superintendent nearly two years ago and we adopted The Denver Plan as our roadmap to success. Its mission statement promises:

"Denver Public Schools belongs to the people of Denver, and we need the people of Denver to lend their ambition to our schools."

To realize those ambitions we must make available a variety of programs. Many parents go far beyond their neighborhood schools to find the right place for their child. DPS is aware of the growing trend toward "choice." We also know that people want from their schools, and we need to make sure they have a lot of say in the future of those schools.

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The district is also working with the community on issues specific to Stapleton and central northeast Denver:

• A committee of five parents and community members and five teachers and urban council members convened in April to interview and recommend candidates for the principal's job at Westerly Creek. The district is committed to making community interests a priority when making such key decisions.

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Kevin Patterson is the Denver Public Schools Board of Education representative for northeast Denver.
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Thanks to you, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Stapleton has raised over $80,000 in just two years. What happens to the money after Relay? Some of it stays right here.

Jennifer Matsuda, PhD., conducts immunology research, is a Stapleton resident, and is a recipient of an American Cancer Society 2-year post-doctoral fellowship that provides her with a stipend, plus an institutional allowance.

Matsuda’s laboratory is housed at National Jewish Medical and Research Center, and is a part of the Integrated Department of Immunology, which includes faculty from both National Jewish and the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

Each day, scientists such as Dr. Matsuda supported by the American Cancer Society work together to find these breakthroughs that will take us one step closer to a cure for cancer. The American Cancer Society has long recognized that research holds the ultimate answers to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Since it first began in 1946, the American Cancer Society’s research program has played a role in many of the breakthroughs in cancer. Do you know a child who has survived leukemia? Do you have a mother, sister or aunt whose breast cancer was found early with a mammogram? Do you have a friend or coworker who quit smoking to decrease his risk of lung cancer? Each of these individuals benefited from the American Cancer Society’s research program.

As the largest source of non-governmental cancer research funds in the United States, the American Cancer Society devotes approximately $100 million each year to research. This has added up to more than $2.5 billion dedicated cancer research over the years. The investment has paid rich dividends: in 1946, only 1 in 4 cancer patients was alive five years after diagnosis; today, almost 60 percent live longer than five years.

“The most important thing that American Cancer Society funding has done for my work is to provide me with time to develop my research. By giving me financial security for two years, I have the opportunity to more thoroughly develop and test hypotheses in my work that I would not otherwise have been able to pursue,” asserts Matsuda. “The American Cancer Society research grants are well known to researchers in the field of immunology.”

Dr. Matsuda grew up in Hawaii, but completed her undergraduate work in Chemistry at Washington University in St. Louis. After that, she volunteered as a junior high level biology and chemistry teacher for the Peace Corps in Cameroon, West Africa, then attended graduate school at the University of California in San Diego where she received her PhD. in biology.

She and her husband, Laurent Gapin, also a medical researcher, moved to Denver in 2002 and have lived in Stapleton for over 3 years. They have a five-year-old daughter and a one-year-old son.

The continuation of these funds depends upon the success of events such as the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Stapleton. The Relay for Life of Stapleton will be held on the Founders Green July 20-21. Contact Event Chair Melissa Darzins at 303-393-1141 or mdarzins@comcast.net for more information about forming a team, inviting a cancer survivor to join the victory lap, or to volunteer.

Robin French Haight is a Stapleton resident and Publicity and Marketing Chair for the Relay for Life of Stapleton. She became involved in Relay for Life because as the government cuts spending for cancer research it is critical that we raise private funds to continue the fight against cancer.
Westerly Creek Students & Principal Raise Money for Relay for Life

Kids at Westerly Creek and Bill Roberts schools are raising money for Relay for Life. To encourage their efforts, Principal Trich Lea and Assistant Principal Lee Cooper climbed the wall at Bass Pro Shops. (Afterwards many of the kids climbed the wall too.) This was the first of three events to raise awareness about Relay for Life of Stapleton. The next event will be held May 8 from 6-8 pm at the Coral Room. Joshua Klopper, MD, Stapleton resident, thyroid cancer researcher and American Cancer Society grant recipient, will be the speaker.
The Real Costs of Motherhood

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With Mother’s Day approaching, it’s worth taking a minute to reflect on the price of motherhood. Forgetting pregnancy for the moment – let’s not even go there – from the very first year of children’s lives, mothers’ lives are changed irrevocably.

Let’s start with the too-glamorously-real finding last month from a survey by TOMY, the nursery products company, which found that new parents lose more than 2 months of sleep during the first year of their baby’s life. They’re talking 68 nights of lost sleep in a year. This is almost too absurd to absorb.

Another survey, this one out of Great Britain, revealed that, on average, new mothers report regularly getting only 3.5 hours of sleep each night. This is also revealed by TOMY, the nursery products company, which found that new parents lose months of sleep during the first year of their baby’s life. They’re talking 68 nights of lost sleep in a year. This is almost too absurd to absorb.

And, believe it or not, today’s mothers spend more hours focused on their children than the mothers of the 1960s did. While some people apparently find this whole experience liberating, because it makes them realize they need less sleep than they previously thought they did. That’s one way to view the experience: advanced training in surviving extreme sleep deprivation.

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This is not to “do” fathers: they nearly tripled the hours spent with their kids from the dads of yesterday.

Bravo!

All this information should be enough to allow us all to take a collective sigh of relief that, as exhausted as we may be and with less than pristine houses and piles of laundry awaiting attention, our kids are getting the best parts of us.

“Quantity-time” as well as “quality-time.”

After all, isn’t that what’s stolen from time previously spent on housework (down more than 40% over 38 years). Time spent cooking, doing meal cleanup and laundry has been almost halved as well.

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By Elizabeth Yarnell

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What Kids Say About Moms

What kind of little girl was your mom?
1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don’t know because I wasn’t there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?
1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least $800 a year? Did he say no to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your mom marry your dad?
1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mom didn’t have her thinking cap on.

What does your mom do in her spare time?
1. Mothers don’t do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

Who’s the boss at your house?
1. Mom doesn’t want to be boss, but she has to because dad’s such a goofball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What’s the difference between moms and dads?
1. Moms work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller & stronger, but Moms have all the real power ‘cause that’s who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend’s.
4. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?
1. On the inside she’s already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I’d diet — maybe blue.

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1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I’d get rid of that.
2. I’d make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

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Fridays at 10:30 a.m. –
Preschool Storytime, for children who can sit and listen to short stories.

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. – Storytime with a Craft, for children who can sit and listen to short stories and participate in songs and a simple craft.

Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. – Bookbabbies, for infants 6 thru 24 months and their caregivers. Read books, sing songs, and participate in finger plays.

Super Saturday Programs at 10:30 a.m. for children and families range from comedy to music to puppet shows.

At the Pauline Robinson Branch
5575 E. 33rd Ave.
303-370-1530

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds

Super Saturday Programs at 1 p.m. on May 5, 12, 19 for children and families include magic shows and face painting.

June 1st and 2nd
East End Arts District Summer Art Walk and Aurora Asian Film Festival

East End Art Walk
The art walk, from 6 to 10 p.m. June 1 and noon to 6 p.m. June 2, will feature gallery open houses exhibiting pottery, painting, jewelry, sculpture, performing and culinary arts. Art works will include “Magic Mountains,” photography from Hunan, China, a fiber artist of Filipino descent, and contemporary Japanese Sumi ink drawings. Fletcher Plaza at 9898 E. Colfax Ave. will feature live acoustic music from 5 to 6 p.m. June 1 by the Silence Band. To obtain a map of the art walk route, call 720-203-3575 or visit www.aauroravog.org/artwalk.

On June 2, Fletcher Plaza will host all-day raku firing by Fireworks Clay Studio, spoken word and hip hop interactive workshops from noon to 2 p.m., performances by two Aurora Symphony Orchestra quartets from 3 to 5 p.m., and spoken word and hip hop dance performances from 5 to 6 p.m.

Aurora Asian Film Festival
The Aurora Asian Film Festival runs from May 31 to June 3 at The Aurora Fox. Two films will be screened during the Art Walk on June 1 and one outdoor film will show on the evening of June 2 at Fletcher Plaza. Volunteers will direct visitors to the various locations, and free pedi-cabs will be available for those who cannot or do not wish to walk among the sites. For more information call 303-326-8695 or visit www.aurorafestsion.org.

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Join Denver Museum of Nature and Science's Volunteer Team for Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition

Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition comes to the Museum from June 22, 2007 to January 6, 2008. Four hundred additional volunteers will be needed during this exhibition. Positions are available weekdays, weekends, and evenings to volunteer for 4.5 hour shifts every week or twice a month. Training will consist of lectures from expert guest speakers and Museum staff, a detailed training manual, and instruction on the facilitation of each position. Training will begin in late May. Applicants should contact LeeLee Leon at 303.370.6419 or email leecleelon@dmsn.org.
Sweet William Market
on the green
"Antiques – Art – Vintage"
The Sweet William Market will return to Stapleton’s Founders’ Green this month and will be held the last Saturday of each month from September 9am to 2pm. The open-air market hosts over 50 of the area’s best vendors – offering antiques, vintage wares, architectural salvage, fine art and folk art. Each month a local charity/non-profit will be invited sell refreshments to Sweet William shoppers to raise money and awareness for their cause. The 2007 philanthropic partners include Bluff Lake Nature Center, The Urban Farm of Denver, Relay For Life (American Cancer Society) and the United Artist Coalition for Kids (UACK).

“The charming green is littered with fabulous finds under a sea of tents – but even cozier is that this market swells with ambiance boosted by live tunes,” says co-owner Lizzie Kienast. Shopping at the Sweet William Market this season will include live music including the original music of David Potter (a bluegrass & classical guitarist), the Acoustic Mining Company, and a new duo including Michael Stroad. The vendors and merchandise reflect Sweet William owners’ appreciation for Denver’s community of vintage and antique dealers and artisans. Supporting local philanthropic efforts and musical talent blends into the owner’s aim to support cottage industry. Kim Kouba, co-owner and founder of the market with Lizzie Kienast, says, “Our corporate name not only describes that fluttering excitement we feel when we see all the fabulous finds our vendors bring, but also spells out our standard operating procedure – good work with grace. For Lizzie and I that means providing a truly top-notch level of service and support to our vendors.”

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Following is the lineup for Sweet William’s 2007 season:

May 26, 2007
Nesting…Freshen up yours with a pleasing new twist on an old item!
Philanthropic Support for Bluff Lake Nature Center
Live music provided by David Potter, Playing acoustic guitar and blue grass banjo!
June 30, 2007
Fab Find Friends…SWM 1st Annual Treasure Hunt with personal shoppers.
Philanthropic Support for American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Stapleton
Live music provided by Michael Stroad
July 28, 2007
Main Street USA at Stapleton…nostalgic summer décor and more!
Philanthropic Support for Table Mountain Animal Shelter
Musical talent: to be announced
August 25, 2007
Giddy-Up… Western Chic. Get hip on market shopping in Denver!
Don’t forget your boots!
Philanthropic Support for The Urban Farm of Denver
Live music provided by Acoustic Mining Company
September 29, 2007
Artful Autumn… Folk Art, Fine Art, Found Art!
Philanthropic Support for United Artist Coalition for Kids
Musical talent: to be announced
Since You’ve Asked…

What is going to be on the parcel just east of Harkins Theaters at Northfield? It’s now shaded “green” on the map.

The parcel immediately east of the Harkins Theaters at Northfield will be additional commercial development. The area shown as green on the Stapleton Land Use Map that’s west of Northfield is a park area with integral water quality ponds, which is designated as a park for the full duration of the development. There is potential for this area to be reconfigured in the future to accommodate an interchange ramp for I-270. However, there are no specific designs or time-frames for this future potential reconfiguration.

Are there plans to improve the road from 25th and Moline all the way to I-70 and Havana? (lighting, widening, paving, etc.)

There will be several improvements in the network of streets in that area, some of which are already completed. South of Martin Luther King Boulevard, a new section of Havana is now part of a paired couplet with a new section of Iola. In addition, Martin Luther King Blvd, which currently is completed from Quebec all the way to Havana, will be extended all the way to Peoria Street as part of filling in. It is expected that this work will commence in 2008, allowing this remaining segment of MLK to be open by year’s end 2008.

When will Havana and Martin Luther King intersection be fully open with traffic signals operating?

This intersection is now in operation along with the new traffic signals. The remainder of Martin Luther King Blvd extending east to Peoria is expected to open, and complete this portion of the street network, by end of 2008.

What is the status of the Police Academy? Is it moving? If so, when? What will happen with that parcel?

Forest City is not aware of any timetable the City of Denver may have for moving the Police Academy. In the event it is relocated and the land becomes available for development, it may become mixed use development (residential and commercial) of the type that is already taking shape along Central Park Boulevard.

What is planned on the land between Central Park and Willow and Martin Luther King and 29th Place? (Especially, the lot across from 2962 Willow). Who owns that property?

The land is owned by Forest City Stapleton, Inc. and is planned at this time for high density residential development.

Did Havana Town Center change size in terms of square feet? Number of sites? Last meeting the audience/residents expressed their opinion that Havana Town Center could be “shrink” by a pedestrian based area. Has that suggestion been discussed?

The town center planned near the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Havana (now named “Eastbridge Town Center” because of its location east of the bridge over Westerly Creek) will be smaller than the E. 29th Avenue Town Center and have single story retail buildings. The design will continue to be shaped by the goal of making it a pedestrian-friendly retail center. It is now scheduled to open in the latter half of 2008.

Now that the streets are “snow free” when will the line limits and crosswalks be painted at the intersections? Safety for our children is our utmost concern.

Street maintenance of this type is the responsibility of the City and County of Denver. Areas needing attention should be reported to the City on their “311” hotline.

We need more hours on weekends for adults to swim. Too many weekends we had at capacity – and it defeats the ability for working adults to enjoy the pool.

The Stapleton community pools have the daunting challenge of meeting a variety of patron needs. The pools also are public which complicates matters because the pools are very popular both within and outside, the community. We have had several lap swim hours during the weekdays, but for those individuals interested in lap swimming on the weekend there are always two lanes available for lap swim during open swim hours. It is unfortunate that we do not have the capacity at Aviator, and we welcome ideas from all residents as how to balance the swimming needs of the various groups in the community. Please send comments to the Stapleton Master Community staff at pools@ stapletoncommunity.com.

Taking the Lead
Your Dog Will Never Lie To You... Learn to Hear What He Is Saying

By Pat Blocker

Dogs do not come into this world understanding English or any other human language. A dog’s first language is body language. Our dogs are constantly speaking to us. We need to learn how to listen. Our relationship with our dogs becomes stronger and certainly more pleasurable when we learn how to listen. Our relationship with our dogs becomes stronger and certainly more pleasurable when we learn how to listen.

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ANIMALS & NATURE

Bluff Lake Nature Center
Do you like being outdoors, have a love for environmental science and enjoy teaching young people about nature? Or how about improving wildlife habitat through gardening? Call Kristin at 303-468-3243 to learn more about being a Nature Guide, Ambassador, Gardener or Development and Computer Assistant.

Denver Botanic Gardens
At Denver Botanic Gardens, volunteers are essential to our mission of connecting people with plants. Each year, more than 1,100 volunteers provide essential help in many areas of the Gardens, including tour guide, school program guides, library volunteers and more. Volunteers are integrated into all aspects of Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield, Mount Goliath and Centennial Gardens.
Visit online at www.botanicgardens.org for more information.

Denver Zoo
Denver Zoo is always seeking new volunteers with an interest in nature, animals, the zoo and people. Volunteers are a vital part of Denver Zoo, committed to the zoo’s mission and sharing that mission with our guests. Volunteers provide valuable assistance with administrative duties, special events, education programs, community outreach and public interpretation, feeling a sense of satisfaction and pride in a job well done. Both seasonal and year-round volunteer opportunities are available.
Call 303-376-4886 or visit online at www.denverzoo.org/involved/volunteer.asp for more information.

Dumb Friends League
The Dumb Friends League is the largest animal welfare organization in the Rocky Mountain region. They have many programs focused on providing care to lost and abandoned animals, adopting homeless pets to new homes, reuniting lost pets with their families, providing animal behavior classes and advice, investigating animal cruelty, advocating for animal-friendly legislation, and educating the public about companion animals. The main shelter is located on Quebec Street in southeast Denver. Volunteers can work with dogs, cats, or small mammals in all areas of the shelter operation including adoptions, grooming, socializing and feeding, health care, humane education, behavior, and foster care. They require a time commitment of one three-hour shift per week.
Visit www.ddfl.org/volinfo.htm or call 303-751-5772, Ext. 1933.

Two things drew me to volunteer on the Bluff Lake Board. My kindergartner, Hallie, was the first reason. She is just one of thousands of public school students who have benefited from the Nature Center’s award-winning science education program. Secondly, I wanted to help the Stapleton community become the environmental and financial stewards of this important natural area. Just as the Stapleton development creates opportunities for Bluff Lake, it also threatens the wildlife and native plants that make it unique. Volunteering makes me feel as if I’m helping both my community and preserving a crucial piece of Colorado’s natural heritage. Plus, my daughter is proud of me and tells everyone, “My mom helps Bluff Lake!” I love being involved in something that resonates with her values, too.”
Mary Seawell, Stapleton resident

Trudy Strauss, age 92, has been volunteering at the Nature and Science museum for 10 years. A long time piano teacher, Trudy originally started volunteering as a way to get out of the house more. “I take tickets and meet interesting people from all over the world,” she says. “Last year, I met a couple from India who were biking all around the world. They all have come to the ticket counter!” Trudy is the great-grandmother of Stapleton residents Max and Ethan Epperson.

A Guide to Volunteering at Local Charities

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Stapleton
I, 2004, our then-two-year-old Will was diagnosed with brain cancer. Will’s cancer was aggressive and did not fit any particular type. Because it did not fit any particular type, there was no established treatment regimen. His doctors applied various therapies, including five that were researched with funding from the Morgan Adams Foundation. Today, Will is cancer free, and his prognosis is good.  
- Brad and Robin Haight – Stapleton residents

Relay for Life
Relay for Life is an American Cancer Society event at which you can honor cancer survivors, pay tribute to the lives lost to the disease, and raise money to help fight it—all right in the community. The Stapleton Relay for Life event is just one of 4,800 in communities nationwide. Visit online at www.relayforlife.org to find out how to volunteer, participate in an event or make a donation.

Ronald McDonald House – New Location near Fitzsimons
The Ronald McDonald House provides temporary lodging and support services for families traveling to Denver for their child’s medical treatment. Families stay at the House from a few days to sometimes weeks or months. The Ronald McDonald House is building a second home near the Fitzsimons Medical Complex in Aurora, CO, to accommodate the growing number of families in need. Volunteers provide meals, cleaning help, yard work, helping families to check in and out, committee work, weekend volunteers, meal providers, and more.

Call 303-832-2667 or visit www.ronaldhouse.org.

EDUCATION/SCHOOLS
Anchor School for the Blind
Anchor Center for Blind Children will open in Stapleton this fall. Volunteer opportunities will include fundraising, office assistance, educational material assistance, and some direct work with the students in the school.
Contact Zoe Morgese at 303-377-9732 or zmorgese@comcast.net.

Denver Museum of Nature and Science
At 1,600 people, the Denver Museum of Nature & Science has the largest active volunteer corps among natural history museums in the country. Volunteers fill almost every type of position and work in almost every department of the Museum. They range in age from six to 94 and come to the Museum for the opportunity to learn while doing something unique and worthwhile. Volunteers receive free admission to the Museum, IMAX, and Gane Planetarium, discounts on food, membership, and merchandise, and special honors at annual recognition events.
Call 303-370-6419, email leedleleon@dmns.org or visit online at www.dmns.org/main/en/General/AboutTheMuseum/Volunteering/


the Children’s Hospital
The Children’s Hospital volunteers encompass all walks of life and all income levels, each volunteer with something unique to offer. The diverse group of volunteers has one thing in common, however, the desire to help sick children and their families. The Children’s Hospital is fortunate to have hundreds of dedicated volunteers who work regularly, from several hours a year to several hours a week, to provide better care for the children of The Children’s Hospital. Visit online at www.thechildrens hospital.org/give/volunteer.

Morgan Adams Foundation (pediatric brain cancer)
Morgan Adams Foundation (MAF) was formed six years ago by the parents of Morgan Adams, who died from malignant brain cancer. An initial effort to raise a little money for research has turned into a vibrant, growing organization that has held multiple events and contributed over $600,000 to fund pediatric cancer research. Call Joan Slaughter (Morgan’s mother and the Foundation’s executive director) at 303-960-5769 or visit online at www.morganadamsfoundation.org. Volunteers are needed for upcoming events, including small group events at which volunteers can present their stories and mission and ask for help.

Metro Volunteers
Metro Volunteers is a nonprofit organization that helps individuals, families, and corporate and community groups find volunteer opportunities at diverse service organizations throughout the metro Denver area, including many small organizations in the arts. Visit our site at www.metrovolunteers.org or contact 303-282-1234 for more information.

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The Urban Farm
Volunteers at The Urban Farm support the mission of helping urban youth learn about fishing and other outdoor activities. For more information contact Jeannine Kimble at 303-289-0471.

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CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL
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The Denver Museum of Natural History (DMNS) Volunteer Opportunities
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Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D), Rocky Mountain Unit

RFB&D, a nonprofit volunteer organization, is the nation’s educational library of recorded textbooks difficult or impossible. RFB&D serves more than 141,000 students from kindergarten through graduate school and beyond, including 2000 students in Colorado. Four hundred regular volunteers at the Rocky Mountain Unit tend their time to record textbooks and other academic materials for students who can’t read standard print effectively because of a physical disability.

Located at 1355 S. Colorado Blvd., Suite C-406. Call 303-757-0787 or visit online at www.rfbd.org. Betsy Boudreau is the Executive Director.

Support your schools
Every school relies heavily on parental support and volunteering. Volunteer needs typically include fundraising, event planning, teacher appreciation, book drives, technical and website help, and more. Contact your school’s PTA for more information.

WOMEN, CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Catholic Charities
Catholic Charities is one of the nation’s largest social service networks. Catholic Charities agencies and institutions nationwide provide vital social services to people in need, regardless of their religious, social, or economic backgrounds.

Watch for the Catholic Charities’ Charity Chase event in Stapleton on Saturday, June 9th, with a 5K race and a 1K Family Fun Run. The Urban Farm will bring out the llamas, goats and sheep for the family fun run. Last year there were over 300 participants in the race.

Visit www.catholiccharitysdenver.org for more information on volunteer opportunities.

Children’s Home of Denver
The mission of Denver Children’s Home is to provide a therapeutic, safe place for emotionally distressed children, adolescents and their families to heal and grow. Find out how to make a difference through their ‘adopter a child’, ‘adopter a classroom’ and ‘adopt a dorm’ programs. Call 303-399-4890 or visit online at www.denverchildrenshome.org. Located at 1501 Allston Street, Denver, Colorado 80220.

The Gathering Place (temporary location at Montview Presbyterian Church in Park Hill)
The Gathering Place is Denver’s only daytime drop-in center for women and children who are either homeless or experiencing poverty. Started in 1986, The Gathering Place provides resources for self-sufficiency such as GED classes and a computer lab, as well as emergency survival services such as showers, access to telephones and an emergency food bank. They provide on-site childcare for children whose mothers are present at the facility.

The Gathering Place is temporarily located at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church while their current facility near High St. and Colfax Ave. is demolished and a new one is constructed. Email Vice President of Volunteer Resources, Justine Zollo, at justine@thegatheringplace.org.

SENIORS

Clyburn At Stapleton is a retirement community for seniors. Volunteers can help run small classes on a variety of subjects, including exercise, yoga, arts and crafts, sewing, computers or anything of interest to seniors.

Call Chanele Richardson, Community Manager, at 303-388-1515.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Cop Shop in Northfield
The Cop Shop is a resource for the community to make referrals to city agencies (such as reporting potholes, traffic concerns, and other 311-types of issues), handling non-criminal complaints, as well as providing community information and programs. The Cop Shop also provides a convenient location for Denver Police Officers to come while on duty to file reports, check in with the community, help with current issues, and serve as a location to hold programs (Neighborhood Watch, Safety presentations, etc.) and Safety-related meetings.

For information about volunteering at the new Northfield Cop Shop, contact Kevin McGlynn, Director of Security, at 303-375-5495. Another Cop Shop in Quebec Square is planned for a future date.

CITIZENS GROUPS

C.A.B. (Citizens Advisory Board)
The Citizen’s Advisory Board (CAB) of the Stapleton Development Corporation (SDC) is a volunteer advisory board comprised of representatives of the communities and businesses in and around the Stapleton neighborhood (continued on page 27)

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New Practitioners Join Natural Balance Wellness

The recently opened Natural Balance Wellness clinic in Stapleton has expanded its roster of practitioners, welcoming licensed clinical social workers Lauren Ross and Elizabeth Taeubert. Both Stapleton residents, Lauren and Elizabeth are excited to join the community and integrate their therapy, workshops and other services into the holistic practice at Natural Balance Wellness. Lauren Ross works with children, teens and adults, providing individual and family therapy. “I particularly specialize in play therapy with children who are experiencing depression, anxiety, behavior problems, grief and loss issues, and life transitions,” she says. After receiving her Masters in Social Work from the University of Texas, Lauren practiced in Austin and then in Los Angeles before moving to Stapleton with her husband David and daughter Maya. She also currently works with Catholic Charities, where she supervises the school counseling program.

Elizabeth Taeubert, who also has a Masters in Social Work as well as in Nursing, works with individuals, couples and groups. “Both my experience as an RN as well as a psychotherapist have allowed me to be supportive to clients as they face the physical, mental and emotional challenges that arise in the course of a lifetime,” she says. Elizabeth has several years’ experience working in the fields of addictions and trauma and extensive experience working with couples and relationship issues. Elizabeth and her husband moved to Stapleton from Chicago in 2006 and getting to know the area, Lauren felt ready to start a new business. Organized by nature, Lauren recognized a need for helping others take care of household tasks and errands and started her home-based business Time to Run.

“Many times, clients don’t even realize the things they would like to have done by someone else to make their lives easier,” Gail explains. “Especially, people don’t always know who to call or where to go for the things they need. I’ve checked out all kinds of businesses around Stapleton and in metro Denver. I’ve found the best shoe repair shop, the best and least expensive place to have your knives sharpened, and the tastiest desserts in the neighborhood — along with many other great resources!”

Other services Gail offers include running to the dry cleaner, post office or video store; waiting for a repair or service person; taking a pet to the veterinarian or groomer; or dropping off shoes to be repaired and picking up a prescription. “People may not realize how affordable this type of service is,” Gail says, “especially if they have a bunch of errands or tasks to have done at one time.” Her fee is $30 an hour with a one hour minimum for most jobs. After the first hour, clients are charged in 15 minute increments. “The most important thing for those who hire me to know is that they’ve hired someone they can trust and depend on,” Gail says. “I realize that, as someone who may be going into a home when the owner isn’t there or taking their precious pet to the vet, my clients need to know that a mature, responsible person is providing that service.”

Gail, who lives in Stapleton with her partner Linda and their Cocker Spaniel Holly, enjoys watching the community grow and evolve. “I feel an amazing sense of community in this neighborhood and have met so many wonderful people,” she says. While they miss friends and family in the East, they find life here to be less stressful and the people to be a little nicer. “Linda and I joke that this is a result of more sunshine and less oxygen!” For more information, visit www.timetorunerrands.com or call 720-281-2984. Gail’s business hours for errands are Monday through Friday, 8:00am-6:30pm. After hours or weekend services may be scheduled in advance.
More Local Summer Camps

The Odyssey School
Contemporary Art Camp
Mornings will bring you to the city to look at art in public places, museums, and galleries. Afternoons will be at school making art with 2-D and 3-D art media of choice, including digital animation. June 11-15 and June 18-22 (separate camps, but kids can go to both) 8:30am-3:30pm Ages: kindergarten - 8th grade $275.00 per week for full day camp (reduced cost for Odyssey students)

Digital Story-telling Workshop
Using iphoto, itunes, imovie and garageband, kids will make a multimedia story of their choice. All levels of computer experience welcome. We will have a public screening of each movie. June 11-15 and June 18-22 (separate camps, but kids can go to both) Ages: 3rd-8th grade - 8:30am-11:30am $125.00 per week for half day camp (reduced cost for Odyssey students)

Sports Camp
Three activities per day including volleyball, badminton, ping pong, racquetball, golf, croquet, bowlining, archery, hockey, basketball, football, soccer, obstacle course, skate park, and relays. June 11-15 (ages K-2nd), June 18-22 (3rd-5th), June 25-29 (6th-8th) 12:00-3:30pm $125.00 per week for half day camp (reduced cost for Odyssey students)

By President Betse Mathiakoski
Johnson & Wales and students, faculty and staff have been living, eating and shopping in Stapleton for years. I recently learned that one of our staff members was moving into Stapleton. Joshua Castro, our marketing coordinator, recently purchased a new condo in Syracuse Village after participating in American Sunrise Communities Home Start Conference for first-time home buyers. I considered this quite an accomplishment for Josh considering he is only twenty-two years old.

Learning of this piqued my interest and made me curious: how many of us here in Stapleton have moved in? Has anyone you know moved in? I can think of five off the top of my head, not including students. From all of those, I have heard nothing but good things about living in the area. It’s safe, vibrant and is a wonderful place to have our J&W community work, live and play.

Each year staff and faculty at J&W participate in Stapleton’s Relay for Life. We have barbeque in the parks. We perform community service and we watch as the community continues to grow and develop into more than just a former airport – but a cohesive community that represents all that is good about Colorado.

The weekend of May 18th, we will have our annual commencement ceremonies and graduate a class of over 700 students. Their parents, families and friends will soon disembark upon our community and stay in Stapleton hotels, eat at Stapleton restaurants and shop at Stapleton stores. I am always excited about this time of year. I hope that Stapleton is as excited as we are for our graduates and for the visions that we will soon have.

As we embark upon the last few weeks of our academic year, I would like to thank the Stapleton, Park Hill, Montclair and Lowry communities for being such gracious hosts to our staff, faculty and students that live and work in those communities, and would like to extend an invitation to take a tour of our historic campus. Please call 303-256-9352 to arrange for a tour.

Healthy snacks, transportation, museum fees, and materials included for all camps. Register at The Odyssey School, 8750 S 28th Ave. Email jackie@odysseydenver.org.

Primrose School at Stapleton
Camp Primrose is an adventurous and educational full-day summer program for school-age children. Weekly themes are: a Sports Camp, an Artist Camp, and a Travel Camp, and include field trips and other activities including cooking, computers, photography, Spanish and more. Choose the weeks you wish to attend. Taught by certified elementary teachers. Entrance fees, meals, materials and transportation costs are included in one weekly fee. Ages 4-12. For more information call Virginia Payne at 503-322-7200 or visit our website: primschoolstapleton.com for more information. Primrose is located at 2501 Syracuse St. in Stapleton.

Jenifer Graham has accepted the position of MCA Office Manager and will be starting with us full-time in mid May. Many Stapleton residents already know Jenifer, as she has been working here for the last several years working with Forest City as the Assistant Manager of the Stapleton Visitors Center and most recently as Executive Assistant to the Director of Community Relations, Diane Deeter. Jen and her family have been Stapleton residents for nearly five years. Prior to her role with Forest City, Jenifer worked for Avaya and part time with McChain Neighborhoods, a prominent Stapleton home builder. She is very experienced in community issues and has been assisting the MCA in its role since opening its temporary office last winter.

We have been planning our move into the permanent MCA office early this spring. Like most projects this winter, our building too has been delayed. While we were hoping to move in by the first of May, we are now anticipating an early June move-in date. The office will be located in the center space of the Roslyn Liner building at 2823 Roslyn St (located just East of King Soopers).

This change of moving date has affected somewhat our ability to issue pool IDs as we had published in the 2007 Recreation Guide. We will issue all the Saturday sessions of each movie. Our move into the permanent MCA grounds can also be found at either community website www.StapletonOnline.com or call Keven Burnett, Executive Director kburnett@stapletoncommunity.com or call 303-388-0724.

Pet Cleanup Reminder
Once again, we would like to remind all pet owners to please clean up after your pet when you are out and about in both public areas and when passing private yards.

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Spring Has Sprung in Stapleton

From all of those, I have heard nothing but top of my head, not including students. The weekend of May 18th, we will have weekend concerts as well as outdoor movies and public places, museums, and galleries. Announcements will be at school making art with 2-D and 3-D art media of choice, including digital animation. June 11-15 and June 18-22 (separate camps, but kids can go to both) 8:30am-3:30pm Ages: kindergarten - 8th grade $275.00 per week for full day camp (reduced cost for Odyssey students)

The Stapleton neighborhood this summer. Developmental Programs for ages 5-10, and competitive options for ages 11-18. Visit www.coloradochloah.com

**Pette Mathiakoski, President of Johnson & Wales University Denver**

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Editors Note: The Mission of the Stapleton MCA is to create and sustain a sense of community through comprehensive community programs, events & infrastructure maintenance.

Editors Note: The Stapleton Front Porch events calendar for updates, times and other related event information. Current event information can also be found at either community website www.StapletonOnline.com or call Keven Burnett, Executive Director kburnett@stapletoncommunity.com or call 303-388-0724.
Officer Mike Rappe
To Take On New Challenge

D istrict 2 Denver Police Technician Mike Rappe has been named to take over the “Volunteers in Polic- ing” Program for the Denver Police Depart- ment. He will be leaving District 2, which serves Stapleton and many of the surrounding neigh- bors, to work out of Den- ver Police Headquarters in Downtown.

Officer Rappe recently announced his new assignment at a meeting of the Stapleton Develop- ment Corporation’s Citi- zens Advisory Board meeting, where he and fellow Community Resource Officer Reyes Tujiillo have been regular participants in their energetic work to promote safe neighborhoods in Northeast Denver. Officer Rappe is a Denver native and 20 year veteran of the Denver Police Department. His background includes more than five years as a patrol officer (five of those years he served as a training officer), and assign- ments as a crime scene investigator and burglary detective.

Officer Rappe’s replacement will be Technician Mike Jimenez, formerly a Community Resource Officer in District 5. It is anticipated that Officer Tujiillo will continue in his current role in Dis- trict 2 as a Community Resource Officer. For more information about Volunteers in Policing or any program of the Denver Police Department, visit www.denverpolicedepartment.org or call 720.913.6878.

Top Cop Honored

The District Two Top Cop Citizens Committee has selected Officer Roderick Patrick as the “Top Cop” for March 2007.

Officer Patrick is con- sistently a top performer in District Two, which serves Stapleton and the surrounding neighbor- hoods. During the month of March 2007, Officers Patrick made 30 arrests and issued cita- tions for 45 moving vio- lations along the E. Col- fax Corridor and in the area of the Holly Shopping Center which is now a target area for the community policing program known as the “Broken Windows” program. The “Broken Windows” program is based on the theory that failure to control minor offenses such as prostitution and disorderly conduct destabil- izes neighborhoods by creating a sense of public disorder. Although a part of the “Bro- ken Windows” theory is strong enforcement of minor crimes, it is important to note that it is not a “zero tolerance policy.” Police offi- cers are given discretion to make an arrest or issue a citation for an offense or to issue a warning to the individual involved, which is a crucial part of the theory.

Officer Patrick has taken this concept to heart and is diligently implementing this pro- gram within the affected neighborhoods. During the month, Officer Patrick, along with other District Two Offi- cers conducted a knock-and-talk investigation at a residence in the district after observing suspicious behavior that indi- cated that drug activity was possibly taking place. While contacting the residents, officers recov- ered suspected crack cocaine along with marijuana. They also recovered a scale and other paraphernalia that indi- cated that drug sales were being conducted at the resi- dence. Three individuals were arrested and the information was forwarded to the Narcotics bureau for case filing and referred to the Nuisance Abatement Unit for follow-up.

Officer Patrick’s dedication to duty and willingness to go the extra step to ensure the success of the Broken Windows program makes him a fine example for other officers to emulate. The Top Cop Committee is extremely proud of Officer Patrick and all the members of the Denver Police Department who work so hard to ensure the safety and well-being of the residents of the City and County of Denver.
Sustainability at Stapleton
by Melissa Knott
Director of Sustainability for Forest City Stapleton, Inc.

**Free Composting Classes!**

Turn your garbage into gold by learning to compost. Composting is good for your yard & garden, good for the environment, easy to do and fun! Backyard "Learn to Compost" classes are free, but participants are asked to register at least one week before the class, so proper staffing can be arranged. Sign up online at [www.denvergov.org/recycle](http://www.denvergov.org/recycle), by calling 720-865-6810 or emailing DenverRecycles@ci.denver.co.us.

All classes are held at the Denver Backyard Composting Demonstration Site located in Denver Urban Gardens' Gove Community Garden at E. 13th Ave. and Colorado Blvd. These classes are sponsored by Denver Recycles/Solid Waste Management, Denver Urban Gardens and the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District.

**Governor Backs Formation of Clean Energy Fund**

Governor Ritter outlined three initiatives for his office at the Colorado New Energy Summit on March 24. The summit took place at the Colorado Convention Center in downtown Denver, and was attended by more than 1,000 renewable energy supporters.

The first initiative involves creating a clean energy fund using $10 million in gaming fees. The fund will provide rebates for homeowners and businesses that invest in distributed renewable energy systems. Finally, Ritter will begin a green government program to reduce energy and paper consumption at state agencies.

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For other locations around the city visit [www.denvergov.org/denverrecycles](http://www.denvergov.org/denverrecycles).

**Governor Backs Legislation Doubles Renewable Energy Requirement to 20%**

Colorado Governor Bill Ritter signed a bill on March 27 that will double the state's renewable energy requirement to 20% by 2020. Ritter held a bill-signing ceremony for House Bill 1281 at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's Wind Technology Center south of Boulder.

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**THE CREAM OF THE CROP**

Stapleton Farmers Market
Quebec & E. 29th Ave.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
June 17 – October 14

**Stapleton Denver.com**

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- **Fred Thomas Park** (Quebec & 26th Ave.) – Dig-your-own mulch.

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Crestmoor Learning Center
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Reservation at 303-321-1655

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$10 Haircut Wed-Thu 5-8pm

DSST Students Demonstrate Their Knowledge
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At the Denver School of Science and Technology’s (DSST) annual fundraising gala students provided demonstrations of some of their recent accomplishments. Eleventh graders Tera Jones (left) and Daniel Helfrich adjust the equipment they constructed to measure the amount of pressure being exerted on structural elements.

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Congratulations on a Safe & Fun 4th of July Celebration!

May 2007 Stapleton Front Porch
Colorado native Jill Farnham serves as Executive Director of the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority (FRA). Jill helps oversee the development of the commercial components of the Fitzsimons Life Science District, which includes the Colorado Science + Technology Park (6.5 million square feet being developed by Forest City), the Square at Fitzsimons Commons mixed use zone (500 apartment units and 16,000 square feet of retail being developed by the Pauls Corp.) and the property being transferred to the VA for the new VA Hospital (1.5 million square feet).

Starting as the Director of Finance, Jill has now served as Executive Director for 3 years. “I have worked at Fitzsimons for almost 10 years — hard to believe! — since the very beginning of the redevelopment process,” she says. “There were only about 10 of us in the old 450,000 square foot former hospital building back then — a lot has changed.”

The Fitzsimons Life Science District, which includes the Colorado Science + Technology Park, the Anschutz Medical Campus, The Children’s Hospital, the VA Hospital, the Fitzsimons Commons, and some other small uses, will be home to over 18 million square feet of development, 30,000 employees, 1 million annual visitors, and over $4 billion in capital investment. Over the next 20 years, the Colorado Science + Technology Park will grow and be home to a variety of companies involved in the science of human health, including bioscience research and development, pharmaceutical, medical device, and service providers that support these scientific endeavors. The first phase of the Park is anticipated to be complete in late 2008.

Jill explains the FRA oversees the development of the commercial components of the Fitzsimons Life Science District and is focused on bringing together partners and resources to create an environment that meets the needs and supports the success of the bioscience industry in Colorado. The University of Colorado Health Sciences Center owns most of the other land at Fitzsimons, including the Anschutz Medical Campus and The Children’s Hospital. Though not directly responsible for University development, the FRA coordinates the entities to assure a cohesive development throughout the Fitzsimons Life Science District.

“The Fitzsimons Life Science District is not just about real estate,” Jill says. “It is about creating a place where education, patient care, basic science research, and commercial activity come together in an integrated environment that is dedicated to advancing the science of human health.”

Jill is married, has a 12-year old son, and plays on a regular co-ed roller hockey team at Bladium in Stapleton.

South End Row Bringing Small Retail to Central Park Blvd. – Opening Slated for Mid Summer

South End Row, previously known as WorkPlace Lofts, is set to complete its first phase in mid summer with seven live/work residences at 2300 Central Park Boulevard and a retail center specifically designed to attract small neighborhood businesses to south Stapleton.

Project developer Jeff Bedard of New Providence said South End Row has already been successful in signing its first retail tenant, an independent coffee shop scheduled to move-in at 8709 23rd Avenue when the first phase of South End Row is completed this summer. Known as “SouthEnders,” the coffee shop will feature coffee, baked goods and lunch items such as soups and sandwiches.

Mr. Bedard likens the community to the older neighborhoods in Denver that feature “mom and pop” retailers. Before developing the project, he researched such communities as Washington Park and Bonnie Brae to see what made them so livable.

“The reason neighborhoods like Bonnie Brae can’t be created anymore is because the traditional ‘mom and pop’ shops don’t need the large spaces required by the national retailers,” Bedard said. “With South End Row, we hope to attract local retailers that desire smaller spaces and a walkable community.”

Once completed, the $15 million, three-phase project will feature 14 town homes and eight one- and two-story flats, all built with ground floor retail or office space. Smartphone Lochs on Central Park Boulevard near Montview have been renamed South End Row. The development will include 6,000 square feet with space for small retail such as a coffee house, a small grocery store and professional offices.

Slated for full completion by the end of 2008, the town homes run from the high $400s to the mid $700s, and the street level retail will be a major component. Six thousand square feet are planned for the site with space for small retail such as coffee houses, a small grocery, and professional service providers. Units range from 1,600 to 2,900 square feet of living and working space including two to three bedrooms plus offices. They also include the basement and ground floor “flex space” easily used for a home business. In addition many residences offer penthouse levels with roof top decks, taking advantage of the city and mountain views.

Interested parties can tour South End Row at an Open House on May 20, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Bryan and Kris Uhl of Kentwood City Properties at 303-293-2255 or visit www.southendrow.com.
**Oh My God, Where is My Child?**

The most heart-stopping, breath-taking moment in any parent's life is the moment they don't know where their child is. It's that moment we are caught between the emotions of "Oh my God, how could I have taken my eye off of them?" and "I told you to stay right here, you scared Mommy to death."

The world and safety issues have changed dramatically in this 21st century. Child predators can now be our neighbors next door, asking your child to come over for cookies and ice cream. Just letting your 10-year old walk down the street to play with a friend or ride their scooter through the neighborhood could be dangerous. We need to be cautious and take the necessary actions to keep a close eye on not only our children, but our neighbor's children as well.

Our busy lives mean we must multi-task, so we drop a child off at soccer practice while we take the other one to dance class. Then we glance at our watch and calculate maybe we have time to pick something up from the grocery store. But did we make sure there is a back-up plan, in case we're running late? Do your children know what to do if the game is over and a stranger, reading the name from their workout bag, says to them, "Annie, I'm here to pick you up. I'll bring you to your mother." This type of situation could happen to the most conscientious Mom or Dad.

What can you do to prevent the "Oh my God" time? Let's face it – we can't be with our children 100% of the time. So the answer is to educate them to deal with adverse situations like being temporarily separated from us. Toddlers should always be in our eye sight or at least just playing in the clothes rack when we're shopping. Always remember what they have on and if possible attach some type of contact information on them or in their pockets. With older children, have a meeting spot, code word, cell phone, or whatever it takes to keep them safe. Remember, when traveling on vacations, err on the safe side. If you are in a foreign country, teach your children enough of the native language so that they are able to obtain help if they need it.

Children will remember things that are drilled over and over to them -- Mom's phone number, or who to seek help from. In our martial arts program we teach children how to use their common sense. We teach them the skills to stay safe, such as remain in the spot where you were separated from your parents as they will always return. Seek out a grandparent or older child who can help them. 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: born-learning.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.

Tom Downey is the Executive Director of the Children’s Museum of Denver, tom@cminden.org. He lives at Stapleton with his wife, Lori Fox, and daughters Cate and Ella.
New Pet Checklist Leads To Wise Choices

So you've finally decided that the time is right to invite a furry, four-legged friend into your family. Before you do, a little forethought and planning will help make pet ownership a rewarding experience for both people and pets in your household.

One of the first considerations is how much time you have to devote to your new pet, which will determine what type of pet you should choose. In general, horses and dogs require the most time, followed closely by cats, and then “pocket pets” or fish. If you just want a furry buddy but are rarely home, a pocket pet such as a hamster or guinea pig might be a great solution for you.

If you're ready for the time commitment required for a dog or cat, your next decision is whether to choose an adult or a puppy or kitten. If you want a youngster, be ready for potting accidents and indoor dusting, but the truth is that old habits die hard, and more often than not the pet ends up getting in the way of your good intentions.

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Now you are ready to pick out your new pet. The first thing that you should look for is the health of the animal you are getting. Check the eyes, ears, and nose of any dog or cat you are thinking of adopting. The eyes should be clear, with no discharge. The nose should be free of mucus. Puppies and kittens should be active, not lying lethargically in your arms. Don't feel yourself into thinking that lethargy indicates a naturally calm animal. While that is possible, more likely this pet is sick.

Visiting a prospective pet more than once will help you gauge their true personality. Breed characteristics tend to be accurate. For example, a black Lab mix will have a lot of energy because that is what those dogs were bred for.

Now that you have thought through these considerations and made a wise decision, congratulations! You and your new pet will certainly be very happy.

Healthy Snacks for Spring Outings

Every spring I feel like I rediscover Denver again. It's such a pleasure to dust off the bikes and search out our favorite parks all over again. Although it is always healthy to get out-side and get some exercise, it's not so good if you get so hungry that you stop for fast food or eat prepackaged, high-sodium, high sugar snacks. For me and my family, any trip to the park is incomplete without a snack bag. Many of the packaged grocery store snacks are expensive and have questionable nutritional value (i.e. fruit chews). If you wouldn't feel good about eating it at home, you should probably think twice about buying it at all. Here are some ideas for healthy snacks:

Whole Grain Crackers or unsweetened cereal – If I am in a real rush I will grab a box of crackers and a few plastic sandwich bags & give kids a handful of crackers in their own bag. Carrots or sweet peppers – Keep carrots cut and ready to go in the refrigerator (stored with a little water to keep them crunchy) or buy the baby carrots. Apples & pears – I like to cut up the apple & put lime juice on it. Some children are more willing to eat the skin, which is full of good nutrients, if you slice the apples very thinly.

Nuts – If you have no allergies in your family, nuts are a wonderful snack. Peanuts are the only nut that has high quality protein but all nuts have healthy fats in them. Granola bars can be a good snack but read the labels to see how much fat and sodium they contain. Granola bars are meant as a single serving for an adult, not for a child. You can make your own granola with Plum Creek Gourmet’s Summit Bar mixes. They use organic healthy ingredients (dates, oats, spelt flour) and are really tasty. You add the fat (oil and sweetener (honey)) so you maintain control over what exactly your family is getting and you can control the portion size too. Look for them online or at Whole Foods.

Finally, here is a vanilla cookie recipe that you can feel good about even if you or your kids eat one too many. It still qualifies as a sweet but we all need that every once in a while. Susan Gamble describes herself as an enthusiastic amateur who has cooked tasty and nutritious meals for her family every day for many years. She is a Park Hill resident who has children ages 3 and 5. She can be reached at susanandpark@mac.com.

Vanilla Cookies (makes about 60 cookies)

1 1/2 cups oatmeal
1 1/2 cups flour
3 tbsp wheat germ
2 1/2 tsp sugar
1 tsp baking soda
2 tbsp light corn syrup
1/4 cup melted butter
2 tbsp vegetable oil
2 tsp vanilla
1/4 cup light corn syrup
1/4 cup water
6 tbsp vegetable oil
4 tbsp melted butter

Process the oatmeal in a food processor until finely ground. Stir together ground oatmeal, flour, wheat germ, sugar, and soda. Add vanilla, corn syrup, water, oil, and butter until well mixed. At this point the dough should make a slightly crumbly ball. Knead it a little on a clean surface and shape it into two long rolls about an inch in diameter. At this point you could freeze the dough for later use or put it in the refrigerator to firm up a little.

Take the (thawed) roll and slice into 1/4 inch thick cookies. Bake at 400 degrees for 8 or 9 minutes or until they are turning brown on the edges.
Sun Forum and Board Elections
Tues., May 15, 7-8:30pm
Denver School of Science and Technology
2000 Valence Street (at Montview Boulevard)
The SUN Community Forum will feature elections to the SUN Board, as well as information and updates from key players on hot topics.

Sponsored by Stapleton United Neighbors, with key leaders attending from Forest City Stapleton, Inc., Stapleton Development Corporation, Park Creek Metropolitan District, Denver Police and more!

Chris Adams
Stapleton is a special place that holds the potential to demonstrate a new way of urban living. SUN is an important leadership organization helping to show the way. Serving on the board would be a great responsibility.

Chris Adams is President of The Adams Group, which provides consultation, facilitation, mediation and leadership development for the public policy sector. Adams’ current major project is a multi-year consensus-building process to produce policy recommendations to the US Congress on ways to improve healthcare coverage for the uninsured.

Recent projects include a comprehensive review of Colorado’s Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), an effort to design and pilot a low-income health coverage plan in Pueblo, Colorado, and facilitating a six-month bi-partisan political leadership development course.

He has published more than 40 essays in publications including The Los Angeles Times, New York Newsday, The Christian Science Monitor, The San Francisco Chronicle, and The Front Porch. In 1997 he was a participant in the distinguished Conference on World Affairs at the University of Colorado, delivering five presentations on the theme, “Values and Ethics in a Fragile World.”

Michael lives here with their 3 year old daughter, Aydan and border collie, Tazzie. Diana’s eldest daughter lives in Denver as well and is a senior in college.

Joanne Anderson
I am a shareholder at the law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, where I practice commercial litigation and employment law. I graduated from college in 1991, and spent a winter in Crested Butte as a ski bum before beginning law school at the University of Texas in 1992.

My most recent civic experience has been as a member of the board of directors of RAAP (the Rape Assistance and Awareness Program), a rape crisis center serving the metro-Denver area.

My husband, Brent, and I moved to Denver a little over 10 years ago, shortly after graduating from law school (where we met), and we have lived here ever since. Last spring, we move to Stapleton (the east side) along with our two year old son, Carter, and our one year old daughter, Stoeane.

Although we are relatively new to Stapleton, we love it so far. The unique community provides a nice mix of diversity, community involvement, and amenities. That is why I want to serve on the SUN Board – I want to be part of ensuring that the continued growth does not threaten the neighborhood and sense of community that defines Stapleton and attracted many of us and will continue to attract others to it.

John Ottivachis
As the co-owner of Metro Brokers Cherry Creek, my background is squarely in sales and market- ing, with over 14 years of experience. Prior to entering real estate, I was the Director of Sales and Brand Development at Colorado Ski Country USA (CSCUSA). Previous to CSCUSA I was the Director of Sales and Marketing at interstate Retail Group, a chain of 45 ski retail/rental stores in eight western states.

Although I am a Colorado native, I went to school at the University of Missouri where I graduated with degrees in business management and psychology.

I am a three year resident of Stapleton, along with my wife Janet, and five year old daughter, Parker.

I vividly recall many years ago, while living in Park Hill, opening the Denver Post to see a two page illustration promoting the plan for Stapleton. Although actually residing in Stapleton was many years off, it was at that time that I came to the conclusion that this area had the potential to be, as the slogan goes, one of Denver’s great neighbor- hoods. Having lived here the last three years watching the neighbor- hood grow along with my daughter, I have developed an obvious affection for its many and varied (continued on page 26)
Views on the Street

Where do you or have you done volunteer work?

Rich Pfiefer

“I’m a member of the Denver Rotary Club and through it I have done volunteer work. Currently I’m volunteering for the Cofax Marathon. I have also volunteered to be a mentor in finance and investing at the Denver Center for International Studies, a DPS school with a remarkable curriculum where the students have a real thirst for learning. Also, through a friend of mine, Jeffrey S. English, who is the magistrate for the Denver District Court Judges, I have volunteered to line up speakers for the graduation ceremonies for the court-ordered drug treatment programs.”

Ani Feldher

“...I work at The Children’s Hospital which has many wonderful ways of volunteer your time and energy. From rock babies to mammary information desk or gift shop, to washing dogs at our annual dog wash – there is something for everyone! For more information contact our Association of Volunteers at 303-861-6887.”

Charles Davis

“Kris takes her involvement with the Relay for Life very seriously. Her role as event coordinator keeps her busy with planning and meetings throughout the year. This is a fantastic event which she, and all the other members of the planning committee should be, and are, very proud. I do what I can to manage our kids and household while she works on the Relay. It’s at least a 100.”

Meards Wells

“I contribute to a program called “Women for Women.” The program sponsors women in third world and war-torn countries. A $50/month donation provides assistance in education, farming, childcare, or whatever a woman needs to become self-sufficient. After a year in the program the women graduate and become self-supporting and the sponsor receives a certificate. The website is womenforwomen.org. Also, I have volunteered at Warren Village, caring for toddlers. The program houses and provides education for families at risk. They provide child care, they have a nutritionist to teach good eating habits, and they have classes in job search/interviewing. Their website is www.warrenvillage.org.”

Malina Farias

“Eleven years ago, I became interested in Salsa dance, after a lifetime of classical dancing (ballet, modern, ballet). I became so passionate about not only the dance but the culture surrounding Salsa, that I founded Salsa Central Denver, now a 501c3 non-profit which educates about Salsa dance and music. Salsa Central Denver holds classes every Wednesday night at the Denver Treasure, 1570 Clark St., for people who want to learn this exciting and fun partner dance. www.SalsaCentralDenver.com

Letter to the Editor

Take Advantage of Stapleton’s Revitalization Zone Status

As residents of Stapleton, we have a unique opportunity to literally shape the future of our community simply by spending money here. Few Stapleton residents are aware of the fact that Stapleton is a revitalization zone. This means that the retail taxes generated in the Town Center, Quebec Square, and Northfield directly impacts the amount of bonds issued to fund parks, streets, a recreation center, a library, and other infrastructure projects, both now and in the future. How does the shopping process work? When a revitalization zone is created, a snapshot of current tax generated in the zone is taken. Based on the amount of tax revenue that will be generated above that snapshot, redevelopment bonds, also called “Tax Increment Financing” or “TIF” bonds, can be issued. A portion of the actual tax revenues generated in the redevelopment zone can pay off these TIF bonds. If Stapleton businesses generate tax revenues at or above the anticipated level needed, the first set of bonds may be paid off ahead of schedule. In the meantime, and more important, achieving or surpassing the anticipated revenue level may increase the “bonding capacity” of the revitalization zone, allowing for more redevelopment zones, thereby speeding up the availability of funds for future infrastructure investment. The bottom line is this: the more you and your friends, contacts, and business associates spend here in the Town Center, Quebec Square, and Northfield, the sooner the revitalization zone will be funded and the more impact your spending will have on this important zone.”

Mary S. McClatchey, Stapleton resident
2007 Season Features

Additional Fishing Area and Weekday Visitation

The Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge recently opened for the 2007 fishing season and extended drop-in visitation. Catch-and-release fishing is one of the most popular activities at the refuge, and people have been excited about bringing their kids and grandkids out here during the week. Supervisory Park Ranger Sherry James of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Anglers—as well as bikers, birdwatchers and others—can visit the refuge every Monday, Saturday and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. throughout the catch-and-release season, which ends Oct. 14. In order to fish, anglers 16-years of age and older must have a valid Colorado fishing license and obtain a season permit by attending a one-time orientation session at the Visitor Center. Sessions are offered at 8:00 a.m. every Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday and during the following week.

This year, anglers will also be able to fish along the northern shore of Lake Ladora for the first time. The additional trout available at the beginning of the season creates more opportunities for fishermen. Catch lunker northern pike and trophy-size largemouth bass. Channel catfish, bluegill, yellow perch and white and black crappie can be caught in Lake Mary. If you catch a trophy-size fish, take your picture and send it to us so we can add it to the Fish Wall of Fame collection in the Visitor Center.

unsearing for our block, where we successfully implemented the Neighborhood Watch program! As the overall Block Cap- tain role grows I expanded my efforts to include Regional Block Captain for the Avi- ator West division. Recently I took on the role of Commit- tee Chair for the Safety Committee, which allows me to continue relationships with the Denver Police Department, as well as concentrate on improving safety in and around Stapleton. To improve my skills for that role, I participated in classes with the Citizen’s Academy at the Denver Police Academy – a whole-hearted, fascinating experience I would highly recommend for anyone! I am very proud and excited to be a part of Stapleton, and to be involved in its endeavor to build a civic-minded communi- ty. As a member of the Board of Stapleton United Neighbors, I feel I can enhance my awareness of Stapleton as a whole, as well

 calling All Anglers!

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A daily fishing fee of $3 applies for anglers age 16 and older, and live bait is prohibited. All fees collected stay at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge and go toward the purchase of new fishing equipment for special programs, restocking the fishery and improving the aquatic habitat.

If you would like to help others enjoy fishing at the refuge, consider becoming an Arsenal Angler volunteer. Volunteers participate in special events and kids fishing programs to help young people from Children’s and Craig hospitals experience fishing and other outdoor activities. For more information, contact Jeannine Kimmle at 303- 289-0471.

To get to the refuge, take I-70 to Havana and exit 255. Enter through the gate and proceed to the Visitor Center. Parking is available only at the Visitor Center. Please call us for questions at 303-289-0930 to learn more about other programs and opportunities or visit our website at www.fws.gov/rockymountainarsenal.
that began in the early 1990s. The board reviews and provides feedback and advice regarding the redevelopment of Stapleton. The board’s primary mission is to support the principles of the Green Book and has 5 subcommittees (Parks and Green Space, Zoning and Planning, Workforce and Business Opportunities, Housing Diversity, and Communications) which work with Forest City to help ensure these principles are integrated throughout the redevelopment. If you would like to learn more about CAB and opportunities to volunteer for the board or any of the subcommittees, please contact Elizabeth Garner, CAB Co-chair at elizabeth garner co.com.

“I volunteered with CAB I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet and work with a diverse group of folks who care deeply about the redevelopment of Stapleton and how it fits into the fabric of Northeast Denver. I have enjoyed being part of a resident perspective and learning about the development process.”

Elizabeth Garner, Stapleton resident and CAB volunteer

Rotary Club
The Rotary Club of Denver Stapleton was chartered by Rotary International in 1985, and currently has about 20 members. Some members live or work in the Stapleton area but also reach to Aurora and Downtown Denver. Past projects have included helping fund environmental work at Bluff Lake Nature Center and the Sand Creek Regional Greenway, and donating thousands of dollars in used computer equipment to help children in Nepal, Mongolia, and Bangladesh. Visit www.denverstapletonrotary.org for more information.

S.U.N. (Stapleton United Neighbors)
SUN is comprised of neighborhood residents, who volunteer to serve their community. SUN’s monthly meetings are open to the public and are usually held on the 4th Thursday of each month in the Stapleton Development Corporation’s conference room at 7350 E. 29th Ave. on the 3rd Floor. Anyone may chair a committee, whether they are a SUN Board Member or not. SUN Board Elections are coming up in May. Contact Mark Mehringer (mehringer@gmail.com) of the Outreach Committee to find out more about the process for becoming a candidate.

Mike Johnson
I would like to serve another term on the SUN board to continue working on making Stapleton a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly neighborhood and to make sure that Stapleton residents have a say in how new development is designed and constructed -- especially how it affects vehicles, foot and bicycle traffic in the developed areas. I moved to Stapleton in 2004 from Congress Park with my wife, Carol Frank, and our three children, Corby (8), Abby (10) and Sarah (13), all of whom are DPS students. I joined the SUN board in 2005. I have served as chair of the SUN Transportation Committee and currently serve as Vice President of SUN, a member of the Stapleton Citizens Advisory Board (CAB), co-chair of CAB’s Zoning and Planning Committees, a CAB-appointed member of the Stapleton Design Review Board and a neighborhood delegate to the Stapleton Master Community Association. I am a partner in the Denver office of Kutak Rock LLP, a large multi-city law firm. I specialize in public finance and represent a number of governmental entities that are active at Stapleton, including Denver Public Schools and the Colorado Department of Transportation. Others in my firm represent the Denver Urban Renewal Authority, which finances infrastructure at Stapleton, the City of Aurora and (for certain types of financing) the City and County of Denver. I and others in my firm also frequently represent investment bankers who do business with other public and private entities that are active at Stapleton, including RTD, Park Creek Metropolitan District and Forest City.

Peter Mallison
My wife Felicia and I moved to Stapleton just last June and could not be happier about our decision. We love our new neighborhood and the way we have been welcomed into it as well as the promise Stapleton holds for our and our neighbors’ futures. While so much has been done, much remains. Helping our community reach its full potential is my primary reason for wanting to serve on the SUN board. I see the board’s role as crucial to making sure that continuing development is faithful to the original vision of Stapleton. I will advocate for the new recreation center and library and other amenities to enrich the lives of its residents, and I will support development and projects that reduce Stapleton’s environmental impact. Before opening my own law practice, I spent seventeen years advocating for abused and neglected children. I believe that with my many years of experience working with public and private partnerships, balancing the interests of several groups, I can help create a community that is a safe place for children and where families can thrive.

Two Artists Selected for Eastbridge Town Center Public Art Project
By Barbara Neal
The Project Selection Committee recommended two nationally recognized artists to work with the design team for the Eastbridge Center (formerly Havana Town Center) to identify opportunities for artwork in this location. Jim Green, a sound artist from Denver, will team up with Donald Lipski, the sculptor whose home is Philadel phia, PA, to create a unique work for this Center. Jim and Donald were chosen from a field of 193 applicants for this project.

Denverites are familiar with the work of both artists who created the sound piece that announces the trains at DIA, the “Soundwalk” in the sidewalk on Curtis Street between 15th Street and the 16th Street Mall. One of his most recent pieces is the “Laughing Escalator” in the Convention Center. Donald Lipski created “The Wearying” sculpture at the Denver Public Library as well as a sculpture entitled “Tools” in the lobby of the Webb Municipal Building. It’s premature to imagine what the artists will propose for the Havana Town Center but it will be a sculpture and it will have a sound component. The total amount of this commission is $300,000. We’ll have more information to share after the design team has begun its work. In other public art news, Tim Upham is working on his design for the Recreation Center. The selection process has begun for artwork to be placed on the grounds of the new environmental center between Geneva and Hanover Streets at 28th Drive. Next on the public art schedule is the Ellipse to be placed at the Ellipse on East 35th Avenue. Selection for the Ellipse project will begin in early summer.

If you’re interested in being appointed to a Project Selection Committee or an artist wanting to be considered for a public art project, or a Stapleton resident simply wanting to learn more about the public art programs, please contact me at barbie@mindspring.com. The Front Porch and the Stapleton Online will keep you informed about the public art as well as activities and opportunities in the public art program at Stapleton.

Barbara Neal is Stapleton’s Public Art Consultant.
Peter Flanagan pitches to son John, 5, as the weather warmed up and the grass turned green.

Unseasonably cold weather meant ear muffs and mittens rather than spring bonnets for the annual Easter egg hunt on Founders’ Green at Stapleton...

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