

# Front Porch

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Guide to  
Local Summer Camps

DENVER, COLORADO

STAPLETON

MARCH 2008

## Record Turnout at Caucuses



Like neighborhoods all across the country – the caucuses held at Stapleton had record turnouts and spirited debates that, at the end of the evening, left the races as tight as ever nationwide.

At the Democratic caucuses at Westerly Creek and Roberts schools, despite the difficulties of sorting so many people into the right precincts, the atmosphere was festive and participants were excited to speak out and vote for their favorite candidate. In Denver County in 2004, 2,628 Democrats attended caucuses compared to 26,096 in 2008 – with Barack Obama receiving 68% of the votes. Although the numbers weren't as great at the Republican caucuses, they also were higher than in years past – and Mitt Romney received 55% of the 4,095 Republican votes cast in Denver.

Despite the record turnout, many believe caucuses limit participation to party activists and those able to take the time for the caucus process. We asked our readers for their views on the caucuses. Their responses are printed on page 26.

**Above left:** Cheryl Fleetwood stands on a chair to present the case for Barack Obama to a standing-room-only crowd at her precinct caucus held at Westerly Creek Elementary School. Jon Meredith stands behind her among the Obama supporters. **Right:** Jennifer Eiteljorg makes a counter argument for Hillary Clinton. These participants, along with several others, articulated their reasons for supporting their candidate in an attempt to sway the “undecideds” before the vote.

## Registration still available New IB Program to Start at Smiley in the Fall

By Brian Weber

Smiley Middle School in Park Hill will begin to implement the prestigious International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program for the entire school in the fall. This exciting step will build on Smiley's success with its own International Preparatory Magnet (IP) – a replication of the IB Middle Years (IBMYP) that was developed by Smiley's staff in the 2003-04 school year.

Smiley will be the northeast Denver magnet for IBMYP which means students outside the school's attendance area will receive transportation from Denver Public Schools. DPS is supplying other resources, such as additional teachers and training funds to support Smiley's new program. IBMYP is also offered in Henry Middle School and George Washington offers the IB high school program.

Next year Smiley will be an IB candidate, which means teachers and administrators will be trained in the IB philosophy and practices as the school initiates the program. The program



Smiley Middle School Principal Nate Howard surrounded by Smiley students, from left, Akeem Coleman, Molly Apple, James Cudjue and Clarissa Barron.

requires two years as an applicant school and three years to be fully authorized. Several IP teachers have had IB training and use IB methods now which bode well for a smooth transition to formal IB status.

Following the first year, the IB Organization will periodically assess students and evaluate the school's adherence to IB requirements. Teachers regularly receive IB professional development after the school is certified.

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## Summer Camp Guide



Photo courtesy of Colorado Rapids Soccer

See page 21 for our 3rd annual list of nearby summer programs that will keep your kids active and happy this summer. **Above:** A Colorado Rapids Soccer camp at Dick's Sporting Goods Park.



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## Stapleton's Town Center



# CALENDAR

## MARCH

### Saturdays & Sundays March 1 - June 29

Free class at Core Power Yoga 4pm  
7485 East 29th Place  
303-377-7444

### Saturday, March 1

SCFD-sponsored Free Day at the  
Denver Art Museum [SCFD.org]

### Thursday, March 13

SCFD-sponsored Free Day at the  
Denver Center for Performing Arts  
Gee's Band - 6:30pm  
Space Theatre [for more information  
visit SCFD.org and click on Free Days]

### Monday, March 17

SCFD-sponsored Free Day at Denver  
Botanic Gardens [SCFD.org]

### Wednesday, March 19

Longevity Made Simple - How to Add  
20 Years to Your Life (Free) 6:30 - 8pm  
Stapleton Community Room  
2823 Roslyn St [303-403-6333]

### Wednesday, March 19

SUN Transportation Committee  
9725 E. 33rd Avenue, 6:30pm  
stapletonneighbors@msn.com.

### Thursday, March 20

SCFD-sponsored Free Day at DCPA\*  
The Merry Wives of Windsor - 6:30pm  
Stage Theatre [for more information  
visit SCFD.org and click on Free Days]

## APRIL

### Thursday, April 3

SCFD-sponsored Free Day at DCPA\*  
Doubt - 6:30pm  
Ricketson Theatre [for more info. visit  
SCFD.org and click on Free Days]

### Saturday, April 5

SCFD-sponsored Free Day at the  
Denver Art Museum [SCFD.org]

### Wednesday, April 16

Perfect Your Golf Swing and Joint Health  
(Free) 6:30 - 8pm  
Stapleton Community Room  
2823 Roslyn St [303-403-6333]

### Sunday, April 20

SCFD-sponsored Free Day at the  
Denver Museum of Nature and Science  
[SCFD.org]

### Tuesday, April 22

SCFD-sponsored Free Day at Denver  
Botanic Gardens (Earth Day)  
[SCFD.org]

## MAY

### Saturday, May 3

Spring Fling, Founders Green

### Saturday, May 26

Stapleton Pools Open for the Season

## EVERY MONTH

### Monthly

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[Call 303.388.0724 for date & location]

### Every Tuesday

Stapleton Rotary Club - Noon  
Stapleton Radisson Plaza Hotel  
3333 Quebec Street  
[Michael@KearnsTeam.com]

### Every Tuesday

AA Open Discussion Meeting - 7:30pm  
MCA Community Room  
2823 Roslyn Street  
[Joe Mc at 303.912.7075]

### Every Wednesday

Weekly Weeders, Bluff Lake Nature Center  
9-12am [303.945.6717]

### 3rd Tuesday

Stapleton Business Assoc. 8am  
Call for location [303.393.7700]

### 1st Wednesday

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

### 3rd Thursday

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

### 4th Thursday

SUN Board Meeting - 6:30pm  
MCA Community Room  
2823 Roslyn Street  
[stapletonneighbors@msn.com]

### 1st Saturday

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

### 2nd Saturday

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

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By Tom Noel

Denver attracted conventions before it had a convention center. As early as the 1880s, the cool, sunny Mile High City hosted national gatherings. Among those welcoming conventioners were the madams of Market

Street's brothels. They collaborated to publish the first - and only known - guide to Denver bordellos: *The Denver Red Book: A Reliable Directory of the Pleasure Resorts of Denver*. This handy vest pocket size booklet listed names, addresses, "female boarders" and other attractions of the city's sex shops, including their opportunities for music, dance and commercial romance.

To court more and bigger conventions, Denver constructed a magnificent Municipal Auditorium. It officially opened July 5, 1908, with a free concert and flags flying from its cupolas. Seven-thousand light bulbs highlighted the pediments, domes, cornice and corners of the municipal auditorium, then second in size only to Madison Square Garden in New York City.

After being rejected by the Republican 1908 convention planners, Denver seduced the Democrats with offers of free use of the auditorium, free decorations, free drinks and \$100,000 cash (this time around Denver is having to come up with more like \$100,000,000 to cover the party's costs). The Denver Convention League (DCL) told the Democratic National Committee (DNC) Denver would be cool and clear while rival lowland cities sweltered in July heat, haze and humidity.

#### Snow in July

The Democrats' choice as their presidential nominee, William Jennings Bryan, was a foregone conclusion, so Denver tried to provide drama in other ways. To show how cool it was, Denver installed huge bins of snow around the Auditorium for the amusement of delegates. The Moffat Railroad hauled in these carloads of mountain snow every morning. Delighted delegates cooled off with snowball fights.

To further entertain the conventioners, Denver hired a troop of 40 Apache Indians. Their dances and war whoops mingled with the hoopla of the delegates, making it difficult,

as Damon Runyon put it in the *Rocky Mountain News*, to distinguish wild Indians from Democrats, except that the latter were "wearing a lot of badges" and "yelling all the time."

"Miss Denver," Runyon claimed, "is a sassy creation of red, white and blue edged with purple mountains ready to embrace delegates." Most visitors found Denver hospitable and handsome. Thousands of local volunteers donned badges, "I Live in Denver. Ask Me," to welcome delegates.

The Auditorium shone with shields, flags, bunting and a ceiling covered with hundreds of shiny stars. Behind the speakers' rostrum were enormous portraits of Presidents Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Grover Cleveland and the nominee, William Jennings Bryan.

#### Democratic Populism

Bryan, following the custom of the day, did not personally attend the convention. Instead, following his official nomination, a huge portrait of the nominee was lowered from the ceiling to hover over the podium. Bryan heard the outburst of cheers from his home in Lincoln, Nebraska through telephonic communication and sent spirited messages to the conventioners in Denver, bashing William Howard Taft and the Republicans as "the party of privilege and private monopoly."

Taft, who weighed close to 300 pounds, made a perfect target for such attacks on "fat cats." Denverites furthered the caricature by claiming that Taft had gotten stuck in his bathtub at the Brown Palace. "Taft aft," the Democrats joked, "was a formidable sight."

Bryan, a handsome, well-built man, and world-class orator,

# The 1908 Denver Demo



The Lady and the Donkey. Denver giving the key of the city to the Democratic party; an electrical display.



Women delegates on the march



The opening of the Democratic Convention at Denver on July 7—Chairman Thomas



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Stapleton hosted a fourth-quarter broker contest inviting real estate agents to sell and close two new homes at Stapleton between October 1, 2007 and January 31, 2008 for a chance to win \$20,000 cash. However, participants who completed and submitted a tracking card for Stapleton's July 2007 broker tours only needed to show proof of one new home sale and closing.

Diana Kearns, with RE/MAX City Horizons at Stapleton, was selected as the real estate broker contest winner. As a participant in the July 2007 broker tours, she qualified by selling one new home, by KB Home at Stapleton.

Stapleton continues to host a variety of broker events and incentives, such as FREE continuing education seminars — check out [www.StapletonDenver.com](http://www.StapletonDenver.com) for details about our April 22 FREE continuing education event.

See more than 30 model homes, open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday; and noon to 6 p.m. Monday. For other details, stop by the Stapleton Visitor Center, open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday and Monday.

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Mr. Bryan addressing his fellow townsmen of Lincoln on the morning after the nomination, at his home, Fairview



to Mr. Bryan's home, Fairview, on the morning after his nomination to give him a breakfast serenade.



Charles F. Murphy, of Tammany Hall, greeting Mr. Bryan



Cowgirls welcoming the Easterners

vowed to crush "predatory wealth preying upon a defenseless public." He championed a progressive Democratic platform calling for an eight-hour work day, an employer liability act, an income tax, direct election of U.S. Senators (who were

then selected by state legislatures), and greater regulation of monopolistic corporations.

New York newspapers sniped at Denver's handling of the convention. Perhaps reflecting their city's resentment of a major convention going to a small, upstart western city, the New York World on July 10, 1908, claimed: "Denver is swamped. The restaurants today were down to stewed prunes with salt mackerel on the side, and tomorrow the chances are that conventioners will subsist on ham sandwiches." The

New York Times, July 7, 1908, snidely commented that it was a "populist convention," with whiskers, homespun suits, "biled" shirts and hayseed everywhere.

Colorado women, who had received the vote in 1893, were disappointed that the Democratic Platform did not endorse nationwide women's suffrage. In protest, some women wore the latest style from Paris to shock traditionalists - a sheath dress with slit from the ankle to the knee flashing the female calf. Women from Colorado, Utah and Wyoming — all states that had given ladies the vote — attended the Denver convention as pioneer female delegates.

Whether discussing women or politics, delegates tended to gather in Denver saloons. Delegates had been warned in pre-convention notices about the danger of high altitude drinking. Doctors cautioned that with less oxygen in the mile-high air, drinkers should imbibe less. Many delegates did their own research and one told The Denver Post that he was "35 whiskey sodas above sea level." The Chicago Tribune wondered "just what effect altitude and alcohol together have on Democrats." The



Denver's Municipal Auditorium, site of the 1908 Democratic National Convention, still stands today at the corner of 14th and Curtis, and has been renovated as the Ellie Caulkins Opera House.

Tribune need not have worried. In nominating Bryan, the Democrats choice was an abstemious, lemonade-sipping candidate.

Bryan carried Colorado and many other western states, but lost the big eastern states and the election to Republican William Howard Taft. Although Bryan failed, the Rocky Mountain News reflected that Denver had won:

The people of Denver have given a geography lesson to tens of thousands personally, and through the printed page to tens of millions. They realize now that there is no vacuum between the Missouri and the Pacific coast, that the whole region between belongs to the same pushing, striving, energetic race that dwells on either side.

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# Kindergarten Fundraiser Helps Feed Hungry Kids



Max Epperson and his teacher, Mrs. Romi Hovey, check the heifer.org website where they found the project requesting funds for goats and chicks for families in third world countries.

What started as a complaint to mom and dad about eating vegetables turned into a life lesson for three Kindergarten classes at Bill Roberts Elementary in Stapleton. Max, a student in Ms. Hovey’s class, asked if food could be sent to hungry kids in other parts of the world. This inquiry prompted a collective effort by kids in Ms. Hovey’s, Ms. Baumann’s and Ms. Canali’s classes to raise money for Heifer.org, an organization that provides farm animals to impoverished families worldwide.

The kids’ goal: to raise \$120 for a goat that would provide milk for a hungry family, plus a surplus that could be sold or used to create butter and yogurt. Since goats typically produce 2-3 kids a year, those offspring could then be used to expand the family’s business or given to other needy families in the same village. The children were so enthusiastic about their

project that they met and exceeded the \$120 goal in just 3 weeks. The extra \$20 that was raised went to buy a flock of chicks that would produce eggs.

The three Kindergarten teachers saw this as a great learning experience for their students. “My kindergarten class was very excited to participate in raising money to buy a goat for a family in need,” says Romi Hovey. “They worked very hard and brought in money every day! We were excited when we counted all the money and had more money than we needed. It was a great experience for everyone!”

A parent then contacted Royal Crest Dairy to see if they would be willing to match the fundraising efforts of the Kindergartners. The company happily agreed, making the end result a total of 2 goats and 2 flocks of chicks for hungry families.

For more information about donating to Heifer, visit online at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

# UNICEF Fundraiser With Local Restaurants Brings Clean Water Around the World

Denver and Colorado restaurants are being asked to participate in UNICEF’s nationwide Tap Project campaign to provide clean water to children around the world. Customers are asked to donate \$1 for the tap water they normally are served for free from March 16 through March 22, which is World Water Day.

Restaurants are asked to register by March 5 at [www.tapproject.org](http://www.tapproject.org), where participating restaurants are listed. For local information, call 303-355-9393 or go to [www.tapproject.org](http://www.tapproject.org) or [tapprojectdenver@aol.com](mailto:tapprojectdenver@aol.com).

“The Tap Project brings to Denver and Colorado an incredibly simple concept to encourage restaurant patrons to help bring clean and safe water to the children of the world,” said Gloria Dogan. “As a Tap Project volunteer, I am glad that so many are raising this vital issue and are observing World Water Day in their communities by dining out at a Tap Project restaurants that has agreed to offer their patrons the opportunity to donate \$1 for the glass of water they are served to reduce child mortality.”

Last year, about 300 restaurants and thousands of customers in New York raised more than \$100,000 to provide 4 million children with safe, clean water.

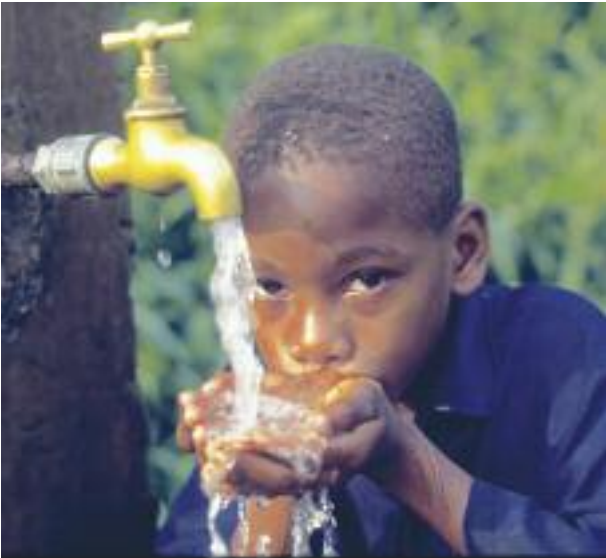
More than 1 billion people do not have access to clean water or adequate sanitation—1 in 5 is a child. Eighty percent of all illness and infant mortality is due to waterborne disease. Lack of clean water is the

second largest killer of children under 5...one every 15 seconds.

UNICEF works in more than 90 countries around the world to improve access to safe water and sanitation facilities in schools

and communities and to promote safe hygiene practices. Over the past 15 years, more than a billion people gained access to improved drinking water and sanitation facilities. UNICEF’s goal is to reduce by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe water and basic sanitation by 2015.

With each \$1 donation, UNICEF can provide 40 liters of safe drinking water, which is enough to give one child safe drinking water for 40 days, or 40 children safe drinking water for one day.



## Participating local restaurants include:

The Berkshire  
7352 E. 29th Ave.

Blue Fin Sushi  
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CoraFaye’s  
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Other restaurants are expected to be added. Please visit [tapproject.org](http://tapproject.org) for a complete list.

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## Since You've Asked...

**Q. The intersection of 23rd & Spruce was originally a 4-way and now has been changed to a 2-way. Why?**

A. The original stop sign location plan for that area of development known as Stapleton Filing 17 was to have a 2-way stop for Spruce Street at 23rd Avenue. Unfortunately, the stop signs for this intersection were originally installed with the stop signs placed on 23rd Avenue instead of Spruce Street. This was probably done because 23rd Avenue did not connect between Syracuse and Central Park Boulevard at the time. Since drivers became accustomed to stopping on 23rd at Spruce, it was decided that a temporary all-way stop would be implemented at 23rd and Spruce until drivers on Spruce could be retrained to expect to stop at 23rd. Once 23rd Avenue was extended to connect between Syracuse and Central Park Boulevard, the unplanned stop for 23rd at Spruce was removed at the direction of the City. The intersection of 23rd Avenue and Spruce is not a good candidate location for an all-way stop because it is only two blocks east of the traffic signal at 23rd and Syracuse. The City is currently evaluating other intersections along 23rd Avenue that are closer to the mid-point between Syracuse and Central Park Boulevard as

possible locations for all-way stop control. (Response provided by Brian L. Mitchell, P.E., P.T.O.E. Director of Traffic Engineering Services and City Traffic Engineer)

**Q. Should the homeowners who live along 26th Avenue from Clinton Street to Iola Street be worried when they see crews in HazMat suits removing toxic waste (asbestos?) from the empty lots across the street?**

A. According to Greg Holt of Denver International Airport, which oversees the environmental remediation of land at Stapleton, the asbestos removal in that area was completed on October 10th and the backfilling was completed on November 26th.

**Q. When is Colorado Studios going to clean up and landscape their entrance and surrounding lot to match the rest of Stapleton?**

A. As a tenant, Colorado Studios is responsible for the upkeep of the property it leases, but the surrounding land, which is scheduled for future development, is owned and managed by Forest City. Officials from Forest City Commercial Management are working cooperatively with Colorado Studios to address maintenance issues.

## 29th Drive Affordable Homes



Construction is progressing on the first phase of New Town Builders' 29th Drive Row Homes, Stapleton's newest affordable "for sale" housing at E. 29th Drive and Havana Street in close proximity to the Eastbridge Town Center. Ranging in size from the one bedroom Ivy (807 square feet) to the Dahlia (1,463 square feet with two and one-half baths), the Energy-Star rated homes begin in the low \$100,000s. Information on these income-qualified homes is available at [www.stapletondenver.com](http://www.stapletondenver.com) or by calling 303.707.4437.

## Earth Day Events at Northfield April 19th

- **Your help is needed now!** Please drop off empty water bottles in the recycling bin in front of Harkins Theater. The Art Institute will create a sculpture using 836 water bottles, the number an average household uses in one year. The sculpture will be on display for a month after Earth Day, with signs educating the public on the importance of recycling.
- On Earth Day guests that turn in 10 plastic water bottles for recycling will receive a canvas tote bag for shopping.
- 5% percent of gift card sales on Earth Day will be donated to an environmental charity.
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# Bond Project Update

By Michael Hancock

As promised, I am providing a periodic update of the public bond program approved by Denver voters in November. The *Better Denver* bond program continues to move forward to implement over 68 projects and \$550 million in investment to our public infrastructure. Mayor John Hickenlooper announced in early January the appointment of CH2M Hill as the project manager for the infrastructure improvement program. The appointment of CH2M Hill is critical to the overall management and success of the program. In addition, the Mayor appointed an Executive Committee and a Steering Committee. I will serve as a member of the Executive committee charged with policy and general oversight of the bond program. The next steps are to prioritize projects and implement a Public Involvement process. Citizens will be asked to provide their input about placement and amenities of the funded projects. In addition, the



Michael Hancock, Denver City Council President

goal is to provide residents with web based access to project schedules and construction zones, particularly with road projects. Optimistically, both elements of the public involvement effort are projected for implementation in April.

Stapleton residents may hear rumblings that the City is pushing a shared facility concept where the

recreation and library would be housed in the same facility. It is important that everyone understands that the city is obligated to analyze all possible options prior to build out. The City is not promoting one concept over another. Our goal is to move forward with both projects in the most expeditious and fiscally prudent manner.

*City Council President Michael Hancock represents District 11. He can be reached at Michael.Hancock@denvergov.org*

## Rocky Mtn. Arsenal, Stapleton's Neighbor to the North Thrive Like an Eagle

The American Bald Eagles that migrated to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge this winter are celebrating an important milestone.

For the first time in more than 40 years, they are living without the protections offered under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. Citing the "dramatic recovery" of the species, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne officially removed the eagles from the Endangered Species List last June.

"The eagle has returned," he said. "After years of careful

study, public comment and planning, the Department of the Interior and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are confident in the future security of the American bald eagle."

The decision has particular importance to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, which was established by Congress after a roosting pair of Bald Eagles was discovered at the site. Since 2002, when the pair first initiated nesting at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, 10 eaglets have hatched and seven have successfully fledged from the nest, said Refuge Manager Steve Berendzen.

"Last year, our nesting pair hatched two eaglets, and one survived to fledge from the nest. The other died during a large winter storm," he said.

Despite their delisting, American Bald Eagles are still protected at the refuge and elsewhere under the 1918 Migratory Bird Treaty and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Both

federal laws prohibit "taking"—killing, selling or otherwise harming eagles, their nests or eggs. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will also monitor American Bald Eagles for five years and propose relisting if it appears the Bald Eagle again needs protection under the Endangered Species Act.

American Bald Eagles remain one of the most popular attractions

at the refuge over the winter months, when anywhere from 10 to 100 migrating raptors join the roosting pair at the Arsenal. The nesting pair at the refuge is one of only 42 breeding pairs in Colorado. Nationally, about 9,700 pairs have been counted in the lower United States, which is up from a low of 417 pairs in 1963.

*Please note: The refuge is temporarily closed, pending the completion of one of the final environmental cleanup projects at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. The project should end in late spring/early summer, depending on weather, and the refuge will reopen then.*

*To learn more about the eagles at the refuge, visit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service online at <http://www.fws.gov/rockymountainarsenal/wildlife/eaglets.htm>.*



Based on the dramatic recovery of American Bald Eagles, they have been taken off the Endangered Species List. The Arsenal has a pair, which is one of only 42 breeding pairs in Colorado.

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# Smiley IB Program

(continued from page 1)

The IB Organization (IBO) was founded in 1968 in Geneva, Switzerland to provide a high school curriculum that was acceptable to universities throughout the world.

The program is academically rigorous but not just for advanced students. IB emphasizes personal growth and community service, and the importance of creativity, technology, physical health and life long learning.

The program is tailored to the student. Higher achieving students receive instruction and guidance suited to their abilities. Other students take the same classes but may proceed at different paces and receive special assistance in areas of struggle. The IBMYP boasts a broad and balanced interdisciplinary approach. Requirements include primary language, second language, math, science, social studies and arts, technology, and physical education.

The IBO outlines the process this way: The eight subject groups are studied through five Areas of Interaction. The first, Approaches to Learning, teaches students to take responsibility for their own learning, to become aware of their own thought processes.

The second, Community and Service, requires students to take an active part in their community, encouraging responsible citizenship. The third, *Homo Faber*, allows the student to explore the processes and products of human creativity to learn to apply the creative process to their own life. The fourth, Environment, develops an awareness of the environment to encourage responsible action. The fifth area of interaction, Health and Social Education, allows the student to understand the world from the standpoint of physical, social and emotional health. There is also a strong emphasis on individual and community development and intercultural awareness.

Currently, there are 1,903 schools in 124 countries implementing the IB programs to more than 500,000 students.

## Smiley Middle School



Q. My child is interested in the IP Program, will that exist next year?

A. No, the International Preparatory Magnet will cease to exist next year. We will implement a school-wide International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IBMYP) with an honors component. All students applying to the current IP magnet program, will be considered for our honors offerings and current IP students will be grandfathered into the honors offerings.

Q. What is the Honors program at Smiley?

A. The honors program of the IB at Smiley is accessible through the application process described below. Although the curriculum is not finalized at this time, the honors program will consist of core courses in math, language arts, social studies, and science. The honors program will be rooted in our popular IP program.

Q. If I shadowed at Smiley IP, what program am I applying into?

A. As an IP shadow and applicant, you are applying to the honors component of the IB. Results of the application process below will determine a child's eligibility for honors offerings.

## Q&A

## International Baccalaureate Program

Q. What will happen to Mission College?

A. The Mission College Academy will no longer exist as of the 2008-2009 school year. All Mission College students will become part of the IBMYP at Smiley.

These students may also apply to the honors component of the program.

Q. Will Smiley be 100% application?

A. Yes, there will be an application process that will include a pre-registration form, recommendations, CSAP scores, interview and diagnostic testing. Everyone who desires to attend Smiley will be admitted, however, entrance into the Honors Program will be based on the above mentioned application process. For the 2008-2009 school year, you may complete the IP application form for the honors program.

Q. What will happen to after-school tutoring and block periods of language arts and math?

A. Both of these aspects of our IP program will continue and be expanded to the entire student body.

For updated information, check the Smiley Middle School website periodically:  
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By Nancy Burkhart

Who doesn't remember a Teddy bear being important at some time during their life? Stapleton resident and children's book author Fred Shook believes that Teddy bears are perfect for educating children about prejudice and bigotry.

"I've never met anyone who didn't love a Teddy bear," said Shook, whose travels have taken him throughout the world. "Teddy bears have personalities. Every one is different. You can assign character traits to them."

Shook is an emeritus journalism professor at Colorado State University who read stories to his three children when they were young. He cut a deal with his daughter, Courtney, to tell her a story on any subject she chose from the age of 3 until she turned 8 years old. A favorite was Elsie, a milk cow who gave

## Teddy Bears Aren't Just Toys Anymore



Fred Shook, a local children's book author, reads his book *Sinclair's Excellent Plaid Paws* to his granddaughters Mary Jo, 4, and Destiny, 7, of Greeley.

chocolate milk during the summer and fudge bars during the winter, Shook said.

Now that his children are adults, Shook thinks of his three grandchildren, ages 4, 6 and 15, when he writes.

The first book in a series of five, "Sinclair's Excellent Plaid Paws," was published in December. In it, Sinclair faces prejudice in his class because he is the only Teddy bear with plaid paws. The story shows the reader how differences make people interesting and special.

"Everywhere I go, I discover one group in conflict with another group," Shook said. "There seem to be cultural conflicts every-

where in the world. I've puzzled about that. Why do we fail to accept one another?

"I believe that we fail to understand who the other person is and what their needs and their values are. I find it's impossible to dislike a person once you know who they are. Everyone has worth and dignity and everyone demands or requires respect."

Shook writes in a style with spark and pizzazz while settling the reader into his/her comfort zone. Book excerpts and online ordering can be found on Shook's website, [www.funteddybooks.com](http://www.funteddybooks.com).

"I want a child to delight in the stories,

and to learn about themselves, and to expand their understanding of the world and diversity in the world. And I want them to discover that reading is a joy," Shook explained his writing style.

He believes that the books would be good for anyone to read at any age.

"The books are suitable for the young at heart," he said. "They contain important truths. A book that simply entertains doesn't have much market value. It also has to enlarge people's understandings. It has to touch us. In touching us, it lends a sense of significance to an idea that we carry away and own forever."

Shook said that "Sinclair and His Excellent Plaid Paws" was tested at a Vance County, North Carolina elementary school. Lessons taught by Sinclair were used on the playground when a disagreement arose. Teacher Sigrid Bowen reported that one student told the other students, "We shouldn't fight. Remember how the bears in the story accepted Sinclair and loved him for who he was?"

The Teddy bears teach children that all differences, such as looks, culture, ethnicity, religion, and handicap, lack a basis for prejudice. The books also can be used by child psychologists for counseling, Shook said.

Teddy bears will be in the entire series. However, a future book, "Troubles Away," is meant for adults, Shook said. In the book, a girl has troubles that overwhelm her. She calls a company called "Troubles Away," for help. The company is a group of Teddy bears who solve problems. The lesson is that "If you manage your troubles one at a time, you can succeed," Shook said.

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By Kathy Epperson

Keeping the beat in the local band Laylights is Stapleton resident and drummer Martin Baker. While the band started in 2004 as more of a hobby, it really started to gel and become serious in 2005 with the addition of Ian McCumber on guitar and vocals. Rounding out the 4-member band are Tyler Hayden on vocals and guitar and Chris Martucci on bass.

The Laylights released their first CD in 2006 to very positive reviews and was named in the top ten bands in Denver by the Denver Post in 2007. “We just finished mastering our second CD and will be officially releasing it in April with a show at the Bluebird Theatre,” says drummer Martin Baker.

“It’s always tough to answer the question ‘what does your music sound like’ because it always depends on who’s listening,” says Martin. “Various music critics, blogs, writers, and fans have compared us to early U2, Echo & the Bunnymen, Editors, Band of Horses, and Interpol. I would say we are a mix of guitar-based British Pop mixed with a harder driving edge. Our goal with the new music, in particular, was to create an epic feel with solid song writing and hooks that stick in people’s heads. The music is accessible, being just indie enough but not so much as to alienate the majority of listeners.”

Being in his 30s and some ten years older than his fellow band mates plus the only one married and with a child, Martin initially wondered how the band might relate and work creatively together. “One of my nicknames in the band is Grandpa,” Martin says. “I thought the age issue would be really strange in being able to relate on a mature music level, but it has worked very well so far. Even though the others are younger, they are very mature and motivated to make the music a good experience. As you can imagine, being in a band is a complicated relationship where individuals with different personalities are contributing to create something very unique. So, the stronger the bond and respect we have for each other, the better the experience is for all parts — and for the whole.”

With the recent changes in the music industry, digital downloads are the primary way the band sells its music. “iTunes has been a great medium for people to buy, and MySpace and various music blogs have been integral in attracting new listeners,” Martin explains. “The new CD

Stapleton Drummer in Top Denver Band Laylights



Martin Baker, drummer for Laylights Photo courtesy of Martin Baker

will be on iTunes, CD Baby, Snowcap, MySpace, and www.laylights.com in April. We also sell CDs and merchandise at our live shows, including at our next show and CD release party, April 12th at the at the Bluebird Theatre.”

While Laylights are not under management or under contract with any labels currently, they’ve had strong interest from big artist management companies out of New York. “As for record labels, we have identified the ones we would like to pursue and feel there may be a match at some point,” Martin says. “The labels are definitely in flux right now because of dwindling sales, so we will see. Our goal is to partner with the right people who really get the music and have a stake in our success.”

The band has played

locally at the Bluebird Theatre, the Oriental, the Gothic Theatre opening for touring acts, and some smaller venues. “The highlight for us last year was playing at the Monolith Festival at Red Rocks — definitely a thrill playing at such a famous venue,” Martin says. “Nationally, we played at South By Southwest in Austin last year. That event is absolutely enormous, very exciting, and humbling. We also played Summerfest in Milwaukee, Chicago, and other midwest locals.” This year, the band plans a tour on the east coast (New York, Washington, Boston) and, maybe the west coast (Seattle, Portland, Vancouver).

Martin and his wife Heather are parents to 4 year old son Logan, who Martin says is his number one fan. “I feel totally blessed to have a wife who understands my passion for music and who supports the hours we put in to pursue that passion,” he says. “It does get challenging working full-time in real estate, raising Logan, and keeping the band on track. So far, it’s been manageable and worth the effort. I think we will have a good response to the music this year. This has been an incredible experience, and we will have to see what the future brings.”

For more information, check out the band’s website at www.laylights.com.

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The party is in preparation for the 2008 Relay for Life to be held July 18-19 at Founders' Green in Stapleton's E. 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue Town Center at which the American Cancer Society invites individuals to celebrate with cancer survivors and caregivers, remember those who have lost their battle with cancer, and fight to find a cure for cancer. Relay for Life began in 1985 with one man who walked and ran around a track for 24 hours, raising \$27,000. This year, Relay for Life will be held in more than 4,770 communities.

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## Teachable Moments

by Tom Downey  
Children's Museum of Denver



### Making Clean-up Time A Game

The beds are made, the clothes are hung up, and all the toys are neatly put away. This is everyday, right? Not likely. Getting children to pick up after themselves can be frustrating! Whether it's a quick clean up with "Beat the Clock" after a playdate or picking up after the hurricane hit their bedroom, getting kids to clean doesn't have to be a chore itself.

Always stay positive. You're less likely to hear complaints from kids if the grown-ups are engaging and upbeat. Transitioning from playing to chores can be challenging, so give a heads up when it's time to clean. Start with a 15-minute warning, then a 10 and a 5-minute call.

Make clean-up time a game! For younger children, role-playing is a great way to get them interested in picking up after themselves. Become a magical wizard and put a "spell" on the messy room. Turn everyone into a vacuum cleaner, a busy bee, a robot maid, or a hauling helicopter! Kids delight in "buzzing" around and putting toys away!

For older kids, try "Clean Freeze." Play an upbeat song and while the music is playing, everyone dances around and picks up toys. When the music stops, everyone freezes. The cleaning resumes when the music starts again. This game can be played indoors and outdoors and lasts until everything is picked up.

Clean-up time can be great for learning. Ask the kids to first put away everything that begins with the letter "B" and then maybe the letter "S." Play "I Spy." "I spy with my little eye something red!" Then, they put away everything that's red. These are perfect for kids working on their colors and letters, and it's great for early phonetic awareness!

Encourage your children to pick up after a playdate. Other parents will be very impressed! We all know how important playdates are for kids and parents, and when your children pick up after themselves in other people's homes, they are ensured an invitation to return!

Getting kids involved in the clean-up process is a great step toward personal responsibility everywhere they go. Most importantly, it's a wonderful opportunity to model good behavior and spend time with your children!

There are hundreds of these "teachable moment" opportunities everyday! 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](http://bornlearning.org). Here in Colorado, Mile High United Way, Anna Jo Haynes of Mile High Montessori, the Children's Museum of Denver 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, [tomd@cmdenver.org](mailto:tomd@cmdenver.org). He lives at Stapleton with his wife, Lori Fox, and daughters Cate, Ella, and Meg.

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# SouthEnders' Barista Does It All



D.Ray, barista for SouthEnders, grew up just five blocks from the restaurant.

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D.Ray (short for Donald Ray) is a familiar face to customers who frequent the popular gathering spot for its natural coffees and teas, as well as a selection of pastries and other breakfast and luncheon foods, much of which is organic and supplied by small, local companies. Even before SouthEnders opened in February, however, D.Ray had helped owners Mel and Nancy Harris, and their partner, Justin Ross, with the final build-out of the space located at 23rd and Central Park Boulevard on the ground floor of South End Row.

A graduate of George Washington High School who earned a degree in Website Management from Remington College in Golden, D.Ray’s success in coaching the swim teams at East High School recently earned him “Co-Coach of the Year” honors

from the Colorado High School Activities Association. His modesty in discussing those personal accomplishments, however, turns to unbridled enthusiasm when he talks about the vitality SouthEnders is bringing to the cultural and entertainment scene at Stapleton.

“I grew up five blocks from SouthEnders, so I enjoy working here as a great change of pace from my other activities and a way to meet such wonderful people,” D.Ray says. “Not only does SouthEnders highlight the work of local artists on the First Friday of each month, we sometimes have spontaneous musical performances by a customer who drops in to play his saxophone. In addition, Nancy Harris, who is a professional entertainer, will occasionally sing and play our piano.”

A recently opened patio is ready for the enjoyment of customers when the weather turns warmer. SouthEnders is open from 6:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, and 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.



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Marketing Director Joyce Rocha-Brown on Main Street at Northfield

Joyce Rocha-Brown, director of marketing for The Shops at Northfield Stapleton, believes Stapleton's outdoor "lifestyle retail center" should bring more than a wide variety of great retail, dining and entertainment to the Northeastern Metropolitan area. "We are committed to making a strong contribution to a diverse, vibrant community," Joyce says. "Our holiday celebrations such as the 'symphony of lights' and our summer concerts on Main Street, which we plan to hold again this year, are becoming popular traditions that attract shoppers and visitors from throughout the region."

A native of Arvada, Colorado, Joyce grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico where she received a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in marketing from the University of New Mexico. Prior to joining Forest City Stapleton, Inc. in October of last year, she worked for Prime Retail, the owner of the Prime Outlets stores in Castle Rock.

Joyce is a long distance runner who competed in the New York City Marathon several years ago. An avid skier and hiker, Joyce and her husband Justin enjoy an active, outdoor lifestyle. She proclaims: "That's why I love Colorado!"

Westerly Creek Earns Prestigious Landscape Award



Photo courtesy of CoCal Landscape

Flowers, grasses and trees line pathways along Westerly Creek. The area was designed to provide recreational use and also to manage storm water drainage.

The Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado (ALCC), recently honored Denver-based landscape contractor CoCal Landscape for restoration work done at Westerly Creek in Stapleton.

"These winning landscapes are excellent examples of the newest landscape designs and cutting-edge trends seen in Colorado landscaping today," said Kristen Fefes, ALCC executive director, at a ceremony honoring recipients of the Association's 2007 Excellence in Landscape Awards.

Westerly Creek once carried water underneath runways and taxiways at the former Stapleton International Airport before it closed in February 1995. Today Westerly Creek has been transformed into a diversified waterway, surrounded by parks and an open space system. It successfully filters surface drainage through wetlands providing storm water management and provides neighborhood connectivity through paths for walking, biking, equestrian and wildlife viewing.

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# Johnson & Wales Teams Up with Manual High School



Katia Briskie, a 3rd year Johnson and Wales student from Orange County, California, tutors Jourdan Perry/Woods, a freshman at Manual High School using an internet based computer program.

Students and staff from Johnson & Wales University are providing after-school tutoring at Denver's newly restructured Manual High School. Working through the University's Community Leadership Institute, the tutoring is provided under the auspices of the School Partner Program, an initiative of the Denver Public School Foundation underwritten by the Qwest Foundation. In addition, two Johnson and Wales marketing students and one of the University's business professors are working with Manual Principal Rob Stein to develop a strategic marketing plan for Manual.

# Curves Hosts 10th Annual Food Drive

Curves of Stapleton is participating in the Curves Food Drive to benefit local food banks. Last year, the Curves Food Drive collected almost 11 million pounds of food for local communities all over the world. Curves offers a discounted fee for any new member who brings in a bag of non-perishable groceries and commits to a 12-month membership starting from March 3 -15. Others wishing to donate may drop off non-perishable food items at Curves Monday through Friday during business hours through the month of March.

Andrea Hollister-Pratt of Stapleton Curves says, "We have a chance to help so many people at a time when the food banks are lowest. It's a win-win situation and we're very proud to participate." For more information, contact Andrea Hollister-Pratt at 303-333-5959 or stapletoncurves@msn.com.

# Art: Feeds the Spirit, Feeds the Animals

## The Urban Farm at Stapleton

RE/Max Cherry Creek has teamed up with The Urban Farm at Stapleton to host an art lottery and wine reception in Cherry Creek on March 14th to raise funds to feed the animals at the agricultural and environmental education center.

The Urban Farm is a 15-year-old non-profit organization that teaches agricultural and environmental education to more than 400 urban children and at-risk youth who are enrolled in the horsemanship education programs at The Farm. A menagerie of 59 horses, 4 donkeys, 28 chickens, 14 sheep and 33 goats are among the animals that make their home at The Urban Farm, which is located along Smith Road on the

eastern portion of Stapleton.

RE/MAX of Cherry Creek, located at 3773 Cherry Creek North Drive (East Tower - Suite #801) will open its doors at 6:30 p.m. on March 14th to preview approximately 100 pieces of art by local and national artists and collectors. An art lottery and wine reception will follow at 7:30 p.m. when each ticketed art lottery participant will have the opportunity to choose a piece of art for his or her home. Lottery tickets (for two people) are \$150 and general admission is \$50/person. A limited number of tickets are available by calling Bettyann Heppler at 303.355.5951. More information on the event is available from Kim Davis at 303.388.2271.



Organizers of the fundraiser pose with some of the Urban Farm animals. From left, Leda Viart, Marjorie Thompson, Bettyann Heppler, Suzanna McLaughlin and Kim Davis.

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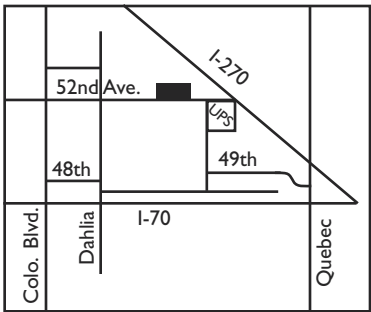


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Reflections After A Near Fatal Accident

# Lesson Learned the Hard Way



Keith Fuicelli stands at the corner of 17th and Steele, near where he was very seriously injured by a car going 45 miles per hour. He shares the lessons learned from that accident.

By Keith Fuicelli

Every cloud has a silver lining, right? I found that out the hard way last year. On May 2, 2007, while on my way home after jogging around City Park, I was hit by a car on 17th Street. The car that hit me was going about 45 miles per hour and I am truly lucky to be alive. The great doctors at Denver Health saved my life while the amazing Craig Hospital provided my rehabilitation. After nearly two months in the hospital, I am thrilled to report I made a near complete recovery. So what did I learn from my experience? That is a great question.

I suppose I went through this process from a rather unique viewpoint. You see, I am an attorney who specializes in insurance matters including personal injury claims. So although this was the first time I have personally been through a severe injury, I have dealt with other cases involving severe injuries literally hundreds of times. Here's what I learned from my experience.

First, there is the obvious. Treat *every day* like it is your last! Kiss your husband or wife goodbye *every day*. Hug your children and tell them you love them *every day*. But there were other less obvious things I learned, mainly dealing with insurance.

Although I had seen many cases of people being injured without enough insurance, I myself did not have enough. The person who hit me had relatively low insurance limits. Fortunately, I carried "uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage" through my own automobile insurance. Many people are not aware that if you are injured by an automobile, even if you are a pedestrian or on a bicycle, your own automobile insurance may provide benefits. Because the person who hit me carried relatively low limits (as do many drivers in Colorado) my "un-

derinsured motorist coverage" kicked in. The problem was: I did not have enough.

The lesson; if you have a family, own your house, or have any significant assets, you really should carry a million dollar umbrella policy *with* uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage. Carrying such a policy has two benefits: first, should you make a mistake while driving (and we all do) and someone is seriously hurt, you will be able to help cover all of the harms and losses caused *and* likely prevent that

person from going after your personal assets. Second, if someone else is careless and seriously injures you or your family, you will have at least a million dollars in coverage for your losses regardless of how much insurance the person that caused your injuries has. Call your agent and ask about an umbrella policy *with* uninsured/underinsured coverage. I imagine you will be pleasantly surprised at how inexpensive the coverage is, often costing just a few hundred dollars *a year*.

The other lesson is to carry disability insurance if possible. In my case I was a hair away from never being able to practice law again. That made me realize how much I take for granted being able to work and earn a living. The lesson many of us ignore is that our ability to work can be taken away in an instant.

After my accident, I was speaking with a lawyer friend of mine who put it this way: having lots of insurance including disability insurance is hopefully the best money spent for a product you will never need. I guess it is like changing your oil; we spend the money to do it and do not see an immediate return. It is only if we don't spend the money that we learn in hindsight the mistake we have made. Hopefully you learn from my mistakes. And oh yeah, look both ways before crossing!

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# Don't Miss These Tax Deductions

By Dori Hennecken

**Babysitting fees:** The tax court has ruled that fees paid to a sitter so that a mother could do volunteer work for a charity were deductible as a charitable contribution even though money didn't go directly to the charity. Unfortunately the blood donation to Bonfils and the time you donated to your church is not deductible.

**Moving the family pet:** If you have changed jobs and can meet a couple of other tests, you can deduct your moving expenses that would include the cost of moving the family pet from your old home to your new.

**Home Office Expense:** The tax court has allowed sole proprietors to deduct the cost of maintaining their property when they are claiming a home office deduction. This deduction would include such things as landscaping, lawn care and driveway repairs and would be based on the percentage of what part of the home was used for business. According to the Wall Street Journal (1/16/07) a survey in 2006 for the National Federation of Independent Business Research Foundation found that about 75% of those polled said the home office deduction would apply to their business. See Publication 587 at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for more information on the home office deduction.

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Students Celebrate Black History



Bradford Bush, 5, Taylor Macias, 6, and Emily Tanabe, 6, pet a dog at Denver Dumb friends league, where they donated supplies.

During the month of January the Primrose School at Stapleton collected pet food, supplies and other items to give to canine and feline residents of the Denver Dumb Friends League. The effort was part of the school's Food for Precious Pets curriculum, in which preschoolers learned how homeless animals are cared for in a shelter, the nature of their general needs and the adoption process. The kindergarten class, along with their teachers, personally delivered the supplies to the Denver Dumb Friends League on a field trip.



The Roberts Middle School drumming circle performs in a "Circle of Life Celebration" to honor Black History Month.

The middle school drumming circle performed during the William "Bill" Roberts K-8 "Circle of Life Celebration" in honor of Black History Month. The drumming performance was a culmination of the second trimester middle school music class taught by Dr. Ira Bigelow. The "Circle of Life Celebration" was held on Tuesday February 12th and featured the efforts of K-8 students in a variety of artistic and intellectual interpretations of curriculum studied during Black History Month.

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Stapleton Front Porch

# Front Porch Annual Summer Camp Guide

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**Art Garage** (Ages 3-15) Summer morning camps from 9am to noon Monday through Friday. Each week will be a different medium from ceramics to drawing. 6100 East 23rd Avenue 303-377-2353

**Art Students League of Denver** 200 Grant St. Grades K-11, morning or afternoon Jun 9 to Aug. 15, sculpting, mixed mediums, painting, drawing and cartooning, \$112. [www.asld.org](http://www.asld.org) 303-778-6990

**Aurora Recreation Sports Camps**, Aurora. Ages 4-18, camps in baseball, basketball, football, roller hockey, lacrosse, skateboard, soccer, T-ball, track, volleyball, details available in April, [www.auroragov.org/recreation](http://www.auroragov.org/recreation) 303-326-8700

**Aurora Summer Camps**, eight locations. Sessions include Art, Music and Mini Golf, Cooking and Craft, Camp Make It and Take It, Dance, Drama, Gymnastics, History, Munchkin Mini, Pre-Teen Adventures, Therapeutic Recreation, ages 3 to 14. Visit [www.auroragov.org/recreation](http://www.auroragov.org/recreation) or call 303-236-8560

**Avid4 Adventure**, Denver and surrounding areas. Ages 5 to 15, one-week sessions 9am to 2:30pm Monday to Friday, diverse, age-appropriate and safety-focused outdoor pursuits. \$350. [www.avid4.com](http://www.avid4.com) 720-249-2412

**Baby Power and Forever Kids** (Ages 2-7) Gym time, crafts, music & snacks and activities including Spanish, drama, science, cooking, dance. 1 week sessions Jun 2-Aug 11 12:30-3:30pm \$125/week [www.babypower.com/denver](http://www.babypower.com/denver) 303-377-8855 Quebec Square at Stapleton. 7505 East 35th Avenue, Suite 330

**Bienvenidos Spanish Language Camp** (Ages 3-6) Children will play, sing, cook and eat their way through gentle Spanish immersion. Meals will be tasty Latin dishes. Session 1: Jul 21-31 Session 2: Aug 4-14 10am-1pm Monday-Thursday, \$300/session, lunch included. Liza Buddenhagen,



Denver Zoo Summer Safari

803 Poplar Street. 303-393-1459 Lizabella@earthlink.net

**Big Bear Ice Arena** (Ages 3 and up) Ice hockey, soccer and Lacrosse training programs. Spring and summer sessions. 8580 East Lowry Street 303-343-1111, ext. 104 [www.bigbearice.com](http://www.bigbearice.com)

**Blast Kids Sports Camp**, Colorado Athletic Club Monaco, 2695 S. Monaco Parkway. Ages 5-12, Jun 2-6 and Aug 8-15, tennis, swimming, gym, outdoor games, self-defense, basketball, \$55-\$235, 303-758-7080 or 303-790-7777

**Bluff Lake Nature Center** Junior Naturalist Program (ages 6-10) 9am to noon \$105 for members; \$125 for non-members. Creepy Crawly Bug Camp - Jun 16-20 or Jul 23-27. Wonderful Winged Things camp - Jul 7-11 or Jul 14-18. Water Week - Jul 28-Aug 1 or Aug 4-8 [www.blufflakenaturecenter.org](http://www.blufflakenaturecenter.org). Go to Programs and Junior Naturalists. Register online or call Susan at 303-468-3244.

**Camp Invention**, various metro-area locations. For students entering grades 1 to 6. Week-long day experiences. Activities, teamwork,

inventive-thinking skills. Call for dates and details. [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org), 1-800-868-4332

**Carefree Early Learning Center Camp Adventure**, 15151 E. Wesley Ave., Aurora. 6am to 6pm June to August, completed kindergarten through age 12. Activities, cooking, arts and crafts, field trips, movies, trips to restaurants and ice-cream parlors. Lunches and snacks included. 303-751-4004

**The Children's Museum of Denver** Newborns through age 8 and their grownups can experience daily educational programming, special events and interactive Playscapes. A Junior Jobsite construction exhibit will open Jul 13. Mighty Machines, an exhibit of monstrous equipment will be from 9am-2pm on Jul 13, Aug 9 and Sep 13. A Hop, Skip and a Jump Start-5k, toddler trot and infant crawl will be held at the end of the summer. 303-433-7444 [www.mychildsmuseum.org](http://www.mychildsmuseum.org)

**City Park Golf Course** - The First Tee Golf instruction plus year-long free access to junior course. Groups range from novice to experienced. Six-week sessions for kids ages 4 and

up. Call for advice on choosing a group for your child. Kids' golf clubs provided free. Information at 303-370-1554. Schedule and registration, starting March 17 at [www.thefirstteeofdenver.com](http://www.thefirstteeofdenver.com).

**Colorado Clash Soccer Club** With the Denver School of Science and Technology, providing summer camps and programs for teams. Numerous summer camps in the Stapleton neighborhood, with developmental programs for ages 5-10 and competitive options for ages 11-18. 303-513-1429 [www.coloradoclash.org](http://www.coloradoclash.org)

**Colorado Heritage Camps**, 2052 Elm St. Ages 3 to 18 and families, June to August, 10 sessions providing cultural, family-related experiences for children who were adopted internationally or are trans-racial, and for their families. \$85 to \$125. 303-320-4234

**Colorado Rapids Soccer Camps** Camps for all ages and levels of play, including specific positions, day camps, overnight camps, parent camps and team camps. Camps start in March and run through the summer. 303-727-3517 [www.coloradorapids.com](http://www.coloradorapids.com)

**Crestmoor Learning Center** (Ages 2 1/2-4) Range of activities and pre-school, including outdoor play, arts and crafts. Call Molly at 303-321-1655.

**Dardano's School of Gymnastics** Ongoing gymnastics classes for ages toddler through 12 are listed online. Kids Summer Adventure Camp 4-week sessions. Check for updates online or call to get pricing and session dates. 2250 Kearney Street 303-355-0080 [www.dardanosgym.com](http://www.dardanosgym.com)

**Denver Art Museum** Classes for kids ages 4-15 for a creative, fun time with art. Half-day or full-day, weeklong (Tuesday to Friday) camps. 720-913-0048. [www.denverartmuseum.org/learn\\_and\\_play/families\\_and\\_kids/classes\\_and\\_camps](http://www.denverartmuseum.org/learn_and_play/families_and_kids/classes_and_camps) (continued on page 22)

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Children's Museum "Luapulooza"

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**Denver Botanic Gardens** Spring Break Kid-Camp (Ages 6-12) Mar 24-28 9am-4pm. Summer camps for ages 6-14 in June and July. \$209 - \$229. [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org) Go to Education and Summer Day Camps. 720-865-3580

**Denver Center Theatre Academy**, 1101 13th St. Ages 4 to 18, June 16 to Aug. 8, learn how to act, sing, dance and design theater. \$50 to \$300. [denvercenter.org](http://denvercenter.org), 303-446-4892

**Denver International School** Ages 3-11 Jun 9-Aug 22 \$160-\$240 per week Week-long day camps. Learn French, Mandarin Chinese & Spanish with sports, arts and science. Information at 303-756-0381; [info@dischool.org](mailto:info@dischool.org)

**Denver Museum of Nature and Science** Numerous options ranging from ninety-minute workshops to week-long half-day or full-day camps, for ages 3-12. Registration forms are on the website, or call 303-322-7009. [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org) Go to Education, Families & Children, Summer Camps. Email: [Andrea.Hamilton@dmns.org](mailto:Andrea.Hamilton@dmns.org)

**Denver Parks and Recreation** Hiawatha Davis Recreation Center, 3334 Holly Street Jun 11-Aug 3 Monday-Friday 9am-4pm, \$105/week 303-331-4006 Summer in the Park Clayton College 38th and Martin Luther King Blvd. Monday-Friday 10am-3pm, \$50/week 720-865-0840 [www.denvergov.org](http://www.denvergov.org) Go to Recreation Centers and Programs, Summer Day Camps.

**Denver Pioneers Women's Basketball Camp**, 2201 E. Asbury Ave. Ages 8-18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Jun 16-19, \$275, [dubasketballcamps.com](http://dubasketballcamps.com), 303-871-4714

**Denver Public Library** Park Hill Branch, 4705 Montview Boulevard 303-331-4063. Pauline Robinson Branch 5575 East 33rd Avenue 303-370-1530 Ages Baby-Preschool. Story-time schedule and Super Saturday program. <http://kids.denverlibrary.org>

**Denver Zoo** (Kindergarten, 1st grade spots only) Summer Safari A fun-filled educational experience for animal lovers. Hands-on activities, animal visits and observations, crafts, games, stories, projects and zoo tours designed for each age group. Includes nutritious snacks and t-shirt. 303-376-4888, option 8 [www.denverzoo.org](http://www.denverzoo.org) Go to Education, Children's Programs

**Dramatic Adventures** (Ages 4-8) Mar 24-28 Spring Break Camp Super Hero Academy Summer Camp teaches heroic problem-solving and focusing skills. 9am-noon Jun 9, 23, July 9, 21 303-377-0785 Montview Presbyterian Church. [www.dramaticadventures.com](http://www.dramaticadventures.com)

**Dream Big Day Camp** Ages 4 years by June 1, 2008 through 10 years The core philosophy is to empower all children to find their own "place in the sun" while having tons of fun and improving their skills. Winter Camp Mar 24-28 \$350 Summer Session Jul 21-Aug 8 Full day-\$395 per week; Mini Day Option for Pre-K and Kindergarten ages only-\$260 per week East 4th Avenue and Albion Street. 303-377-1805 [www.dreambigdaycamp.com](http://www.dreambigdaycamp.com)

**Extended Indoor Summer Break Camp** Three metro-area locations. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 4 to 8 and Aug. 11 to 15, ages 6 to 12, sports, art, pottery, dance. \$105. 720-913-0691

**George Gwozdecky Hockey Camp**, University of Denver. Players ages 6-15 learn under the direction of DU's varsity hockey coach, weeks of June 23, July 7, 14 and 21, ice sessions, games, free tickets to a DU game, swimming, presentations, camp jersey, \$405-\$580, [www.gghockeycamp.com](http://www.gghockeycamp.com), 303-871-4597

**GVR Metropolitan District Summer Camp**, 18650 E. 45th Ave. 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. June through August, ages 5 to 15, arts and crafts, science, reading, games, reflections, cooking classes. \$144 youths/\$155 teens. 303-307-3240

**Gymnastic Plus Camps**, 6180 E. Warren Ave. Ages 4-6, 9am-1pm, call for dates, gymnastics, dance, craft, outdoor activities, \$150, [www.gymplus.com/camp.html](http://www.gymplus.com/camp.html), 303-512-0799

**Heroic Journey**, Denver. Provides grieving teens the opportunity to discover inner strength to face challenges ahead, Jul 1 to Aug 18, hiking, backpacking, peak ascent, rock climbing, high ropes course. [www.outward-boundwilderness.org](http://www.outward-boundwilderness.org), 866-467-7644

**JA Business Week Camp**, Johnson and Wales University, 7150 Montview Blvd. High school age, Jun 8 to 13, work on "Apprentice"-style business projects, meet new friends, live on a college campus. \$250. [www.jabusinessweek.org](http://www.jabusinessweek.org), 303-260-6285

**Jewish Community Center** Day camps, sports camps and week-long themed camps. Also JCC-Ranch Camp and MACC summer art theatre academies. All ages. Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center 350 South Dahlia Street Camp Central 303-316-6383 [www.jccdenver.org](http://www.jccdenver.org)

**KC Kids Summer Camps** Ages 5-12 Unique arts & crafts, walking field trips and loads of exciting physical games and activities. 7a-5:45p

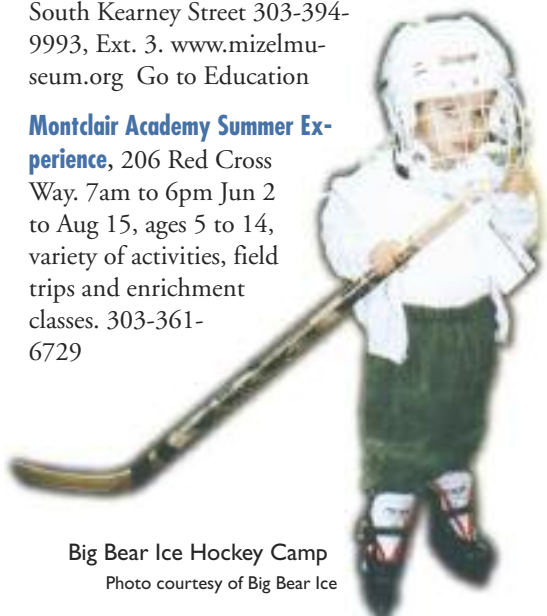
starting Jun 2 "Camp in the City" Crofton Elementary School, 2409 Arapahoe Street. \$135/week Weekly Reality Camps Park Hill, 5050 East 19th Avenue \$175/week with 10% discount for 3 or more weeks. Register at 720-424-8291

**kidstheatreWEST** Theatre camp for kids 7-15 from Jun 2-Aug 13 at locations in Denver and Littleton. Campers will take acting, stage combat and improv classes. Production of "The Wizard of Oz" at the John Hand Theatre in Lowry Jun 2-Aug 13. 303-507-7424 [www.kidstheatrewest.net](http://www.kidstheatrewest.net)

**Mike Giles Family Karate Summer Camp** Lil Dragons (Ages 3-6) Jun 9-13 and Jul 14-18 "Big People" (Ages 7-13) Jun 16-20 and Jul 21-25 Classes are 9am-noon. \$130/week Stapleton's Quebec Square 303-377-5425 [www.mikegileskarate.com](http://www.mikegileskarate.com). E-mail: [mikegileskarate@comcast.net](mailto:mikegileskarate@comcast.net)

**Mizel Museum Summer Camps** (Preschool-age 12) Morning, afternoon and full-day camps in art, drama, dance, enrichment and multicultural activities. Weekly camps run throughout the summer with professional camp leaders. Five half-days, \$95. Five full days, \$185. Scholarships available. 400 South Kearney Street 303-394-9993, Ext. 3. [www.mizelmuseum.org](http://www.mizelmuseum.org) Go to Education

**Montclair Academy Summer Experience**, 206 Red Cross Way. 7am to 6pm Jun 2 to Aug 15, ages 5 to 14, variety of activities, field trips and enrichment classes. 303-361-6729



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**Multi-Sports Camps**, various Denver locations. Ages 4-12, June-August, soccer, baseball, flag football, lacrosse, basketball, \$90-\$100, 303-798-7515

**Odyssey School/My Enrichment** John Babiak, Executive Arts, Flourish, Omniform, Anne Thulson, Ira Bigelow, Stan Yan and Children's Technology Workshop will provide summer camps in Stapleton and surrounding areas. Weekly full and half-day summer camps will be held Jun 9-Jul 31. 303-872-0782 E-mail molly@myenrichment.com; www.myenrichment.com

**Paddington Station Adventure Camp**, Paddington Station Preschool, 1301 Quebec St. Ages 3 and up, 11:30am to 1:30pm Jun 2 to 27 and Jun 30 to Jul 25, play, sing, explore and grow while discovering the world. \$56 to \$226. 303-333-9154

**Paint Horse Stables Camp**, 4201 S. Parker Road, Aurora. Ages 8 and up, 9am-3:30pm Jun 9-Aug 11, learn safety, horse care, grooming, saddling and riding, \$375 per week, www.painhors-estables.net, 303-690-8235

**Pony Camps**, Aurora and Parker. Learn to groom, walk and ride a pony; Little Boots, ages 3-4 with parent, 1-3pm two-day sessions Jun 11-Aug 23, \$140; Chaps 'n' Britches, ages 5 and up (under 70 pounds), four-day sessions 9am-noon Jun 11-Aug 23, \$275; www.thep-onyladyllc.com, 303-699-9698

**Primrose School at Stapleton** (Ages 4-12) An adventurous and educational full-day summer program for school-age children. Weekly fee covers all costs including meals, materials and transportation costs. Choose from 2- 3-or 5-days a week programs. Hours: 6:30am-6:15pm. 303-322-7200, www.primrosetapleton.com. Carrie Knox, 2501 Syracuse St

**Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge Programs**, Free programs, reservations required: Tuesday Tots, Kids Photo Basics, Evening Under the Stars, Home on the Range bison tour, Family Bike the Range and Owls Underground. Jun 7, 8am-noon – free Kids Fishing Derby. Catch-and-release program on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Hike the trails Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays 6am-6pm. Visitors Center open 7:30am-4pm. Enter at 56th and Havana. 303-289-0930 www.fws.gov/rockymountainarsenal/index.htm

**Rocky Mountain Arsenal Nature Rangers Day Camp**, six weekly nature and wildlife appreciation camps in June & July with sessions for

grades 1 - 6. Explore the Refuge wetlands and grassland and identify animal tracks, birds, insects and wildflowers. \$145 - \$190. Contact John Babiak at jababiak@aol.com or 510-684- 8370. or visit www.MyEnrichment.com

**Rocky Mountain Chess Camp**, Denver and Englewood. Ages 6 to 18, Jun 9 to 13 and Jul 14 to 16, full- and half-day options, learn scorekeeping, etiquette, tournament

preparation, logical thinking and strategic planning for all phases of the game. \$209 to \$379. www.coloradomasterchess.com, 303-770-6696

**Rocky Mountain Speed Camp**, 2006 Ironton Court, Aurora. Ages 7-21, Jun 16-Jul 24, speed, agility, quickness, explosiveness, total body conditioning training to improve student athletes, \$299 for 24 sessions, www.rocky-mountainspeedcamp.com, 303-362-1072

**Safari Adventures Fine Arts Camp** (Preschool-4th grade) A special week for enjoying 2- and 3-dimensional art, music, games, stories and much more. Early June at a school in Stapleton. Cost is \$35 for the week. 720-985-6810 contact@northfieldchurch.com



Mizel Museum Camp

**Salvation Army Summer Camp**, 2915 High St. 7:30am to 6pm Jun 2 to Aug 15, ages 5 to 10, field trips, sports, educational activities, crafts, nature study, Christian education. \$50, family maximum of \$100 a week. 303-295-2107

**Skyhawks Sports Academy Camps**, various metro locations. Ages 3 1/2-14, Jun 2-Aug 11, \$90-\$130, athletic programs that emphasize critical lessons in sports and life, www.skyhawks.com, 720-570-4747

**Spanish is Fun** Ages 4-10-Play games, cook and dance at a fiesta while learning and practicing Spanish in Denver, Lakewood and Highlands Ranch. www.spanishisfun.net 303-200-0622

**Teen Adventures**, Community Recreation, 1849 Emerson St. Times vary, Jun 12 to Aug 1, ages 12 to 16. \$83.75, which covers three-month recreation card. 720-913-0691

**Temple Emanuel Camp**, 51 Grape St., 8am to 5:30pm Jun 6 to Aug 15, ages 2 to 6, art, crafts, science, open gym, water play, math, outside time, music, games, story time. 303-321-7258

**Thornton Camps**, 2211 Eppinger Blvd. Adventure Club 6:30am to 6pm Jun 2 to 27, Jun 30 to Jul 25, Jul 28 to Aug 15, ages 5 to

11, \$273 to \$437. Teen Escape 6:30am to 6pm Jun 2 to 27, Jun 30 to Jul 25, Jul 28 to Aug 15, ages 11 to 14, \$291, \$466. Both camps include swimming, field trips, bookmobile visits, crafts, games, athletics. 720-977-5934

**The Urban Farm** A farm experience with various workshops and classes. 303-307-9332 www.theurbanfarm.org. 10200 Smith Road

**Wild Iris Recreation** At 3 Stapleton swimming pools. Jun-Jul—Swim lessons, swim teams, feeder teams. Register at www.wildirisrecreation.com 720-529-9911

**YMCA of Metropolitan Denver** (Preschool-15 yrs) The Schlessman YMCA will organize youth sports teams to play in Stapleton. Visit the website for programs, schedules, cost and location details, as well as information about a variety of sports camps. 720-542-2750 www.denverymca.org Go to Sports link.

**Young Americans Center for Financial Education Camps**, 3550 E. First Ave. and 401 S. Pierce St., Lakewood. Grades 2 to 7, Jun 9 to Aug 1, weeklong camps include Be Your Own Boss, Girls Can, International Towne, Junior Money Matter, Money Sense, Running Your Own Biz, Young AmeriTowne. \$185. www.vacenter.org, 303-321-2265



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The SUN Board meets at 6:30pm on the 4th Thursday of every month at the MCA Stapleton Community Room at 2823 Roslyn Street.

## We're Looking For A Few Good Neighbors

By Peter Mullison

Are you new to the neighborhood? Have you hoped that more voices from the community would be represented in development decisions? Want to help make Stapleton a better place to live and work? Do you have talents and skills that could be put to good use in planning future development in Stapleton? Are you a current resident who has been looking for an opportunity to get involved with neighborhood issues?

If your answer is "yes" to any of these questions, please consider running for a leadership position in the Stapleton United Neighbors Board of Directors.

The first Board of Directors of SUN was elected in the spring of 2004. During the past few years, much has been accomplished. SUN developed By-laws and established non-profit status. Several community forums have been held and a neighborhood watch program has been started. SUN has also supported alternative transportation planning and active living in the community. SUN now hosts regular forums with Forest City representatives and officials from the City to help keep Stapleton residents up to date on the state of our neighborhood. SUN also organizes the annual Block Party Day and the Kickball Tournament, to help bring new neighbors together, and build the bonds that are critical to strong communities.

Now it is time to make plans for another year of progress with the election of members of the SUN Board of Directors. Of the 14

seats on the SUN Board, seven are up for elected this year. As Stapleton is always growing, SUN is committed to including on the Board residents from all areas, including newly built homes.

A nominating committee has been formed to identify members of the Stapleton community who are interested in becoming more involved in the effort to organize the neighborhood. Please consider sharing your voice and experience by becoming a candidate for the SUN Board of Directors.

## Stapleton United Neighbors Board Election FAQs

### What is SUN, and what role does it play in the neighborhood?

The mission of SUN is to work for the betterment of the Stapleton neighborhood and the City and County of Denver by providing:

- (i) a forum for residents living within the boundaries of SUN to discuss and resolve issues;
- (ii) a network of communication;
- (iii) a means of acting on matters of importance to the community as a whole.

### What do SUN Board members do?

SUN board members are responsible for helping bring the mission of SUN to life through work in the community. That entails at least the following responsibilities:

- Attendance at 9 or more of the 11 SUN board meetings each year (currently sched-

uled at 6:30pm on the fourth Thursday of January through October and the fifth Thursday of November).

Chairing or serving on a SUN committee (transportation, education, outreach, safety, communication, and smart growth), serving as a SUN liaison on a Stapleton Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB) or Stapleton Development Corporation (SDC) committee (parks advisory group, zoning and planning, housing diversity, community communications and design review) or serving as a SUN liaison to InterNeighborhood Cooperation (INC).

Authoring at least one article per year for the SUN Spot section of the Front Porch and Tower Ledger.

Attending and helping out with SUN sponsored community events and forums. Promoting the work of SUN and the ethos of SUN's mission in the community.

### What is the time commitment involved?

Monthly board meetings typically last an hour and a half to two hours. SUN, CAB and SDC committee meetings are usually once a month and run about an hour to an hour and a half and INC meetings are the second Saturday of the month for three hours. Beyond that, keeping up with voice mail, email, authoring a SUN Spot article and attending other events and meetings can add as little as a few minutes to as much as several hours per week. Board members should also monitor Grapevine posting on [StapletonOnline.com](http://StapletonOnline.com) weekly for issues relevant to the committees they are a part of or attend. As a general rule, SUN will involve about 10-15 hours a month of time

commitment, and potentially more depending on the calendar of events.

### What do I need to do to run for the Board?

The application process entails submitting a 200 word statement of interest and bio to Peter Mullison ([petermullison@gmail.com](mailto:petermullison@gmail.com)) by April 1, and attending the SUN Forum and Election in mid-May. The statement of interest and bio will run in the May issue of the Front Porch and Tower Ledger and be posted online on SUN's website at [www.StapletonUnitedNeighbors.org](http://www.StapletonUnitedNeighbors.org).

### How are the elections determined?

In the past, there have been just enough candidates to fill each slot, but in the event of more candidates than slots, each voter has 7 votes and the top 7 vote gatherers are elected to the board.

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**Who Needs Updated Pool ID's?** All new residents without a MCA Issued Pool ID must get a card for each person living in the residence. Children between 12 months and 9 years must have an updated photo taken for the computer system. Youths turning 10 need to have a new card issued. Residents over the age of 10 who used their ID card during 2007, do NOT need to update their ID card.

**Aquatic Program Registration Information.** People interested in registering for any aquatics programs should visit [www.stapletoncommunity.com](http://www.stapletoncommunity.com). There are links to the various programs providing additional details as well as a link to the On-Line Activity Registration Site. All registrations for group swimming lessons and other swim programs, excluding the Stapleton Stingrays Swim Team, take place on-line. To register for the Stingrays, one must attend an Early-Bird registration date at the Stapleton MCA office if he/she has never been on the swim team before, and/or if he/she needs to be sized for swimsuits or team sweats.

Commonly Asked Questions:

**Q:** How do I register for private swimming lessons? I can't find them on-line!  
**A:** All private swimming lessons must be scheduled at the individual pool where you would like to take a lesson. Private swim lesson registrations will not take place until after the pools open on May 24, 2008.



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**Q:** How do I find the particular program for which I want to register?  
**A:** To narrow your search you may select either "Location" or "Category" from the drop-down menus on the On-Line Registration site.

**Q:** What does the per session fee include?  
**A:** Weekday group lesson sessions consist of four consecutive swim lessons. Weekend group sessions consist of four Saturdays per month. The \$28 registration fee covers the cost of the four lessons per session.

**Q:** How many sessions should I register for and what if I want to switch dates or cancel my lessons?  
**A:** Group swimming lessons are very popular in Stapleton and fill quickly.

Unfortunately refunds are only given for classes which are cancelled due to lack of enrollment, so please register accordingly. There is a \$10 transfer fee per session to switch between group sessions or to transfer your group lessons to private swim lessons in the event you need more individual instruction.

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# Views on the Street

## What did you think of your caucus?



**John Siefert** – WOW! What an incredible experience! Super Tuesday was an amazing night. I arrived early to participate in my first ever caucus and was immediately taken by the number, energy and enthusiasm of people streaming into the Westerly Creek school building. I found the caucus process to be stimulating in that it harked back to an era when it was more commonplace for our citizens to gather and debate the issues and candidates of their day in an open forum. The only thing missing was the beer!

In my view, this is a powerful reason for having caucuses. There were passionate expressions of support for the remaining candidates as well as topical issues such as the war and healthcare. I highly recommend the experience to everyone and hope to see you there next time.



**Terry Whitney** - I've attended far too many (8) caucuses over the years that have been hugely disappointing in terms of turn out. While last week's was historical, amazing, unprecedented and very inspiring, if given the chance to vote on a ballot initiative again, I would vote to do away with the caucus process permanently. There is no doubt that poorly attended caucuses DO favor long term party activists. Just ask anyone who's run for office as an outsider. It's a very difficult process to master and too confusing for folks.



**Paul Moore** (pictured at left) – Since I always try to take my daughter with me when I go vote, and so she can grow up mindful that Americans of myriad stripes toiled and even died to attain voting rights for all our nation's people, I lamented the fever which kept her from the caucus and thus denied her this most visceral experience of suffrage. Hence, I envied those participants who came to caucus as whole families, even as I noted that one couple from our block arrived together with their two daughters in hand but then ended up on opposing sides of the room in support of their respective candidates. That division in fact symbolized the thing I found most novel about my very first caucus, namely standing among a number of politically passionate individuals with whom I fundamentally disagreed. I love intelligent one-on-one political argument, and have seen many televised debates, but found unnerving the fact that even a room full of fervent Democrats could seem so bitterly divided.



Attendees at the Precinct 743 Democratic caucus raised their hands for the Presidential preference vote. As each person was counted they put their hand down to assure an accurate tally.

**Meredith Coors** - I was pleasantly surprised by the number of people at our caucus and impressed with the commitment of our neighbors, despite the fact that we (Republicans) are in the political minority in Stapleton. It was really fun to meet new neighbors and my husband is looking forward to representing our neighborhood at the county convention.



**Jon Meredith** (pictured on page 1) – As a first time caucus goer and a precinct captain the process was exhilarating at the same time somewhat unmanageable. I was pleased to see so many people exercising their basic democratic rights and being fully engaged in the process. On the other hand, I don't know if a caucus is fundamentally fair when so much is at stake. Voters may not be able to get there at the appointed time, the all-volunteer organization could make mistakes and many people may be hesitant to make their choice public.

**Cheryl Fleetwood** (pictured on page 1) – While I have mixed feelings about the caucus process, in general, I was thrilled to be part of the grassroots movement supporting Senator Barack Obama for President this year by participating in our local caucus. I had participated in one caucus 10 years ago shortly after moving to Colorado and I believe there were about 10 people in the room – compared with 225 folks in my caucus room this year! For me, being involved in the Obama campaign and helping to organize folks for the caucus was a powerful way to express my hopes for the future. And, I had a blast!


**Amy Brimah** - I thought the caucus was a great experience. I was the Obama precinct captain for 745. We had great volunteers to get people to the caucus. It was fun to talk to my neighbors and get people excited and involved. Considering how many people showed up, I thought the caucus ran relatively smoothly.




**Joe Maes** – I live in Park Hill but my Republican caucus was at the Montbello Rec center. I hope it'll be closer to home next time, like it's been in the past. As a long time active party member I was glad to see new faces getting involved. NE Denver has always been a Democratic stronghold, so we didn't have the big numbers like the Democrats did, but we had 30-35, which is more than in the past. People stated what they liked and didn't like about candidates' positions, and then we voted and things went smoothly. But we could overhear some of the other groups in heated discussions about procedural issues. Sometimes you hear people grumble that their vote doesn't really matter. But this year people are feeling like their vote really means something.




**Jennifer Eiteljorg** (pictured on page 1) – This was my first time participating in a caucus, and I am always grateful to be able to participate in the election process. I really enjoyed hearing from my neighbors, and discussing common goals and hopes. At the end of the day I think we all want a President who will lead our country with grace and integrity.




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# 9 News Spotlights Stapleton Vet



Michele Smith, right, appears with KUSA Channel 9 News Anchor Kyle Dyer on the Noon News once a month with advice for pet owners.

When Dr. Michele Smith of Stapleton's 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue Animal Hospital goes to the grocery store, it is not unusual for someone to approach her and ask "Didn't I see you on a Channel 9 Newscast?" That's because the popular Stapleton veterinarian was recently selected to provide tips to pet owners in a regular feature that runs on the station's Noon news each 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Known as the "9 News Pet Vet," Dr. Smith laughs when she is asked about the challenges associated with appearing on *live* television to give pet owners advice on topics that range from protecting their pets' health, to tips on traveling with a pet, to options for obtaining pet health insurance.

"Depending on the topic for each segment, I sometimes ask one of my clients if I may borrow their dog for the broadcast,"

Dr. Smith says. "Once, just as the camera was moving in for a close-up during the *live* broadcast, a terrier appearing with me that day started growling at the camera operator," she recalls with a laugh. "I try to be prepared for anything!"

Most of the Channel 9 Pet Vet segments featuring Dr. Smith are three minutes in length, although they are occasionally shortened by a breaking news story. Dr. Smith's advice may also be found on the Channel 9 News website ([www.9news.com](http://www.9news.com)). She hopes to work with station officials to develop a link she can update on a regular basis to inform pet owners of topics of particular importance such as the treatment for Leptospirosis, a disease that can affect dogs, wildlife and humans.

Michele Smith's column, "4 Paws News," appears regularly in The Stapleton Front Porch.

# Landri Taylor Inducted into "Blacks in Colorado Hall of Fame"



Landri Taylor and his wife Gloria, accompanied by U.S. Congresswoman Diana DeGette, hold the Hall of Fame photo that will hang in the Ford-Warren Library exhibit honoring African Americans.

Landri Taylor, vice president – community affairs for Forest City Stapleton, Inc., was recently inducted into the "Blacks in Colorado Hall of Fame."

Mr. Taylor joined such notable Coloradans as former Denver Mayor Wellington E. Webb, former State Rep. Wilma Webb, business leader Syl Morgan-Smith, and the late Penfield Tate, Sr., former mayor of Boulder. Early Denver pioneer Dr. Justina Ford is also a member of the Hall, as is the late restaurateur and humanitarian Daddy Bruce Randolph. The other 2008 inductee was Jim "Dr. Daddy-O" Walker, a long-time radio personality and former owner of KDKO Radio.

The "Blacks in Colorado Hall of Fame" was created in 1975 as a collaboration between The Denver Public Schools and the Denver Public Library. The induction ceremony took place at Ford-Warren Library, where an exhibit has been established to honor African-Americans who

have made special contributions to their communities throughout the state of Colorado.

Mr. Taylor has served on a number of boards and commissions, including the 1998 Neighborhood Bond Campaign that added more than \$100 million of community development projects throughout Denver's neighborhoods. He also served on the RTD Board helping spearhead completion of Denver's first light rail transit corridor. Mr. Taylor's previous community contributions include his service on The Denver Public Library Commission and the boards of The Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership, The DIA Business Partnership and The Foundation for Educational Excellence. He is currently on The Board of the Stapleton Foundation.

Mr. Taylor holds a B.A. Degree in Biology from the University of California, Berkeley. A Stapleton resident, Mr. Taylor and his wife, Gloria, have three grown children.



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