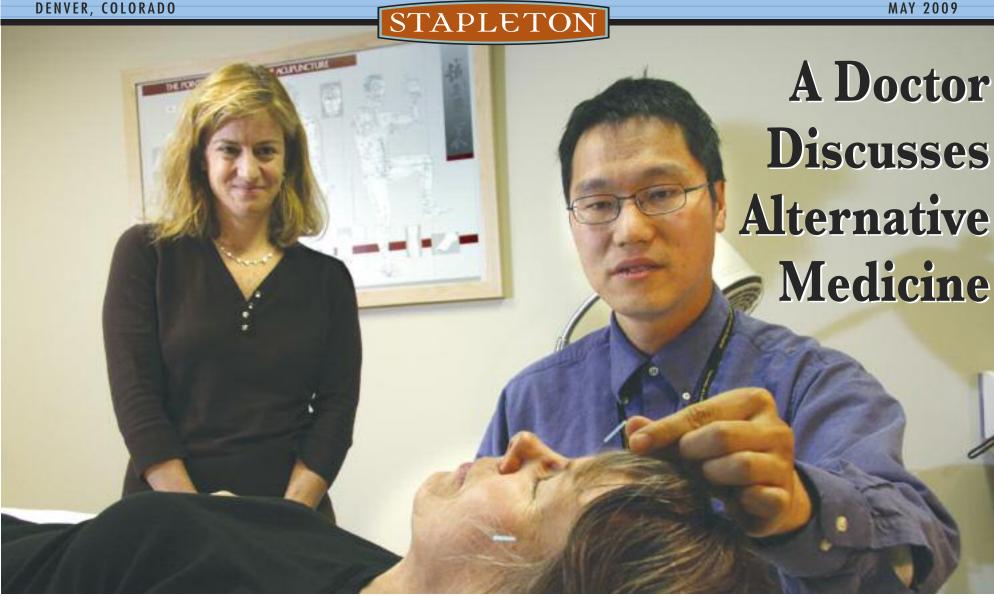
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Lisa Corbin, M.D., Medical Directer of the Center for Integrative Medicine, watches as Ban Wong, LAc, PhD, administers acupuncture in her clinic at the University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora.

By Carol Roberts

r. Lisa Corbin is passionate about helping each of her patients find whatever works best for them to become healthy and stay healthy. She was trained as an internal medicine doctor, but as the Medical Director of the Center for Integrative Medicine at the University of Col-

orado Hospital, her staff includes a chiropractor, an acupuncturist, psychologists, a pharmacist, and a registered dietician, among others. Dr. Corbin and her staff believe that the path to optimal health (a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being) is different for everyone, and it can best be achieved by having all the practitioners work

together in a complementary way.

As a starting point in choosing complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) therapies, Dr. Corbin offers a few simple guidelines everyone should consider:

- Stay away from harmful approaches
- Consider therapies that have been proven to be safe and beneficial in
- randomized control trials
- Maybe consider the "safe and plausible approaches" (not proven in controlled studies but believed to be safe and may be helpful)
- Toss out the safe but not plausible therapies because they are a waste of money. (continued on page 26)

# The Park Hill Bike Depot Celebrates Its First Anniversary



Christopher Dunn, Executive Director of The Bike Depot, helps Theodins Lovett, II, and brother Tyjaun Lovett, 9, repair a flat tire.

By Nancy Burkhart The Bike Depot was established in 2006 with a mission to eliminate health disparities found in the Park Hill community. Christopher Dunn became executive director and The Bike Depot became a registered nonprofit.

"The Bike Depot initially was (continued on p. 7)

## **Botanic Gardens: New Facilities & Lots of Resources for Gardeners**



Rendering of the Botanic Gardens' new visitor center, viewed from York Street, looking west.

By Kathy Epperson

enver Botanic Gardens' mission goes beyond being a beautiful place where people can learn about gardening and the outdoors, they want to bring progressive change to the community. The

Gardens has a "green team" that is making sure they're as "green" as possible and helping the community do the same. A new parking structure will not only provide a much needed expansion of parking, but it has been designed to accommodate a roof (continued on page 3)

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Events in or near Stapleton that are free and open to the public or are charitable fundraisers. Additional events are listed on page 10.

#### Thursday, May 7 **Stapleton Public Forum Development Update**

7 - 8:30pm (doors open at 6:30pm) DSST Middle School, 2000 Valentia St [Stapleton United Neighbors, Stapleton Citizens Advisory Board, Forest City Stapleton]

### MAY

#### Saturday, May 2

Stapleton presents "Band, BBQ and Bungee" Founders Green, 5-7:30pm Featuring "Six Foot Joe and the Red Hot Rhinos;" Food & beverage for purchase www.StapletonCommunity.com 303-388-0724.

#### Saturday, May 2

Park Hill Bike Depot 10am - Ipm One year birthday celebration 2825 Fairfax www.thebikedepot.org

#### Saturday, May 2

SCFD Free Day Denver Art Museum

#### Saturday, May 2

2009 MS Lifelines Walk, City Park. One or three-mile loops. Register 7am. Walk 9am. www.walkMScolorado.org (see page 11)

#### Tuesday, May 5

Target Tuesday Free Night at the Children's Museum 4pm-8pm

#### Saturday, May 9

5K race, 2K walk & stroller walk at Central Park-Stapleton to benefit Parent Pathways. www.parentpathways.org (see page 10)

#### Monday, May 11

Stapleton New Resident Orientation MCA Community Room, 6:30 pm www.StapletonCommunity.com 303-388-0724.

#### Tuesday, May 12

Uzbekistan & The Central Asian Republics Tattered Cover, 2526 E Colfax, 12:30-1:30 pm www.activemindsforlife.com

#### Tuesday, May 12

Active Minds - The Financial Meltdown 11am -12 noon (refreshments at 10:45) www.activemindsforlife.com Temple Emanuel. 51 Grape St., RSVP 303-388-4013 x307

#### Friday, May 15

Art Show Opening Reception - "All Colorado" Art & Framing at Stapleton 6-8pm 7483 E. 29th Ave. 303.534.1979 www. Art and Framing Stap let on. com

#### Saturday, May 16

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welcomes submissions of welcomes submissions (deadline upcoming local events (deadline is the 15th) and story ideas for future issues.

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#### Thursday, May 21

SCFD Free Day - Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Quilters Opens 4:30pm, day of event, lines form earlier; No reservations; First-come, first-served; One ticket per person; 1101 13th St., 303.893.4100

#### Saturday, May 23

Stapleton Pools at 12pm www.StapletonCommunity.com, 303-388-0724

#### Saturday, May 23

Bonfils Blood Drive Stapleton MCA Community Room 2823 Roslyn St 10am - 2pm

#### Tuesday, May 26

Active Minds - China's Human Rights Struggle Tattered Cover, 2526 E Colfax, 5:30-6:30 pm www.activemindsforlife.com

#### Wednesday, May 27

Active Minds –The Financial Meltdown, I-2 pm Generations at Lowry, 8505 Lowry Blvd RSVP 303-364-8500 www.activemindsforlife.com

#### Friday, May 29

Battle of the Bands, Founders Green Watch www.stapletoncommunity.com for details (see page 22)

#### Saturday, May 30

Sweet William Market 9am-2pm Founders Green, last Saturday of the month thru September, info@sweetwilliammarket.com

#### Saturday, May 30

GSBA Recycle Day - Paper shredding, moving boxes and electronics only. Parking Lot West of ReMax Building 2373 Central Park Blvd. 10am-1pm jusross@stapletonmortgage.net

#### Sunday, May 31

SCFD Free Day - Denver Museum of Nature and Science

#### JUNE

#### Tuesday, June 2

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#### Saturday, June 6

Summer Concert Series, Opie Gone Bad Founders Green

#### Friday, June 12

Summer Movie night Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa Founders Green

#### Sunday, June 14

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## **Botanic Gardens**



Botanic Gardens visitors tour a low water "smart" garden.

(continued from page 1) garden and 'green walls' with plants growing vertically to provide beauty and a natural moderation of temperature.

The Gardens has a large volunteer and horticultural staff on hand to help answer visitors' questions - including helping identify plants or getting gardening advice – and they have a research department devoted to maintaining Colorado's natural history. "With 40 individual gardens and with our connections with botanic gardens all over the world, we can answer just about any question that comes our way," says Will Jones, public relations manager.

Last year the Botanic Gardens also extended its educational programming with a new Urban Homesteading series, geared toward helping people who want to grow their own food. "If you follow the national news, there has been a huge surge in interest in local food production," says manager of public programs Celia Curtis. "And the economy this year is helping drive a lot of this interest. One of our classes, the Small Space Kitchen Garden Workshop, is an 8-hour in-depth workshop to help people create a small but very productive vegetable and herb garden that can feed a family of 4." Also part of this

See Page 27 for **Gardening** Tips.

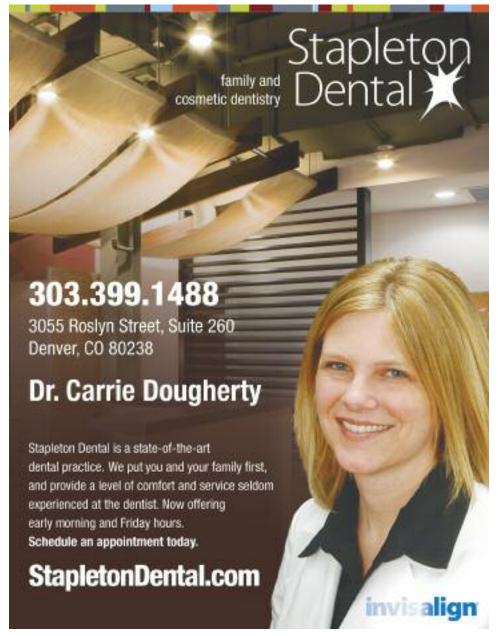
Urban Homesteading series are classes on canning food and seminars on keeping chickens in the city, keeping bees, and rainwater capture (which is not yet legal according to local water rights laws).

Among other upcoming events

is a Local Foods Festival on May 2nd at the Denver Botanic Gardens' Chatfield location, including an expo with booths where the public can meet and talk with local farmers and food businesses and learn about organic gardening methods and resources. A symposium and tradeshow on green roofs will be held at the Botanic Gardens on June 18th. The Spring Plant Sale, a fundraising event, will be the evening of May 7th.

Beyond their own programming and events, Denver Botanic Gardens is also working with other organizations to support local food production, including a Feed Denver campaign to build a prototype vertical farm in greenhouses in the city, plus a Grow Local campaign (www.growlocalcolorado.org).

For more information on everything the Denver Botanic Gardens has to offer, including the popular Summer Concert series, visit www.botanicgardens.org.



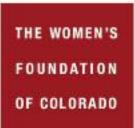
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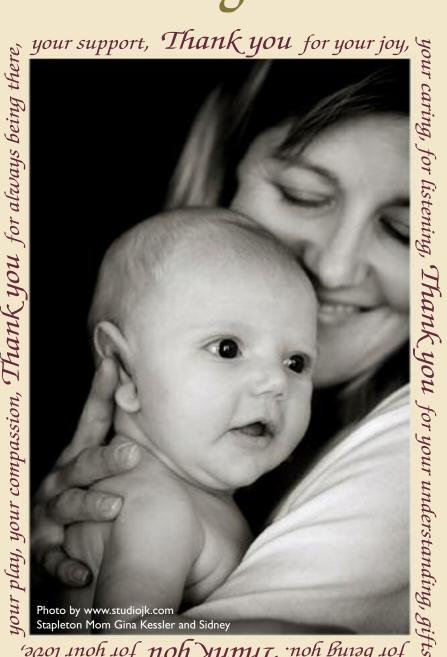
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Bluff Lake volunteer Erika Walker

By Nancy Burkhart

f you have a love of nature, and want to expand your knowledge as well as educate Lothers, then volunteering at the Bluff Lake Nature Center would be a good choice.

Bluff Lake is a 125-acre urban wildlife refuge on the east edge of Stapleton. It prohibits camping, fishing, boating and swimming, but it offers an opportunity to be with nature in a quiet setting and classes to learn about nature.

Erika Walker is a fourth generation Coloradan who grew up playing on the prairie in Aurora."I grew up doing a lot of hiking and camping," Walker said. "I thought one of the gifts of my childhood was spending unstructured time with nature. I wanted to pass that on to my son and create those opportunities for other children as well."

Walker and her husband, Don Weinshenker, and their 14-year-old son Stephen had been living in Minneapolis where Walker was a professor at St. Mary's University in the business management graduate program. When they decided to move back to Denver, Bluff Lake was the reason for their choice to live at Stapleton.

'Bluff Lake plays a very unique and important role in modern life," Walker said. "When you go there, you listen to the wind blow, you see wildlife. There are nesting owls, coyotes, and beaver that have a dam in Sand Creek.

"When you're in a nature setting where

people are boating and camping, you're not going to see nature in the same way that you can in a wildlife refuge. It's very quiet, very peaceful. Life is so hectic. Places like Bluff Lake are very rare and very precious."

Experience isn't necessary for volunteers at Bluff Lake. Volunteers are trained on the job. People are being sought to be volunteer naturalists to introduce school groups to nature.

Walker has been doing work as a volunteer naturalist at Bluff Lake. "One morning a week I help lead school groups," she said. I've served on the education committee and helped them direct their education programs. Bluff Lake is planning to build a nature center there, and I've sat in on some of their design meetings for the building."

Site stewards to help make the nature refuge habitat healthy also are being sought to plant native plants, remove noxious plant species, do trail construction and trash pick-up.

"Bluff Lake has half-day work days where you can help plant grass and other things," Walker said. "Last fall my son and I went together and volunteered. There's a prairie section with a beautiful garden, and we helped to plant native plants there.

"My son loved it. I think it's really important to teach children that value of stewardship. I want my son to know the importance of being in nature,"

Visit www.blufflakenature center.org for more information. To volunteer call Kristin at 303-344-1282 or email klibberton@blufflake.org.

See Bluff Lake Earth Day activities on page 17.



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4 May 2009 Stapleton Front Porch Olympic Star Promotes Denver Mentoring Programs



Above left: Olympic Gold Medalist Bob Beamon, left, tells kids at Hiawatha Davis Rec Center to stay in school and do well in school. Beside him (left to right) are Susan Taylor, founder of National Cares Mentoring Movement (NCMM), Gerri Howard, co-chair for Greater Denver

ob Beamon set the Olympic record for long jump in 1968, and that record still stands today. But he says he couldn't have done that without mentors who helped keep him on course. "I hung out with about 20 friends when I was a kid, and every one of them is dead today." Beamon captures the attention of a group of kids at the Hiawatha Davis rec center, talking to them about the importance of staying in

school, and doing well at school. He tells them, "You have to use common sense and work hard for everything you get. Nothing comes easy."

Beamon was in Denver to promote the National Cares Mentoring Movement (NCMM) local recruitment effort. Founded by Susan Taylor, Essence magazine editor-inchief emeritus, the organization's goal is to mobilize 1 million African American adults to take the lead in fulfilling society's obliga-



Cares, and Thomas Dortch, Jr., author of Miracles of Mentoring and Chairman of the NCMM Board. Above right: The poster behind the kids shows Bob Beamon making his record-breaking long jump in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.

tion to vulnerable children.

The statistics on the effectiveness of mentoring are impressive. According to a Big Brothers/Big Sisters mentoring program study, "young people who meet with a mentor three times a month for one year were 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs, 52% less likely to skip school and 33% less likely to get in fights." (Miracles of *Mentoring* by Thomas Dortch, Jr.)

In Denver, Taylor's organization is part-

nering with existing mentoring groups to help local organizations recruit more mentors. NCMM's endorsers include: Oprah Winfrey, Sean Combs, Mariah Carey, Alicia Keyes, Terrance Howard, Danny Glover and Harry Belafonte, and they have corporate sponsorship from Anheuser-Busch.

To become a mentor, visit www.cares mentoring.com, enter your zip code, and contact one of the local organizations listed.



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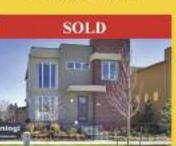
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## **Pediatric Dentistry Starts With 1st Tooth**

By Nancy Burkhart

ral health concerns can start with a child's first tooth. That's where a pediatric dentist comes in.

Alfaiyaz
Ibrahim DDS,
opened Stapleton Children's
Dentistry last
month at 2373
Central Park
Blvd., Suite
305, in the
ReMax Building. He did his
residency at
Children's Hospital.

"During those extra two years, I learned everything

about children's dentistry from growth and development to behavior management, psychiatric healthcare needs, medical management of children and surgical management. I do surgery cases under general anesthesia at Children's Hospital," Ibrahim said.

"I'm very focused on prevention and education. Dental decay is the No. 1 childhood disease. It's even ahead of asthma," he said. "I try to include the parents in the treatment so that they can see what we see. They can see what the plaque buildup is in the child's mouth. We can talk about diet. We can talk about how better to care for a child's teeth. A cavity is an infectious disease. It can be passed from one person to another."

Usually, oral hygiene problems can be solved by better brushing. However, a child doesn't have an adult's manual dexterity to do a good job of flossing and brushing, so a



Pediatric Dentist Afaiyaz Ibrahim recently opened his new practice in the Re Max building on Central Park Blvd.

team approach is necessary, Ibrahim pointed out.

"Children should be seen when the first tooth comes in," he said. "It is to talk about all these other things, such as anticipatory guidance to stay ahead of any issue. It's less costly to do things before things happen. It's better than having to come back five times to have cavities fixed."

Stapleton Children's Dentistry also accommodates special needs patients, such as people with Cerebral Palsy, Downs Syndrome and

other special healthcare needs, according to Ibrahim. Insurance is accepted.

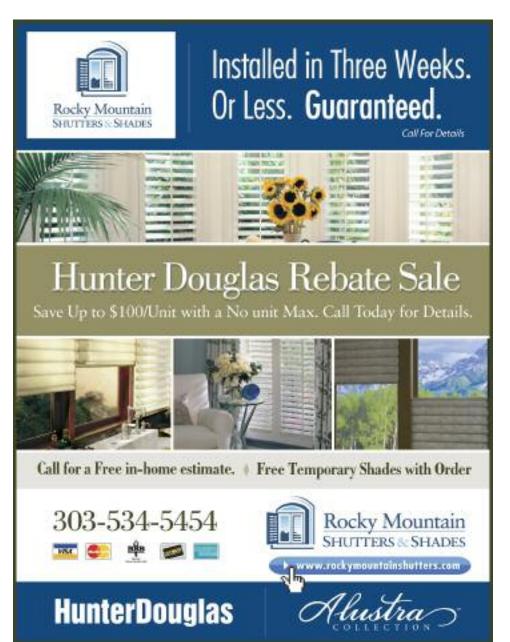
Ibrahim came to Denver from Seattle nearly four years ago, and after a few weeks he decided that Denver was the place he would live.

"I had never skied before. Now I buy a pass every year," he said. "I love the people here. I love the weather.

"I chose Stapleton for my office because Stapleton is an area where there is a lot of growth. It's a very young, progressive, sort of tight-knit community. It seems like a great place to be."

Ibrahim, who is 33 years old, plays hockey at the Bladium and goes to the gym there. He said he and his "serious" girlfriend will be attending events at Stapleton this summer.

For information call Stapleton Children's Dentistry at 303-399-5437 or visit www.StapletonKids.com.



## **Limo Outings Offer Memories and Fun**



Shane Stickel at Presidential limousines' garage in Northeast Denver.

By Nancy Burkhart

he current worldwide economic situation may have curtailed a great many personal travel plans, but one local treat may be a possible substitute.

Stapleton resident Shane Stickel is in the transportation business. His fleet of vehicles includes 25 sedans, 9 vans, 6 SUVs, and 5 limos. He also has 3 mini-buses that can hold from 21 to 33 passengers.

"We're 90 percent corporate and can book travel throughout the world," Stickel said.

The firm also serves entertainers and major events, such as the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

"When U-2 was in Denver, they landed at a local private airport. Bono hopped into the limo and drove it around the airport," Stickel said. "He said he always wanted to drive a limo. We also have served Madonna, Cold Play and AC/DC."

There are opportunities for couples and families to take chauffeured jaunts that will provide memories and fun.

"We have package deals to see Denver and provide lunch," Stickel explained. "You can take a romantic package, have champagne in the car and go to Colorado Springs and Pikes Peak. You can have a picnic in the mountains. You can take the family around Denver or have a night on the town. We would provide the food."

For a family outing, Presidential Worldwide Transportation offers every size of car seat for children, Stickel said.

Mini buses are a good choice for groups. "They are economical when you have 20 or more people to shuttle," he said.

Stickel's chauffeurs undergo drug testing and safety driving tests, he said. Each driver also must pass a test for finding addresses in the metro area.

For chauffeured vehicle information and reservations, call Presidential Worldwide Transportation at 303-286-1114. The office is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## The Bike Depot

(continued from page 1) funded by Kaiser, which identified Park Hill with higher rates of diabetes and obesity, and having limited access to healthy food options," Dunn said. "North Park Hill doesn't have much access to healthy

food. The nearest grocery is in Stapleton or Five Points.

Many people can't afford to have a car so they have to use the bus to go back and forth.

Kaiser partnered with the State Health Department in Live Well Colorado.

"Park Hill Thriving Communities has taken the ball for Park Hill. They got active people in the community to brainstorm how to improve the neighborhood and limit health disparities and get people eating healthy and being active.

One of the goals was bicycles," he said.

The Bike Depot, located at 2825 Fairfax St., refurbishes gently used bicycles, has an Earn-a-Bike Program and donates bicycles for community programs. Volunteers work in the bike shop, which has work benches and repair stands, to help people who receive do-

nated bikes to fix them.

"We try to assist rather than doing the work," Dunn explained. "We instruct the person on how to fix a bike. We also recycle the donated bikes. We have a requirement

for earning a bike. They have to attend a safety course showing the rules of the road and maintenance awareness classes learning the parts of the bike, how it works and what can go wrong with it. There is a sense of pride in ownership. They are given a lock and helmet with each bike, from a grant from the Denver Foundation."

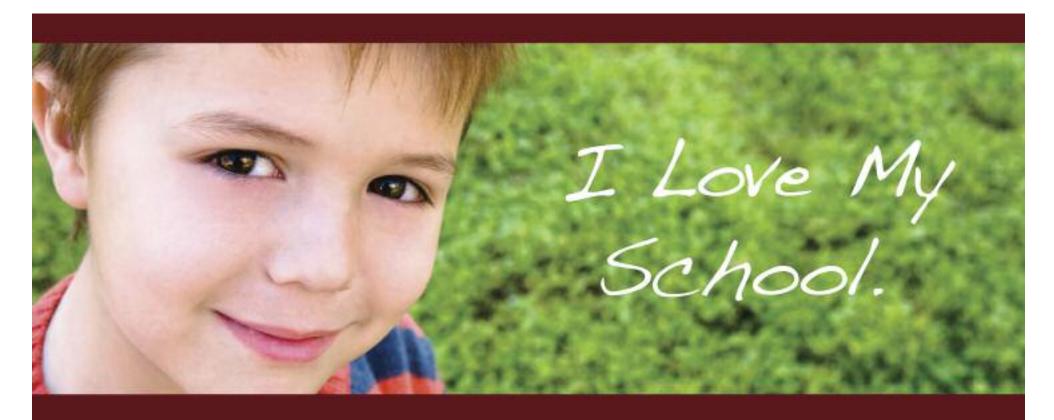
The Bike Depot needs donated bicycles, cash donations and volunteers to help work on

the bikes. About 600 bikes have been recycled into the community, Dunn said. The shop is open Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To volunteer or donate to The Bike Depot, call 303-393-1963. For information, go to: www.thebikedepot.org.



The bike repair shop at The Bike Depot in Park Hill.



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## Five Points Jazz Festival May 16th

By Wallace Yvonne Tollette

The sixth annual "cool, crazy, hot," Five Points jazz festival – a descriptive phrase coined by the late jazz "officianado," Leroy Smith, will be held, Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 11a.m. until 6p.m. along the Welton Street corridor, from 24th to 29th. Activities and performances begin at

11:00 a.m. All performances are free and open to the public.

As a little background, compiled by Hank Troy of the Denver Musician's Union, the festival's roots began with the Denver Musicians' Association who received money from the Music Performance Fund (MPF) to help (continued on p. 23)

#### FREE ENTERTAINMENT

#### 11:00 AM

- Dez Rubano and Friends KUVO Studio
- The History & Composition of Jazz, Lecture by Dr. Fred Hess - Blair-Caldwell Library
- Neil Bridge 7+ KUVO Outdoor Stage
- Tony Black Group Five Points Plaza

#### 12:00 PM

- Maestro Hughes Blackberries Lounge
- The History & Composition of Jazz, Lecture by Dr. Fred Hess - Blair-Caldwell Library
- Janine Santana KUVO Outdoor Stage • Denver Jazz Quartet - Crossroads Theatre

- O Tone Brass Band Five Points Plaza
- Dr. Tone & The Notes Blackberries Lounge

• Five Points Jazz Tribute Awards - KUVO Outdoor Stage

- The History & Composition of Jazz, Lecture by Dr. Fred Hess - Blair-Caldwell Library
- Sheryl Renee Band KUVO Outdoor Stage
- Lamont School of Music Jazz Band -Crossroads Theatre

#### **ALL DAY ACTIVITIES**

- Art Market 26-2700 Blocks, Welton St
- Kids Activities Curtis Park Kids Assoc. Booth at the Art Market
- Free Day Black American West Museum, 3091 California Street; open 10am-5pm
- Non-Profit Fair 2600 Block of Welton St Visit local nonprofit booths for information on services in the community.

#### **LOCATION OF VENUES**

- 1) Blair-Caldwell African-American Research Library, 2401 Welton
- 2) Blackberries Ice Cream & Coffee Lounge, 710 E 26th Ave
- 3) Crossroads Theatre, 2550 Washington
- 4) Five Points Plaza Parking, 2736 Welton 5) KUVO Studio, 2900 Welton
- 6) KUVO Outdoor Stage, Intersection of 29th & Welton
- 7) Art Market and Nonprofit Booths,
- 2600 Block of Welton Street 8) Bring a reusable water bottle to fill for free at the Denver Water tap on Welton
- 9) Health Emergencies-Go to Fire Station 3, 2500 Washington St. If urgent dial 911.

#### **5 Points Festival \$6 boxed lunches** available at the following vendors:

- Blackberries Ice Cream & Coffee Lounge 710 E. 26th (corner of 26th & Welton)
- Coleman's Restaurant: A Taste of Detroit 2622 Welton
- M&D's Café, 2000 E. 28th
- Mocha Motive Café, 2736 Welton
- Pierre's on Madison, Inside the Art Market
- Welton Street Café and Mona's Wings & Tings, 2736 Welton

#### **GETTING AROUND**

- Take RTD Light Rail D-Line at 25th & Welton stop. Use of public transportation is strongly encouraged! Parking is available in several lots around Welton.
- A free shuttle runs between all venues. Shuttle service begins at noon and runs approximately every 20 minutes. Riders should wait at the signs at each venue.



Volunteer Nancy Chouteau-Dhonau greets Camille Delaney, 13 as she enters the bookshop.

## "Bookstores Are One of the Places I'm Happiest"

By Nancy Burkhart

**T**he Park Hill and Stapleton communities are known for the many intelligent people who live there, people who read books.

Many of these neighbors patronize The Park Hill Community Book Store at 4620 E. 23rd Ave., a nonprofit operation that is staffed by one paid employee, manager Mike Stickney, and a host of vol-

Stapleton residents Pete and Nancy Maysmith have been volunteering at the book store for more than eight years. They moved to Stapleton from Park Hill nearly five years ago.

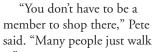
"We've always been active in our neighborhoods,"

Nancy said. "That was one way to be engaged and connected in the Park Hill neighborhood. Bookstores in general are one of the places on earth that I'm happiest in."

The community aspect of the bookstore is important to Pete.

"It exists because people in the community value it," he said. "I like it when people who aren't familiar with it walk in."

The bookstore has more than 450 members, according to Pete. Memberships start at \$10 for students and seniors and \$20 for a family. Members get discounts on their book purchases and can use book credits instead of cash to buy from the bookstore's extensive used book supply. Credits are given to members for joining and for supplying the bookstore with gently used books from their own bookshelves.



in off the street."

Park Hill resident Joel Smith

checks the bargain books in

the basement.

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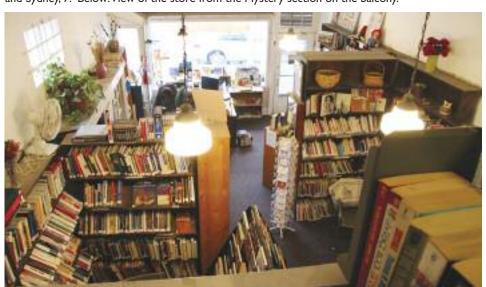
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Above: Park Hill Bookstore volunteers Nancy and Pete Maysmith look at kids' books with Zoe, 4, and Sydney, 7. Below: View of the store from the Mystery section on the balcony.



"It's a great opportunity to support a local business," Pete said. "There's a lot of talk these days about needing to support neighborhoods. If you want to feel like your money is staying in the community this is the way to do it. It's a little bit of a retreat. It's a good place to come in a browse.

"Some people will spend a long time browsing there. Some may be in the basement for 45 minutes or an hour. Sometimes they come up with one book and sometimes with a stack they can barely carry."

"I think they have a really great children's section," Nancy said. "They have children's rection," Nancy said.

dren's toys as well. Our kids love being out there. They will pull book after book off the shelves. It's not a fancy place where you have to worry. If there's a kid laying on the floor reading a book, it's fine. Teenagers come in to find books they want – and they're cheap. Sometimes they have \$1 and it's enough."

Shoppers will find Pete and Nancy, and possibly their two daughters, 4-year-old Zoe and 7-year-old Sydney, at the bookstore on the third Saturday of every other month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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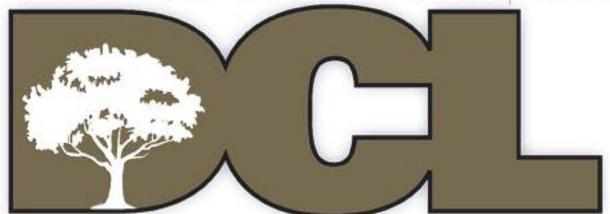
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5/08 Friday and 5/09 Saturday - Colorado Chocolate Festival at the Denver Merchandise Mart. Over 150 vendors handing out free samples and selling chocolates, celebrity guests, live cooking demos, wine tasting, painting with chocolate, and more. Friday evening, May 8, from 7-10 pm. with live music, chocolate tasting and a cash bar. Saturday, 10 am - 6pm, family-oriented, with a Bounce House, face-painting, balloon artists and more. Saturday \$7/Ages 5-12 \$3/ under 5 free. Friday night/\$12 for all. www.chocolate-festival.org or 303-347-8252.

5/08 Friday through 5/10 Sunday - Mother's Day Full Tea at the Molly Brown House. Share a cozy tea with the mothers in your life and enjoy an afternoon of shopping in the museum store. Includes a tour of the museum. Event lasts approx. I.5 hrs. \$20. Call 303.832.4092 for reservations. I340 Pennsylvania St

**5/09 Saturday - 11th Annual Washington Park Home Tour.** 10 am - 4 pm. The event benefits Denver
Public Schools Steele Elementary and the Denver Public Schools Educational Outreach for homeless DPS families. Start at any of the 5 homes on the tour. Tickets in advance at www.washparkhometour.org for \$15 or \$20 on the day of the event.

5/09 Saturday -5k Race and 2k Walk to support Parent Pathways program to train teen parents. Registration before May 7 is \$25 and \$15 for students aged 6 - 17. Same day registration is \$5 more. Held at Central Park in Stapleton. Visit www.parentpathways.org. Register by emailing events@parentpathways.org or call 303-321-6363.

5/10 Sunday - Mother's Day Bike the Refuge event from I-3 pm hosted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Kids of all ages are invited to treat their mom to an afternoon bike ride to experience the great outdoors at the Refuge. Make a special keepsake memento for mom, too. Reserve at 303-289-0930.

5/10 Sunday - Mother's Day in the Gardens, 9am - 5pm Stroll the Botanic Gardens, enjoy a picnic & explore the "Jurassic Gardens" exhibit, Plant fossils at a dinosaur dig site for kids. Family activities throughout the Gardens! Food for sale, or bring your own. No alcoholic beverages allowed. Admission: Free for members, regular admission for non-members, 1005 York St. 720.865.3500 or www.botanicgardens.org

**5/10 Sunday - Walk to Empower** at Denver's City Park, 9am. A family friendly 3-mile non-competitive walk to benefit Breast Cancer Network of Strength. The walk is expected to raise more than \$150,000 and have 1500 participants. for additional information and to register visit walk. network of strength.org

#### **BOTANIC GARDENS**

Through Sept 30th - Jurassic Gardens Exhibit Denver Botanic Gardens. The Gardens' York Street location will feature life-sized, realistic dinosaurs from the Cretaceous and Jurassic periods of the Mesozoic Era. Plant displays showcase prehistoric plants and their modern relatives. Plant fossils and a dinosaur dig site for kids round out the exhibit. www.botanicgardens.org

5/08 Friday and 5/09 - Botanic Gardens Plant Sale. More than 85,000 plants for sale! Free advice from horticulture experts. Think green and bring your own recycled boxes, wagons or carts to help carry your plant purchases. Sale hours open to the public are 10am to 6:00pm Friday and 10am to 4:00pm Sunday. Members can shop beginning at 8:30 am both days. Free admission. 1005 York Street. 720.865.3500 or www.botanicgardens.org

5/12 Tuesday - Secrets to Successful Containers and Hanging Baskets, 6:30-9pm. Learn the dirty details about soil, fertilizers, how to read a fertilizer label, watering, types of containers, design principles, winterizing and more. Stop relying on luck to get your containers through the season; 1005 York St, 720.865.3500 or www.botanicgardens.org to register

5/16 Saturday - Container Gardens for Hot, Dry Spaces. I-4pm. Learn about designing, planting and maintaining pots and troughs for hot, sunny locations. Learn soils, amendments, drainage, fertilizers and which plants to choose. Bring a 14-inch pot with drainage holes, potting soil, gloves and a trowel. We'll supply the plants. 1005 York St, 720.865.3500 or www.botanicgardens.org to

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5/16 Saturday - Natural Skin Care, 9 - I I am. Learn all you need to know about skin care and making all your own products for yourself and friends including cleansing grains, facial steams and cleansers, masques that remove all debris from pores, toners and astringents, acne & blemish treatments and moisturizers. Make two moisturizers, also learn to make lip balms. Take home an extensive notebook, a 2 month supply of moisturizer and a pot of lip balm. 1005 York St, 720.865.3500 www.botanicgardens.org to register

5/19 Tuesday - Natural Remedies and Foods for Pets, 6-8pm. Learn about basic nutrition for pets plus herbal and other complimentary therapies to treat common maladies such as poor digestion, arthritis, allergies and more. Make your own pet food to be assured of the best ingredients for your pet's long and healthy life. Everyone takes home an extensive handout, plus a large bottle of trauma remedy and an atomizer bottle. 1005 York St, 720.865.3500 or www.botanicgardens.org to register.

**5/27** Wednesday - Trees and Shrubs for Small Spaces, 6-8pm. Choosing the perfect landscape tree takes a little foresight but the investment can strengthen a property's beauty and value. This class will highlight less common, appropriately sized trees and shrubs with a variety of desireable features, like multi season interest. 1005 York St, 720.865.3500, www.botanicgardens.org to register.

#### **CAMPS**

**6/15-19 - British Soccer Camp** hosted by Schlessman YMCA at Central Park in Stapleton. Ages 3 through 14 visit www.challengersports.com to register.

#### 6/15 & 7/20 - Stapleton Guitar & Piano Group

Class. One week sessions. Natasha Olson (guitar) and David Ross (piano) who are both performers and teachers in Stapleton are combining forces to provide an introductory musical experience for children ages 6-13. Students will receive beginning training in BOTH piano and guitar, as well as rhythm/theory/ear training/improvisation. Students will be able to

jam and play duets by the end of the week. \$150 per student 10-11am.(6 to 9 years old) and 11am – 12pm (10 to 13 years old). David Ross 303-507-0906, pianomanross@yahoo.com or Natasha Olson, 303-318-9542, natashaolson@yahoo.com.

6/15 - 8/10 Arts, crafts and activities related to the cultures of North, Central and South America as well as past cultures of the Aztecs and Mayans. Weeklong half-day and full-day camps for elementary and middle school students. Each week has a different focus. Half day \$150/ full day \$175 for non-members. 861 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, 303-571-4401. museo.org

6/28 - 7/3 - Arsenal Summer Soccer Academy at Dick's Sporting Goods Park. Five days of intensive soccer coaching by coaches from the UK. \$125 per day for Day Campers and \$170 per day for Residential Campers. Register interest online at www.playthearsenalway.com/USA, call (303) 727-3648 or email USA@arsenal.co.uk. Contact: Sarah Townsend, Arsenal Football Club at (303) 727-3507 or stownend@arsenal.co.uk

#### **CONCERTS**

5/02 Saturday - Arts for a Better Tomorrow Concert, 7:30pm. The Aurora Symphony Orchestra season finale features selected winners of the 7th Annual Youth Concerto Competition, plus Jean Sibelius' masterful Symphony No. I in E minor. \$12 adults (\$9 students/seniors); get \$1 off in advance. Gateway High School Center for the Performing Arts, I 300 S. Sable Blvd., Aurora 303-873-6622 or www.aurorasymphony.org

**5/29 Friday - Love Songs and Waltzes,** 7:30pm. The Colorado Choral Arts Society returns with Brahms' "Liebeslieder Walzer," Bach's popular "Wachet Auf!" (Sleepers wake!) cantata, and Debussy's "Trois Chansons," among other springtime favorites. Free. St Johns Episcopal Cathedral, 1350 Washington Street. www.ccas.cc

7/18 and 19- 2nd Annual Mile High Music Festival. Headlined by Tool, Widespread Panic & The Fray, at Dick's Sporting Goods Park. Tickets on sale now at www.tickethorse.com, by phone at 866-461-6556 and at www.milehighmusicfestival.com

#### **DENVER EVENTS**

5/02 Saturday - Rocky Mountain Alley Cat Alliance third annual Stray Cat Strut auction and dinner to benefit a new high quality, high volume spay/neuter clinic for feral and stray cats at the RMACA facility. 6-10pm at the Renaissance Denver Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street. Reservations \$55 (or \$45 before April 18). 303.202.3516

5/02 Saturday - 2009 MS Lifelines Walk MS. 9am. Participants can walk one or three-mile loops. Food, entertainment and MS "experience" tent. Virtual walk option also available this year. Denver City Park, Colorado Blvd and York St. www.walkMScolorado.org for more information.

5/09 Saturday and 5/10 Sunday - Cinco de Mayo Celebrate Culture Festival. The largest Cinco de Mayo celebration in the United States! Mexican culture fills the Civic Center Park with arts and crafts, strolling Mariachi bands, colorfully costumed Aztec dancers, several stages featuring traditional and contemporary Latino entertainment and a variety of Mexican culinary delights! 10am-8pm both days. Free. www.cincodemayodenver.com for more info.

**5/09 Saturday - The Ballpark Market** - 8am - 2pm. An open-air, European style flea market with distinguishing urban flair. Find one-of-a-kind treasures among antique and vintage furnishings, primitives, retro collectibles, eclectic home and garden accessories, hand-made jewelry, vintage clothing and other cool stuff. Larimer Street between 21st and 22nd streets.

**5/16 Saturday - Inner City Health Center Fair.** The Bike Depot, along with Recycle Bicycles will repair bikes brought in, and a safety class will be given. Used bicycles will also be given away for those in need of a bike.Harrington Elementary School at 2401 E. 37th Ave. 10am - 1pm

5/22 through 5/25 - 11th Annual Downtown Denver Arts Festival, Denver Pavilions in the 16th Street Mall. The fine art and fine craft exhibition features over 125 of Colorado's best artists with over 150,000 people expected to attend. Free, downtowndenverartsfestival.com

5/30 Saturday - Sweet William Market at Founders Green 29th and Syracuse in Stapleton. 9am-2pm. Held the last Saturday of the month, May through September.

6/05 Friday - 5th Annual Mountain Region Black Economic Summit – Survivor: Thrive in Any Economy,
Colorado Convention Center. Educational and business workshops, info on business opportunities available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Package).
Keynote speaker is Dr. Randal Pinkett, the season four winner of NBC-TVs The Apprentice.
One-on-one business, career and financial counseling sessions for registrants. Online Registration April 16th through June 4th is \$75.00.
On-site Registration is \$90.00. 303-400-5928,

email info@mrbes.com or www.mrbes.com.

6/06 Saturday and 6/07 Sunday - CHUN Capitol Hill People's Fair. A celebration of the diverse Denver urban community and its residents. Great family fun, culinary delights, entertainment and the commitment to raise funds for and promote the missions of non-profit organizations. Civic Center Park at Broadway and Colfax, Saturday 10am to 8pm, Sunday 10am to 7pm. www.chundenver.org

6/06 Saturday and 6/07 Sunday - 5th Annual La Piazza on Larimer Square. Professional, amateur and student artists will transform Larimer Square into a beautiful street museum of bright and colorful chalk art images. Also music, Italian food, and beverages. Sat 10-10, Sunday 10-7, larimerarts.org

6/27 Saturday - Great-West Life Bike MS, Colorado's Ride 2009. Presented by Sam's Club'". The two-day, 150-mile fundraising ride from Westminster to Fort Collins and back caters to cyclists of all abilities. Food, entertainment, multiple rest stops, and full support are provided. Limited registration, spots remain, so register today. Virtual participant option also available this year. Ride begins from 6-8 a. m., Saturday, June 27 www.bikeMScolorado.org for more information (continued on page 12)

Events are subject to change.
Please check that information is



#### FEAST ON THE FAX RESTAURANTS









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#### **DICK'S SPORTING GOODS PARK**

5/12 through 5/16- Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Assn. Nat'l Championships. Dick's Sporting Goods Park will host the Division I and Division II MCLA national championships May 12-16. Games Tues through Fri are free on the fields complex, finals in the stadium on Saturday require a ticket. Starting May 12, 13,14 2009 times vary, May 15 10am, May 16 3:30pm. DicksSporting-GoodsPark.com for more information.

5/30 Sunday - Colorado Walk Now for Autism, 9am. Dicks Sporting Goods Park. Autism Speaks is holding this I-mile walk for autism around and through the stadium to help fund research and find a cure for autism! DicksSporting-GoodsPark.com for more information.

#### **KIDS AND FAMILIES**

5/16 Saturday - Denver Montclair International School's annual International Bash festival and street

fuir. I lam-5pm. International food, entertainment, and culture. Denver Montclair International School campus in Lowry, 206 Red Cross Way, Denver, Colorado 80230. Bungee jumping, inflatable castles, tattoos, hairstyling, arts and crafts, food, music and entertainment from Europe, Latin America and Asia. Free admission, open to all! www.DISchool.org or www.InternationalBash.com.

5/30 Saturday - Spring Fling: A Celebration of Cultures! Presented by Colorado Heritage Camps. Cultural arts and crafts projects for kids, as well as entertainment from many cultures – from lively Indian, Latin American and Filipino dancers to African drumming, a Chinese lion dance and Tai Kwan Do feats. Sample food, pony rides, a trainride, and carnival games for kids. Also a cake walk, bouncing tiger, face painting, and Mehndi (henna art) and international market

place. Admission is free. Tickets for activities are 50 cents each for food and activities. I I am - 4pm at Park Hill United Methodist Church, 5209 Montview Blvd.

#### **LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

Through June 9- Changing the Face of Medicine, Celebrating America's Women Physicians. Discover the many ways that women have influenced and enhanced the practice of medicine at this National Library of Medicine traveling exhibit. Free. Health Sciences Library on the Anschutz Medical Campus of the University of Colorado Denver. 12950 E Montview Blvd in Aurora. Call 303.724.2129 or www.hsclibrary.uchsc.edu

5/13 Wednesday - Theatre Rising presents, A Lady Alone, 7pm. This special Power of One presentation features award-winning playwright Linda Gray Kelley portraying Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman doctor in America. All ages, free admission. Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway 303-739-6600 or auroralibrary.org

5/20 Wednesday - Colorado Conservation at a Crossroads. The Colorado Conservation Trust presents the challenges facing Colorado's open spaces and natural areas. Through video and storytelling, meet some of the people who have successfully protected Colorado's special places. Bring a lunch. \$4 (\$3 Aurora residents). Noon to 1 p.m. Aurora History Museum, 15051 E. Alameda Parkway 303-739-6666 or auroramuseum.org

5/29 Friday - Denver Public Library Summer of Reading Kickoff! A new program to promote early literacy called "Read to Me" is added this year for children from birth to age five. Kids going into kindergarten thru 5th grade may register for "Be Creative" while teens going into 6th grade thru 12th grade may register for

"Express Yourself!" The Summer of Reading begins Friday, May 29! Helpful registration and program information is available at http://summerofreading.org/ or at any Denver Public Library location.

#### **MUSEUMS**

5/23 Saturday - Never Never Day. 10am - 5pm. Peter Pan, Wendy, Tinkerbell, Hook, Smee and all the Lost Boys are landing at the Children's Museum of Denver to make sure no one is growing up! The International Youth Ballet will perform their whimsical play and enact costumed Story-Times, and there will be fairy making, shadow catching, miming, and costumes for all. Free with admission to the Children's Museum. cmdenver.org or 303.733.7444 2121. Childrens Museum Drive

#### **PARKS**

5/02 Saturday - Learn to identify some of our winged friends by sound during this leisurely stroll through the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge prairie and wetlands. Reservations required. The Refuge is at 56th and Havana. Hours are 6am - 6pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Visitors Center hours: 7:30am - 4pm. 303.289.0903 www.fws.gov/rockymountainarsenal

Starting 5/05, First Tuesday of the month - Tuesday Tots, Slithering Snakes and Slimy Salamanders.10-I I am. Bull and tiger? What do these names have to do with reptiles and amphibians? Learn about the unique creatures that live at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge and experience a close encounter with a few of them! For ages 2 to 5 years. Parent or guardian must accompany children. Reservations required. The Refuge is at 56th and Havana. Hours are 6am - 6pm Tues, Wed, Sat and Sun. Visitors Center hours: 7:30am - 4pm. 303.289.0903 www.fws.gov/rockymountainarsenal

5/09 Saturday - Full Moon Hayride, 6-8pm. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge by the light of the moon on this slow and easy hayride! Reservations are required. The Refuge is at 56th and Havana. Hours are 6am - 6pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Visitors Center hours: 7:30am - 4pm. 303.289.0903 www.fws.gov/rockymountainarsenal

Starting 5/14 - Fireside Chat at Bluff Lake 6pm. The May 14 presentation will be in Spanish, future Fireside Chats (in English) will be on the second and fourth Thursday of each month through September. Enjoy a campfire and marshmallow roast as you learn about the animals and ecosystems at Bluff Lake. Watch as nocturnal animals come to life while the sun sets slowly behind the mountains. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free for members, \$1 donation for non-members. www.blufflakenaturecenter.org.

**5/15 Friday - Nature At Night.** 7:45 pm. Explore nature after the sun goes down at the Morrison Nature Center. Free. Morrison Nature Center is located at 16002 E. Smith Road in Aurora. Hours are 12 - 4:30 pm Wednesday through Friday and 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Saturday and Sunday. Reservations recommended, call 303.739.2428.

5/16 Saturday - Nature Journaling. 10am -12:00pm. Whether you are an experienced artist or have never drawn before, come learn this simple method of sketching and writing to awaken your senses of wonder. Morrison Nature Center is located at 16002 E. Smith Road in Aurora. Hours are 12pm to 4:30pm Wednesday through Friday and 9am to 4:30pm Saturday and Sunday. Reservations recommended, 303.739.2428.

5/23 Saturday and 5/24 Sunday - Home on the Range I-3pm. See our newest members of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge family - bison calves! Discover interesting facts about North America's largest land mammal and how they survive on the prairie. Reservations required. 56th (continued on page 15)

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## A Taste of Puerto Rico Comes to Stapleton



Musicians at A Taste of Puerto Rico Festival in 2007 at Cuenevaca Park

By Nancy Burkhart

Stapleton's outdoor space for large events and its community of cultural diversity are reasons for *A Taste of Puerto Rico Festival* to move from its downtown location for the past three years to Stapleton Central Park on Martin Luther King Boulevard for its fourth year June 13 and 14.

"That park was designed for festivals, said Maria Arroyo, who is one of the event coordinators. "We like to introduce the Puerto Rican history and culture to Colorado. We've actually been doing it almost 14 years. It started in 1995 with 350 people doing a potluck get-together with music, and it's grown over the years to the size it is now. It's definitely over 3,000 people every year."

The many people of Puerto Rican heritage in Colorado are joined by others from Wyoming and New Mexico, Arroyo said.

The cultural event spun off from a similar festival in New York City, which adopted a national Puerto Rico Day on the second Sunday of June in 1995. The Colorado festival has been planned to coincide with New York City's each year.

"I think the experience is people understanding our culture, the richness in our culture and the differences between different Hispanic cultures," Arroyo said. "Each of us has an individual richness in our culture."

On Saturday, June 13, from noon to 7 p.m., there will be a car show and food and merchandise vendors with Latin music

On Sunday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., there will be salsa music with a salsa contest. Old-style musicians with Puerto Rican music, as well as Latin salsa groups with trumpets and drums will perform, along with a jazz group and dance groups to demonstrate the older dances, Arroyo said.

Admission to the event is free. It is a family event with face painting and a children's play area.

For more information, go to www.atasteofpuertoricofestival.com.

By Jake Flint

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On June 9, 2009 from 5 – 9 pm,
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giving attendees the chance to sample cuisines ranging from Moroccan, Mexican, Ethiopian, and
American. Participants will enjoy samples at all of the featured restaurants, and may walk, bike, or ride
free shuttle buses back and forth along The FAX.

The Feast on The FAX was created by The FAX Partnership to promote businesses on Colfax while providing residents of the surrounding neighborhoods and beyond an opportunity to become better acquainted (or re-ac-

quainted) with the diverse restaurant base along East Colfax, now known as The FAX.

The event is presented in cooperation with Greater Park Hill, Bellevue-Hale, Mayfair Neighbors, Historic Montclair, and East Montclair neighborhood associations, plus Stapleton United Neighbors. The Boards of these six



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Feast on the Fax

neighborhood associations will be selling tickets to The Feast on The FAX and sharing in the proceeds from those ticket sales. So ticket sales not only help The FAX Partnership, with its annual fundraising event, but also help advance the mission of these six great neighborhood associations.

Restaurants that have signed up this year include: Solera, Senor Rita's Cantina, The Cork House, Mataam Fez, Phoenician Kabob, Krameria Cafe, Senor Pepe's, Habesha, Mozart Lounge & Piano Bar, The Elm, Queen of Sheba, and Africana Café.

The FAX Partnership is committed to revitalizing Colfax Av-

enue from Colorado Boulevard to Yosemite Street. The FAX Partnership's mission is to restore Denver's historic Main Street by establishing a vibrant, destination district. It seeks to do so by implementing long-term programs focused on economic and community development, crime prevention, small business improvement, corridor outreach and marketing.

Tickets purchased ahead from neighborhood associations cost \$20. Tickets purchased on the day of the event cost \$25. For more information or to buy tickets visit www.feastonthefax.com or call Jake Flint at 303-321-3212.

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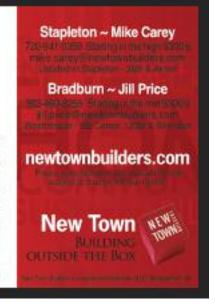


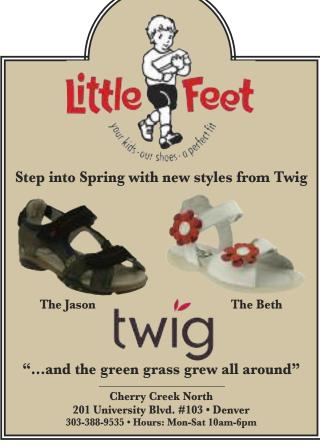
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#### **THEATRE**

Through 5/09 - Incorruptible at the John Hand Theatre in Lowry. The river flooded again last week. The chandler's shop just burned to the ground. And Ste. Foy, the patron of the local monastery, hasn't worked a miracle in thirteen years. All eyes turn to the Pope, whose promised visit will surely encourage other pilgrims to make the trek and restore the abbey to its former glory. All seems lost until the destitute monks take a lesson from a larcenous one-eyed minstrel, who teaches them an outrageous new way to pay old debts. \$17 Fri/Sat; \$2 discount for students with ID and seniors 62 and over; \$14 Sun (No Discounts). www.johnhandtheater.com/

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5/11 Monday - The Sacrifice of Abraham at the Avenue Theatre, 7pm. This play is a tribute to our sixteenth president based in part upon the memoirs of William Herndon, Abraham Lincoln's law partner. Free. www. avenuetheater.com for additional information or 303.321.5925 for ticketing, 417 E. 17th Ave

5/14 through 6/14 - Oscar and Felix, by Neil Simon at the Shadow Theatre. America's comic mastermind has updated his classic comedy The Odd Couple, setting the trials and tribulations of Felix Unger and Oscar Madison in the present day. Tickets \$21-\$26 phone 720.857.8000 or www.shadowtheatre.com for tickets and additional information. 1468 Dayton Street

5/23 through 6/20 - Don't Drink the Water by Woody Allen at the John Hand Theatre in Lowry. Walter and Marion Hollander take their young daughter on vacation to a Eastern European country behind the Iron Curtain. The trip turns sour when Walter accidentally takes pictures of a missile silo and sends the family running for the American Embassy. Hoping to avoid an international incident, Axel and the Hollanders pull out all the stops to sneak out of the country unharmed and unscratched. But of course, nothing goes according to plan in this zany, madcap comedy! www.johnhandtheater.com/

5/28 Thursday - Spring Into Health 2009 at the Denver Zoo. Join Denver Zoo, Mayor John Hickenlooper and the City of Denver for a walk around the zoo, keynote speakers, health screenings, and fitness classes. \$5 Includes snack pack and event activities. Registration required - call 303-458-4868. 9am - Ipm.

5/28 Thursday - Attend the screening of the film Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai at Denver Zoo and learn about the Zoo's conservation efforts in Kenya. The winner of at least 9 awards at film festivals in 2008, the film documents Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai's efforts to plant trees in Kenya. From a simple beginning, an entire movement emerged to reforest Kenyan

lands, empower women with new work, provide new sources of food and income for Kenyans, and defend democracy. To RSVP for the film email Amy Masching at

amasching@denverzoo.org or call 303-376-4935. (See also 5/30 volunteer project to restore habitat.)

#### 5/30 Saturday - Zoo Habitat Restoration Project.

Register 8:30am; Volunteer project 9am-Ipm. Admission free. Advance registration required space is limited. Must be 10 years or over; Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants are asked to attend the screening of the film Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai (see 5/28 zoo event), then plant trees and restore habitat for wildlife along the Westerly Creek area in Denver (near Martin Luther King Blvd and N Beeler St). To register e-mail Amy Masching at amasching@denverzoo.org or call 303-376



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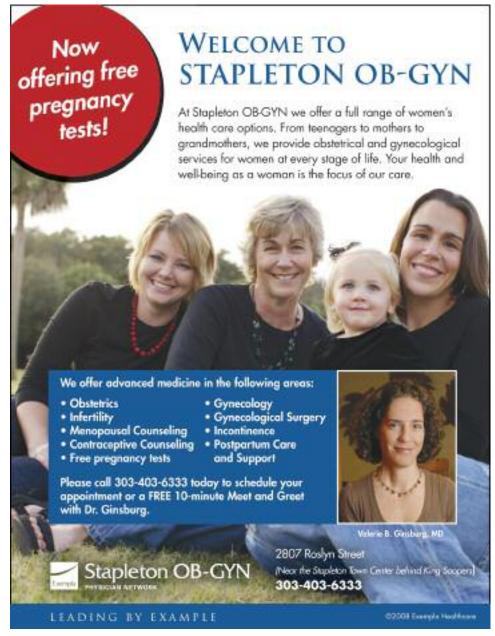
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### Stapleton Sales Recap — And What's Happening Now?



By Rhett Adams

Few topics received more attention in 2008 than the housing industry. So, how is Stapleton weathering the stormy economy? The following statistics for 2008 and 2009 single family home sales suggest a few trends. Clearly, Stapleton was not immune to the general downturn, but sales for the first quarter of 2009 show some stabilizing in the market. Homes priced between \$300,000 and \$500,000 seem to be holding their own while the higher priced properties between \$500,000-\$700,000 continue to see a slowdown in sales. The highest priced homes over \$900,000 maintain previous levels in sales.

These figures tell us also that it is still very much a buyer's market. This is further reinforced by the fact that interest rates have dropped, inventory is up and many homes are priced to sell.

	Jan-June '08	July-Dec '08	Jan-Mar '08	Jan-Mar'09
Lowest price paid	\$192,243	\$226,000	\$192,243	\$264,900
Highest price paid	\$1,313,000	\$1,000,000	\$825,000	\$1,200,382
Homes Sold Under \$300,000	13	9	7	3
Homes Sold \$300,000-\$400,000	44	26	15	12
Homes Sold \$400,000-\$500,000	44	29	18	13
Homes Sold \$500,000-\$700,000	43	27	19	9
Homes Sold \$700,000-\$900,000	7	4	4	2
Homes Sold Over \$900,000	3	3	0	3

Rhett Adams is a fourth-generation Coloradoan who works extensively with buyers throughout the Denver Area. She is a broker with Metro Brokers – Dardano & Associates in Stapleton's E. 29th Avenue Town Center and can be reached at RAdams@Dardanorealty.com or (303) 478-2232. Please email Rhett for free Stapleton information. (Information here on single family home sales was compiled using Metrolist, Inc. statistics and may not reflect all real estate activity on the market.)

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#### Darrell's Place

By Jon Meredith Sandwiched between I-70 and I-270, underneath the unnamed Quebec Street Bridge over Sand Creek is Darrell's Place. Darrell, who goes by "Cajun," because he is originally from Louisiana, has lived under that bridge for the better part of fourteen years. Formally an oil worker in the gulf and a Mississippi tug boat worker, Cajun left St. Louis headed west on the Interstate and stopped here. He left behind three daughters and an ex-wife.

Darrell's place is hard on the banks of Sand Creek. Ducks and geese swim 10 feet from his mattress. "Rocky" his pet raccoon is curled up for a daytime nap. Overhead is the constant clamor of cars and trucks at one of Colorado's busiest intersections. He has quite the set up under there. Many old mattresses are carefully placed between rocks that separate them. Giving the user a semblance of privacy. There are also very old and dirty sleeping bags and blankets for anyone who comes by. There is a "kitchen area," consisting of many pans but I didn't notice any means of cooking. For me, there was an overwhelming wretched smell due to the lack of sanitary facilities.

"Cajun" is about six feet tall and is thin. He has weathered skin, a three day beard, and beautiful blue eyes. His hands shake constantly. He wears a ski cap similar to the Edge. His clothes are newer and clean and he has a decent pair of boots on. He offers me a smoke as we talk and gets himself a Miller High Life 40 ounce bot-

"I've been signing here a long time and the money used to be much bet-

> is now." Recently, too many people have taken to signing in Denver and it is much harder for

ter than it

"Cajun" to make ends meet. What are those ends? Enough dough for smokes, beer and some food every



Jon Meredith

day. He always eats and then spends money on cigarettes and beer. "Most of these younger signers don't do that and they end up sick or dead."

Lots of people hand him food out of their cars. Half-eaten burgers and sandwiches. Sometimes dirty diapers and very often granola bars. He does not like granola bars so he gives them to Rocky. Of course people can be extremely cruel to him. For every dollar he gets ten people tell him to get a job. Many have said they are going to shoot him the next time they drive by because "society needs to be rid of your kind." All of this is part of his life and it really doesn't bother him. He is polite almost to a fault and is kind to people whether they give him money or not.

Despite the surroundings and noise, Darrell seems to have a certain serenity in his life. He is matter of fact when he speaks about the deaths recently of fellow hobos. Two have died in the area in the last few months. He is the same way when he talks about the city rousting him out on occasion. It just means he spends a few days in jail eating three square meals a day. When he speaks about his daughters he simply says, "I reckon' they wouldn't be too proud of their Pop."

When I asked Darrell how his life wound up like this he never placed blame or responsibility on anyone but

"I am a terrible alcoholic" he stated as fact, not a cry for help or sympathy.

Jon Meredith lives in Stapleton. He can be reached at jon.meredith@earthlink.net

\*Fishwrap is a slang term that started in the '30s and refers to the transient value of yesterday's newspaper.



## **Dedicated Volunteers Make Jazz Concerts Happen**

By Nancy Burkhart

azz music has been filling City Park with starlit summer vibes for more than 125 years. Today, the non-profit City Park Jazz has a concert schedule that goes from June 7 to August 9 with 10 Sunday night jazz concerts.

'We started about 1984 with a few hundred people," explained Bob Nelson, vicepresident of the City Park Jazz Board of Directors.

"The early part of the '90s we had money-raising issues and went out of business for a couple of years. Then we reorganized.

"Our mission is to provide free concerts for the neighborhood. We have people coming from all over the state. About 5,000 attend each concert."

People bring blankets to sit on the grass for the 6 p.m. concerts. They bring their children and dogs to partake of picnics or food bought from vendors while they listen to the free concerts.

Costs for each concert total about \$7,000, Nelson said. This includes police protection, the



Bob Nelson, Vice President of the City Park Jazz Board of Directors, and Susan Klann, who serves as secretary, stand at the pavilion where the City Park Jazz bands perform.

bands' performances and trash removal. There are 20 to 30 volunteers who work at each concert for just a T-shirt and a meal, he said.

A "bucket brigade" takes buckets into the audience to collect donations during intermission, and a huge jug at the City Park Jazz booth garners other contributions, according to Nelson.

"One of the key points is, given the economic downturn and a lot of the struggles people are facing, it's free," said Susan Klann, who serves the Board of Directors as secretary. "It's a wonderful social environment to

get you out of the house and enjoying your neighbors. Anything that anyone can give is greatly appreciated.

"A couple of years ago the Rocky Mountain News selected us as one of the movers and shakers in the arts community in Denver. They said that we were really an organization by the people for the people. I think that really sums it up. We do it for the people and we do it for the park."

For information or to volunteer, call 303-777-9560 or

visit www.cityparkjazz.org.

#### 2009 City Park Jazz Schedule, Sundays 6-8pm

June 7 - Cocktail Revolution

June 14 - Teresa Carroll & the Big Swing Trio

June 21 - Jon Romero y Amanecer

June 28 – The Michael Friedman Jazz Quintet

July 5 - Purnell Steen and Le Jazz Machine July 12 – Buckner Funken Jazz

July 19 - The Wendy Fopeano Group

July 26 - Chris Daniels and the Kings

Aug. 2 - The Otone Brass Band

Aug. 9 - Funkiphino

#### **Bluff Lake Bird Walk**



On Earth Day, April 22nd, Bluff Lake held a bird walk where participants learned how to identify common birds, how to use a bird guide and binoculars, and how to identify nests. Also, a number of businesses in Stapleton and Northfield donated a portion of the day's proceeds to the Bluff Lake Nature Center, including Udi's Bread Cafe, All Things Renewable, Cold Stone Creamery, Amore Fiori, U-Shampooch and An's Lemongrass Grille.

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## 4 Paws News

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

#### **Break Out the Bifocals**

Putting bifocals on your elderly beagle is probably just what he needs, but don't count on him not mistaking them for a chew toy. Many dog owners have lovingly looked into the eyes of their aging four-legged companions to notice a slightly hazy, cloudy appearance. Although many owners think it's the start of a cataract, it is usually just a routine change in older dogs called nuclear sclerosis, or hardening of the lens.

It is important to differentiate nuclear sclerosis from cataracts. As humans and animals age the lens fibers in our eyes continue to regenerate and the center becomes more densely packed. This causes the lens to become less flexible and is the reason why many people who start to have the condition cannot focus on objects up close. Thus, the need to run to the drug store for a pair of bifocals.

While nuclear sclerosis is caused by a hardening of the lens depicted by a cloudy appearance, cataracts look more white or crystalline, like cracked ice. And "cracking" is exactly what is going on. With cataracts, the lens fibers are actually broken, and vision is much more affected

Fortunately, dogs with nuclear sclerosis tend to have pretty normal vision. This aging change, which most often starts in dogs around seven years of age, is usually found in both eyes and the cloudy appearance owners complain of is symmetrical. The changes are so consistent you can almost age a dog by its eyes. Although detailed vision of near objects may be slightly compromised in pets with the condition, their day and night vision should not be affected.

Speaking of night vision, veterinarians are commonly asked why their dog or cats eyes have that characteristic light reflection at night; the same phenomena referenced in the phrase "a deer in headlights." The tapetum lucidum, a shiny reflective layer on the back of the eye, causes this. With cataracts, ophthalmologists usually cannot see this anatomical trait, but with nuclear sclerosis the tapetum can be visualized, making for a great diagnostic tool in differentiating the two totally different diagnoses.

If you notice any changes in your pet's eyes, take it to a veterinarian. It should be easy for them to differentiate between a normal aging process, and a disease process like cataracts. If your pet does have nuclear sclerosis, you shouldn't worry too much. It just means your pooch will have to hold that newspaper a little further away if it wants to read it after fetching it for you.

Dr. Smith's clinic, 29th Avenue Animal Hospital, is located in the East 29th Avenue Town Center at Stapleton in the courtyard next to Fantastic Sam's. Dr. Smith also appears regularly on the KUSA Channel 9 Noon News. Call (303) 394-3937 for more information.

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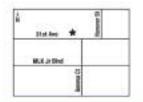
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## Smiling at Stapleton

by Preet Clair, D.D.S.

### **Silver or White?**

Dentistry has come a long way with regards to better numbing techniques, the ability to project images digitally for your viewing pleasure and more pleasant tasting products. In addition, newer dental materials like ceramics and super polymers are replacing traditional dental materials.

There are many factors your dentist will consider when it comes to restoring your smile. Gold, base metal and amalgam are more traditional materials used when filling a tooth but there are other choices. Performance, location of filling, longevity and function are parameters your dentist will consider when deciding on what type of filling to place.

Silver or white? Silver amalgam and composite resin are the two most common materials used to restore decayed teeth. Most people believe that silver fillings are a health hazard. The American Dental Association's official stance is that amalgam "is safe, durable and cost effective and has been used by dentists for 150 years for restoring decayed teeth."

Many practitioners have expressed concern over placement of silver fillings. Like any material there are advantages and disadvantages in its use. Silver amalgam is comprised of tin, silver, copper, zinc and trace amounts of mercury. When amalgam is placed the belief is that the mercury escapes as vapor when the filling is packed into the tooth thus reducing the mercury content. Most of the evidence is anecdotal and almost all the major health organizations do not see a detriment to placing silver fillings.

However, there are reasons why most dentists are not recommending the use of silver fillings. Over time, these silver fillings darken and stain the underlying tooth structure. Though able to withstand the heavy chewing forces, amalgam is dark and not as natural looking as the composite and porcelain restorations available. Also, hot and cold foods and drinks cause craze lines that can crack teeth over time. Amalgam shrinks and expands with these thermal changes leading to fractured teeth. More tooth structure needs to be removed in order to place silver fillings.

White fillings or composite resins are the material of choice of most dental practitioners. Composite is a white, polymer compound comprised of various fillers that can be easily packed and polished into a tooth. The procedure is technique sensitive but when placed properly a white filling causes less post operative hot and cold sensitivity. They are very durable and resistant and most importantly will not lead to the shrinkage and expansion issues that amalgam fillings cause. Less tooth structure is removed when placing a white filling and they can be bonded in place thereby minimizing leakage. Composite comes in many shades allowing for a more natural, pleasing, custom built smile. Porcelain is another esthetically pleasing alternative. Sometimes a crack in a tooth is too large to be repaired by a simple filling. In this case a full porcelain or porcelain fused to gold crown is the treatment of choice. Know your options and of course consult your dentist on deciding what's right for you!

Dr. Preet Clair is a Stapleton resident who opened her family dental practice in Quebec Square in 2004. She can be reached at 303-322-2081, or visit her website at www.qsfamilydentistry.com.



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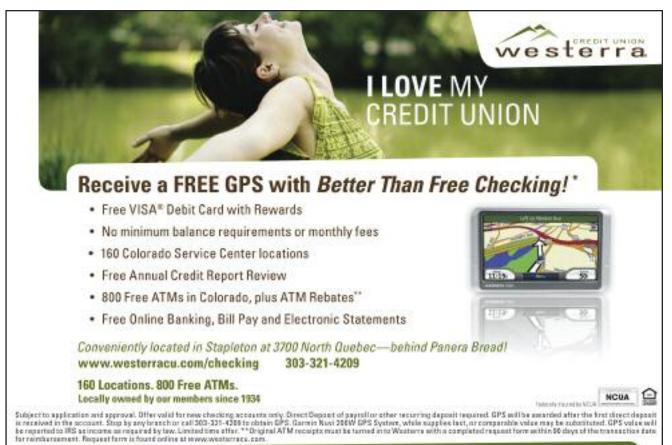
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## The Biggest Mistake of Do-It-Yourselfers: Not Getting A Permit

By Sherry Liberato

Working in the The Northeast Satellite Permitting Office of the City and County of Denver I have become aware of a number of homeowners in the area who are having trouble with jobs that were done without a permit. A good rule of thumb is that you need a permit for anything larger than wallpapering and painting [1]. The best advice is to just call the Building Department, which you can reach by calling Denver's helpline at 311, or visit Denvergov.org and choose the link at left for Housing and Property Assistance or the link for Building and Construction. The website contains numerous resources for homeowners and on each of those web pages there is a box at the right that says: Tips for Success. Be sure to have your contractor pull a permit. (The permit holder is legally responsible for compliance with the Denver Building Code.)

I don't understand why someone would finish their basement or build an addition of any kind including a trellis or pergola without checking to see if a permit is required. For some jobs, you may need to provide proof of permit and inspection to your insurance company, or the company won't cover it or may refuse to pay a claim some time later.

Every time I turn on the TV to watch the endless shows on sweat equity, like "This Old House" and many others, they all advise their listeners to contact their local building department and ask what is required before starting any project, and specifically ask if they need a permit. I have heard it over and over. Even Norm from "This Old House" will tell you that. Never assume your pro will "take care of it"

Rick Lopes, of the California Contractors State License Board, warns that especially after natural disasters homeowners need to beware of contractors who advertise with signs taped to lampposts in hard-hit neighborhoods. They offer to do repairs quickly, without the hassle of obtaining building permits. In exchange, they ask for all or most of the money up front. And although they often finish the work, it's generally subpar. These fly-by-nighters may even leave the house in worse shape than they found it, says Lopes.

Don't spend thousands of dollars on a home improvement that does not improve your property. You may end up needing to tear it all down and it will be difficult or impossible to obtain a refund of your money spent

Sherry Liberato works at the Northeast Denver Satellite Permitting office located at 23rd and Oneida.

[1] Top Ten Mistakes of Do-It-Yourselfers by Pat Curry of Bankrate.com, originally posted at realestate.msn.com

## Mercy Housing to Build More Affordable Rentals at Stapleton



Mercy Housing is planning to open its second affordable rental housing development at Stapleton, northeast of the planned Eastbridge Town Center, by mid 2011. The artist's conceptual rendering at left shows the 92 apartments that will be located on the parcel bounded by Hanover, Florence Way, Havana and 31st Avenue. Mercy's first affordable rental housing development at Stapleton is the Parkside Apartments, located at 23rd and

## Stapleton Welcomes a New Neighbor

Kevin and Melissa Hansen (left), shown standing in front of their new Stapleton home, were re-

By Tom Gleason

hen Billy Brown heard that Forest City and Erico Motorsports were sponsoring a referral

gram for Stapleton residents who convince friends or family members to purchase a new home at Stapleton, he had just the right person in mind—his longtime friend and former college roommate, Kevin Hansen.

Kevin and Billy had been roommates three times over a period of several years since

they graduated from Drake University in the late 90s. The two friends originally met through an earlier "referral" when Kevin's older brother told Billy his younger brother was looking for a roommate after transferring to Drake from the University of Wisconsin. Today, Billy is a medical device representative for Stryker Orthopedics and Kevin is

an accountant with Western Union.

When asked how he persuaded Kevin to move to Stapleton, Billy replied "I just gave him three reasons: the great

homes, family friendly parks—and

me!" In addition to receiving a \$500 cash award within 45 days of a referral home closing for a home purchased before June 30, 2009, people making a successful referral will be entered

ferred by Billy and Krista Brown. The Brown's children are Mikayla, 7, and Matthias, 8 months.

referral will be entered into a random drawing for a Vespa LH 150 Scooter and Cyber helmet from Erico Motorsports (a \$4,500 value). See the brother told Billy his younger brother





## What you probably didn't know about school buses...

By Nancy Burkhart

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Driver Pat Jones has driven buses for DPS for almost 20 years. She has driven all ages, including athletic teams, but her favorite (and current) assignment is elementary kids. 'They're so cute and teachable," she says. "But maybe being with a busload of kids every day has something to do with the fact that I chose to have only one at home!" Pat's other responsibility is being the voice of "Buster," a remote controlled bus that is taken to

schools to teach young students the rules of riding the bus.

been on the job for 22 years. Johnson said he enjoys his job and plans to "hang in there for another four or five years" when he will be eligible for retirement.

"You just have to be real cautious and

careful because you have special kids on the bus and you have to get them to school," Johnson said. "The buses are real good and they're safe. It's just real fun for me."

Ardella James is in her third school year of driving a school bus. As the "baby" out of 19 kids, she has 50 nieces and nephews. This makes her a perfect choice for working with children.

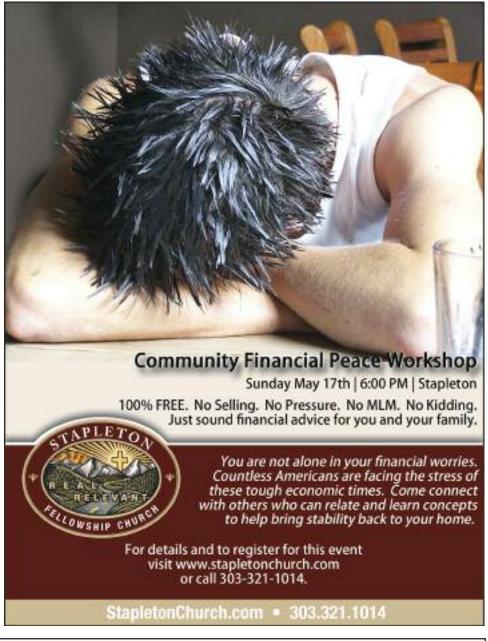
"The best thing about it is that I enjoy talking to the kids," James said. "I don't have any problems with them. They're good kids."

Both Johnson and James were grateful for the "Transportation Pride Day," which will be an an-

nual event, according to Portee.

"I think it shows all the drivers that they're being recognized for their services," Johnson said. "It gives the drivers self-esteem about their job and what they do."







#### Two New Artworks to Be Installed

By Barbara Neal

tapleton will welcome installation of two new public artworks in June. Gerald Heffernon will install his bronze sculpture, The Picnic, on the ellipse at east 35th Avenue and Xenia Street. Gerald, a sculptor from Winters, CA, was awarded a \$110,000 commission for tableau featuring four elegant bronze dogs lounging on a large flat boulder and having a picnic. These life-size figures create the relaxed atmosphere of a picnic appropriate to the casual neighborhood surroundings.

In Greenway Park, the Community Garden at East 23rd Avenue and Spruce Street will display an artwork by Lars Stanley from Austin, TX. Garden Stories, a \$75,000 commission, will include a wrought steel gate and a series of graceful "story poles" arranged in the garden. These forged steel poles depicting simple plant forms and agricultural implements speak to people's engagement with the natural and cultivated world of the garden.

In other public art news, Erick Johnson (Fort Collins, CO) has begun fabricating his large kinetic sculptures for the medians on Central Park Boulevard north of Montview Boulevard. We anticipate installation of this work, Prairie Reef, in early 2010.

A second public art commission for the Eastbridge Town Center was recently awarded by the Park Creek Metropolitan District to the artist team of Lajos Heder and Mags Harries, Cambridge, MA, for their proposed kinetic sculpture, Solar Light Raft.

Anyone who is interested in being appointed to a Project Selection Committee, applying for a public art commission or obtaining information about Stapleton's Public Art Program should contact me at barbneal@mindspring.com.

Barbara Neal is the public art consultant for the Stapleton Public Art Program.

#### **Sunflower Market's** Statement on the Possibility of a **NE Denver Store**

The Front Porch contacted Sunflower Farmers Market to learn whether they have plans for a store in Northeast Denver. Following is their response. We will run updates as further information becomes available.

"We certainly like the area and are extensively looking at sites, but have not selected any location in particular. We hope to bring Sunflower to Northeast Denver in the near future, though no real timeline has been determined quite yet." - Mike Gilliland, CEO & Founder of Sunflower Farmers Market

## Weekly Compost Pickup to Resume

To coincide with the growing season, Denver Recycles has begun collecting composting carts again on a weekly basis. Please refer to the calendar received with the cart, or view the collection schedule online at www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

Denver Recycles thanks everyone for their thoughtful composting efforts and encourages residents to continue using their green carts this spring for food, soiled paper and yard debris.

For more information call 311 or email DenverRecycles@denvergov.org.

By Diane Deeter Director of Programming and Events

The MCA summer schedule offers tons of fun for everyone.

May 2, "Band, Bar-B-Que and Bungee" - Our first community event on the

Green presents "Six Foot Joe and the Red Hot Rhinos" in concert from 5:00-7:30pm. Food and beverage will be available for purchase. This event is open to everyone.

May 29, "Battle of the Bands" – This event at Founders Green is open to any band in the greater Stapleton area. The winner will open for our August 1st concert. Check www.stapletoncommunity.com for final information. Interested bands should contact events@stapletoncommunity.com or call the MCA office at 303.388.0724.

**Help us plan events –** If you or someone you know has expertise in theater, music, art or dance, please email us at events@ stapletoncommunity.com. We also encourage anyone who has an interest in planning or organizing community events to email us at events@stapletoncommunity.com. It is important to have input from the community when planning events for the community. If your time is already booked, but you have ideas, please feel free to send the ideas our

**Pool Openings** – Pools will open at noon on Saturday May 23. To avoid long lines or paying guest fees upon entering, please make sure all members of your household have a pool ID in hand prior to the Memorial Day weekend.



Resident ID Cards - If you need to replace a lost pass, or renew expired passes, please be sure to set up your Stapleton resident on-line account prior to Memorial Day, as staff will only be able to take photos and distribute

cards to residents with active on-line ac-

#### Creating a Stapleton MCA Online Account -

Begin by visiting www.stapletoncommunity. com. Scroll down and click on the green button that reads: Residents Start Here: Your Online Account will be sent in for approval and will be authorized when "proof of residency" is established. (Account Holder is current on MCA Assessments.) Allow 24 -48 hours for this process.

Once your online account is active, stop by the MCA office or one of the three pools (once they open) to have your photo taken and a 2009 card issued.

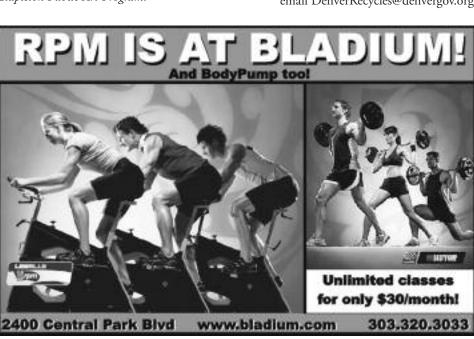
Registration for all Adult Programs will begin May 1st. and will be open to non-residents beginning May 15, 2009.

**Pool Concessions –** We are excited to announce that all the Stapleton Pools will have concession areas operating during Open Swim this season. If you're in the mood for something tasty and convenient, Café Concepts will be stocking the snack bar with a variety of snacks and beverages for all ages.

**Pro shop –** New this year, each facility will have a pro shop available at the point of entry. Items for sale include popular swimming accessories such as goggles, toys, sunscreen, etc. All items will be reasonably priced for convenience, and all proceeds will be put back into our swimming pool facilities.

If you have any questions about the pools, email: pools@stapletoncommunity.com

The Stapleton MCA is a 501(c) 4 Non Profit Community Organization whose mission it is to create and sustain a sense of community at Stapleton through comprehensive management of parks and recreational facilities, community events, cultural programming. The MCA is located at 2823 Roslyn St. and can be reached by phone (303-388-0724) or email (info@stapletoncommunity.com). Community information is continually updated at www.StapletonCommunity.com



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## Letter to the Editor

Editor: As a dog owner I consider cleaning up after my pet a responsibility – not an option. Unfortunately, and much to the detriment of those owners who think the same, there is a minority who clearly consider it acceptable and reasonable not to pick up after their dogs when walking them in public areas. This minority is clearly oblivious to the disease it carries and the welfare of those that play and utilize this great neighbor-

hood, and as such either lack common sense or have a complete disregard for others. What I suggest is that every time you walk your dog, and diligently pick up after them, pick up after someone else too. This way we can all do a little to maintain this wonderful resource, and hopefully the minority will see and realize it is not acceptable to be irresponsible and not pick up after their animals. —*Gary Smy* 

## Cancer Vaccine Offered at Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains (PPRM) is now offering the HPV vaccine, Gardasil. Cervical cancer is caused by certain types of human papillomavirus (HPV). Each year cervical cancer is diagnosed in about 10,000 American women, of whom 3,900 die from the disease. The PHPV vaccine. Gardasil is a breakthrough in the fight against cervical cancer.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that approximately 20 million Americans are currently infected with HPV, and another 6.2 million people become newly infected each year. At least 50 percent of sexually active men and women acquire genital HPV infection at some point in their lives.

The vaccine is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for women ages nine to 26 and is recommended as a routine vaccination for girls ages 11 to 12, before the onset of sexual activity as well as for females ages 13 to 26 who have not previously been vaccinated or who have not completed the full series. The vaccine requires three injections over a six-month period.

PPRM offers free vaccinations through Merck's Patient Assistance Program to patients without health care insurance and who meet other qualifications. Planned Parenthood accepts insurance from private health plans, although coverage for Gardasil varies.

PPRM encourages all girls and women or parents considering the vaccine for their daughters to contact us and learn more about the vaccine. A Planned Parenthood office is located at 7155 E 38th Ave. They can be reached at 303.321.2458.

#### New Denver Program to Prevent Graffiti Vandalism

The Denver Office of Cultural Affairs (DOCA) is pleased to announce the creation of the Denver Urban Arts Fund (UAF). The grants awarded through the program will focus on measurable outcomes related to the prevention of graffiti vandalism and will become an ongoing project to involve artists in building strong communities.

The UAF will provide small grant funds (\$500-\$7,500) for programs that:

- help reclaim a graffiti hot spot and create a positive community space; and/or
- \* help create and increase youth access and exposure to positive and monitored alternatives and support systems, including positive arts opportunities.

UAF policies and application procedures are available via the DOCA Web site at www.denvergov.org/DOCA or by calling 720-865-4302. Applications will be accepted through September 15, 2009 and reviewed by the UAF Committee bimonthly beginning April 2.

The Denver Urban Arts Fund is an outgrowth of the Graffiti Task Force recommendations. The recommendations support the role of prevention as an important component—along with abatement and enforcement—of reducing graffiti vandalism in Denver.

#### Five Points Jazz Festival May 16th

(continued from p. 8) put on free, live public music performances for National Jazz Month in April, 2004. Hank Troy called the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs (then called the Mayor's Office of Art, Culture and Film) to discuss the possibility of jointly-sponsored jazz concerts. They then formed a committee of community members who decided to produce the first Five Points Jazz Festival. They chose Five Points since jazz had a strong presence and large following in that area from the 30's to the 60's.

The 2004 festival was presented on a large stage in the parking lot of the Blair-Caldwell Library on April 25th. Despite a large snowstorm the night before, the festival day was sunny, if chilly, and the show went on that afternoon as planned. Performers included trumpeter Sam Bivens' Denver Jazz Orchestra, Mood Express led by singer Ervin Lucero, and pianist Purnell Steen and Le Jazz Machine. This festival was dedicated to community leader, Ottawa Harris.

April 30 was the date for the 2005 event. Snow fell again, this time on the day of the festival. The entire event was hastily moved indoors to two rooms of the Blair-Caldwell Library. The festival included the Ken Walker Quintet, the Fred Hess Quartet, Joe Keel and His Action Orchestra, Jakarta, Revelation

Quintet, Wende Harston with A Touch of Blue, and the Tom Tilton Jazz Ensemble. Three musicians received tributes: Ted Alexander, Charles Burrell and Joe Keel.

The 2006 Festival, held on April 29th, saw an expansion to other venues. In addition to the library, music was presented at Cervantes Masterpiece Ballroom, Blackberries, the KUVO performance studio and at the Rossonian Hotel. Cleo Parker Robinson's dance studio also participated with open dance lessons. Tribute honorees were Harriet Butcher, Sam Bivens and Charlotte Cowens.

Each year, three individuals are honored for significant and lasting contributions to jazz in the Five Points neighborhood and beyond. The 2009 honorees are Gloria Holliday, Purnell Steen and Billy Tolles.

Because of the earlier years' weather conditions in April, the 2007 and 2008 festivals were moved to May with much better success weather-wise and the 2009 festival is following suit, with the festival on May 16th

Wallace Yvonne Tollette, a resident of northeast Denver, is the author of "Colorado Black Leadership Profiles," which tells the stories of over 700 notable African Americans from Colorado. She can be reached at westernimages@juno.com or by phone at 303-830-1691.

### RECURRING STAPLETON EVENTS

4th Monday

SUN Board Mtg – 7:30pm MCA Community Room, 2823 Roslyn St [stanletonunitedneighbors@gm

[stapletonunitedneighbors@gmail .com]

Every Tuesday

Stapleton Rotary Club –

Stapleton Radisson Plaza Hotel 3333 Quebec St [Michael@KearnsTeam.com]

**Every Tuesday** 

AA Open Discussion Mtg 7:30pm MCA Community Room, 2823 Roslyn Street [Joe 303.912.7075]

Ist Tuesday

3rd Tuesday

303.393.7700

Breast Cancer Support Group 5 - 6:30pm AF Williams Family Medicine Clinic, Conference Rm

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**Greater Stapleton Business Assoc.** 8am MCA Community Room, 2823 Roslyn Street Every Wednesday Weekly Weeders, Bluff Lake Nature Center 9am-12pm, 303.945.6717

Ist Wednesday

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2nd Wednesday
Odd numbered months

SUN Transportation Committee 6:30pm
MCA Conference Rm,
2823 Roslyn St.
[stapletonneighbors
@msn.com]

Every Thursday (when school is in session)

Bill Roberts Elementary School Tour, 10am 2100 Akron Way, 720-424-2640

First Thursday
Bill Roberts Middle
School Tour, 10am
2100 Akron Way,
720-424-2640

3rd Thursday
Stapleton Citizens Advisory Board Mtg,

Stapleton Development Corp (SDC) 7350 E. 29th Ave. 7:30 – 9am 303.393.7700

2nd Friday

Story time & craft for young children & caregiver Westerly Creek Elementary library 9:15 -9:45am. 303-322-5877

Ist Saturday

Bluff Lake Birders, Nature Center 7-9am

[BluffLakeNatureCenter.org]

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To contact SUN or confirm meeting time, email stapletonunitedneighbors@gmail.com or call 720-840-8492.



## **Stapleton Block Party Day**

Stapleton Block Pay Day is May 16th. If you haven't heard from your Block Captain or neighbors to plan the party, feel free to contact jabaldwin@comcast.net with any questions.

## **Spring Stapleton Public Forum**

On May 7th at 7pm at Denver School of Science and Technology, 2000 Valentia St., SUN, in conjunction with the Citizens Advisory Board and Forest City Stapleton will host a Community Forum. In addition to a neighborhood update from Forest City, including updates on the Rec Center, Library and I-70 Interchange, one very important agenda item is for SUN to hold it's annual meeting. Each year members of the community are elected by the residents to serve a two-year term on the SUN Board. For the first time in the neighbor, we have more candidates than spots open on our Board.

The SUN Board is limited to 15 residents by its by-laws. In 2009, 7 members of the community will be elected to the Board. The current SUN board will recommend a slate of 7 of the 9 residents featured in this article to the residents in attendance at the May 7th Forum. Our by-laws state that if others then those presented by the Board are still interested in running we will have an election, with each household receiving one vote.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the forum on May 7th and please feel free to contact us at stapletonunitedneighbors@gmail.com or check out our website at www.stapletonunitedneighbors.com for more information.

# SUN Board Candidate Statements of Interest



#### Caroline Batorowicz

I am interested in serving as SUN board member because I have a great interest in the future of Stapleton. My family and I moved here in 2007 and are looking forward to spending the better part of our lives here. We love this com-

munity and I want to be a part of making an impact and providing a service to its residents, while watching the community grow and thrive. I want to see my two children be proud of their community and I want to make sure that we plan for their future and success.

As an Architectural Designer I am very interested in the impact we are making on the built environment in Stapleton.

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#### Sophia Briegleb

I moved to Stapleton in 2003. Last year, the possibility of a job change for my husband meant we might be moving out of the neighborhood. The more we looked into other areas, the more we realized that this was the

place we wanted to stay permanently. Stapleton is the exact type of neighborhood that we want to live in, with its strong sense of community, wonderful parks and pools, walkability, sustainability, "greenness", and amazing neighbors. We are committed to staying here, and now I would like to get more involved to ensure that Stapleton continues to be a place where we all want to live. Having been a Stapleton resident for five years, I really know this neighborhood and am eager to contribute to SUN. I am currently a stay-athome-mom to two boys, and have a strong passion for health, the environment, and living as green a life as possible. I am looking forward to being involved in many of the upcoming changes to Stapleton, including the addition of the library, rec center, and hopefully a natural grocery store. I have the time, strong sense of commitment, and enthusiasm necessary to be an effective SUN board member.



#### **Donna Davis**

I am a resident at Parkside Apartments. I would love to have the opportunity to serve you as a member. I currently serve as the Executive Director of two Non-Profit

organizations and have many years of civic service in my respective communities. I am proud to have had several opportunities to represent Parkside Apartments and its residents at Public Events and will continue to do so as Mercy Housing continues to expand its mission. I have had the opportunity to serve on a presidential campaign and to act as a Regional Director with Moveon.org. It is my pleasure to organize in my neighborhood and I hope you will attend the next SUN Election and forum to cast your vote for solid and proven representation.





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#### John Christbens



As the co-owner of Metro Brokers Cherry Creek my background is squarely in sales and marketing, with over 16 years of experience. Prior to entering into real estate I was the Director of Sales and Brand Development at Colorado Ski

Country USA (CSCUSA). Previous to CSCUSA I was the Director of Sales and Marketing at Intrawest Retail Group, a chain of 45 ski retail/rental stores in eight western states.

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

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

Having served on the SUN board over the last two years, I have had the unique opportunity to experience the many and varied issues that are intrinsic to maintaining the unique vision that is Stapleton. One of these issues is developing and maintaining a strong Neighborhood Watch program. With the help of The Denver Police Department, District Two, Amanda Baldwin and dedicated block captains we are in the early stages of developing a sustainable program. In order to see this program to fruition I would appreciate the opportunity to continue my tenure on the board.



#### Chris Herndon

I'm interested in serving on the SUN Board. My reasons can be summed up in a single word, service. As a West Point graduate and former army officer, I've experienced the joy of serving in several different capacities and being able to

touch and change lives in ways I didn't think possible. After leaving the military I've continued to serve by volunteering time with Save Our Youth as a mentor for struggling high school students and helping facilitate "Financial Peace University" classes through my church. I am a 2008 alumni of the Center for Progressive Leadership as well as the Colorado Institute for Leadership Training. Now I wish to serve on the SUN board to help shape the future of this vibrant community in whatever ways I can such as outreach, inter-community involvement and working closely with our elected officials. As a member of the SUN board I will be an advocate for addressing neighborhood and civic issues on behalf of Stapleton residents.



#### Gabe Hurley

I would like to announce my candidacy for the SUN Board. As a resident of Stapleton and owner of a youth-oriented small business in Stapleton, I have a vested interest in seeing the community continue to grow in a positive direction.

I am extremely impressed with the high level of participation by our neighbors to improve Stapleton and I would lend my support in this tradition. I advocate for creating a place where people get to know their neighbors and can participate in community-oriented activities throughout the year. My commitment to the SUN Board would not be an effort to make big changes, but an effort to keep many things the same, and make small changes that could improve our community.



#### Steve Lawrence

Steve works for the U.S. Department of Commerce as a Field Operations Quality Control Supervisor for the 2010 Census. He has been a community activist and successful I.T. business executive. With his wife Irene Ledesma, he

moved to Stapleton's Eastbridge in 2007. Steve has a Masters Degree in Public Administration and Local Government Man-

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agement from CU Denver. He worked in the Colorado State Senate in 2006/2007.

Goals include integrating Stapleton's neighborhood with the surrounding communities, schools and businesses; promoting the efficient building of the Rec Center, Library, RTD Commuter Rail hub, and the Eastbridge town center. Steve is a block captain in Filing 11.

Steve and Irene were attracted by Stapleton's Greenbuild commitment. Steve Lawrence continues his public service activities. He was elected as the Caucus Leader for Precinct 746, and is on the Democratic State Platform committee. Steve lead non-partisan voter registration drives and serves on community boards related to Healthcare and People with Disabilities.

Irene and Steve have 5 adult children and one grandchild. They share interest in Colorado's outdoors. Steve also is a certified Master Composter and teaches classes for Denver Urban Gardens.



#### Larry McSorley

I would like to become a member of the S.U.N. Board and take a more active part in my community I live in the East Bridge Neighborhood with my

partner Armando (who is also our Block Captain) for the past three years along with our Scottish Terrier, Dunollie. I was born and raised on the East Coast in both New York City and the small town of Stroudsburg Pennsylvania. I received my Bachelor of Architecture Degree from Cornell University, and received both a Master of Architecture in Urban Design and a Master of City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania. I entered the practice of Architecture in Philadelphia in 1987 and moved to Denver in the 1992 where I have continued to practice Architecture dealing with Master Planning and the design of

commercial office and retail, institutional and educational projects.

I founded my current firm, Locus Architects in 1999, and for the past ten years has served as the sole proprietor working on a large range of projects dealing with both renovation and new construction in the commercial, educational, hospitality, and multi-family sectors. I also currently serve as Vice President for the Jasmine Place Townhome HOA- my former residence in Mayfair.

I feel that my professional background would be helpful regarding issues that come up as Stapleton continues to grow in the years to come.



#### David Mueller

I moved to Stapleton a little over two years ago and have been involved in the community ever since. We moved to Stapleton because I truly belief

that Stapleton is a close nit neighborhood that showcases Green Building, Open Spaces, great architecture, long term viability and most important fosters neighbor interaction and community involvement. I currently sit on the Garden Courts 4 HOA board, having been re-elected recently after serving for a year and a half. In my capacity as a GC4 Board member I spearheaded many projects to benefit our homeowners. I also have experience with the many budgetary concerns involved with community associations and projects. I have been very grateful to serve my community in my current capacity. I am a small business owner and have had the pleasure of working with several homeowners in Stapleton to design projects in their homes. I believe that we have a great community here and I look forward to seeing it grow in the future. I hope to bring my experience and enthusiasm to serve on the SUN Board.





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#### Dos & Don'ts of Complementary & Alternative Medicine

- Avoid harmful practices (see below)
- Use evidence-based, safe therapies
- Consider plausible, safe modalities
- Use practitioners that work in partnership with your doctor

#### Therapies to Consider:

Mind / body techniques Sleep

Exercise

Acupuncture

Massage

Chiropractic

Herbs and supplements that have been shown to be safe and effective

#### Harmful therapies to avoid

- Colonic enemas
- Chelation therapy
- IV therapies
- Ionic foot baths
- Restrictive diets
- Megavitamins
- Herbs/supplements that are toxic, interact with other drugs, stimulate tumor growth and/or affect the immune system
- Anything used IN PLACE OF proven, curative, conventional treatments

#### **Specific Supplements to Avoid**

- Vitamin E no benefit, studies show toxicity at higher doses
- St. John's wort Too many drug interactions, possible DNA damage
- Phytoestrogens in women with breast cancer risk - No evidence they are any safer

- Unlike prescription and over-thecounter medicines, supplements are not required to prove safety or efficacy, the burden of proof is on the FDA to show if they are unsafe

#### **Supplements to Consider**

- Multivitamin But latest data doubts benefit; good diet likely better
- Calcium (women) 1000 1500 mg / day total
- Vitamin D Most Americans deficient; may help prevent cancer & muscle pain
- Fish oil (Omega 3 FA) For heart disease, high blood pressure, headache, weight loss, depression, cancer prevention

#### **Uses for Acupuncture**

- Chronic pain of any etiology (Fibromyalgia / myofascial pain; Low back, neck pain; Headaches; Carpal tunnel; Osteoarthritis; Irritable bowel syndrome
- Depression / anxiety
- Fertility / menstrual irregularity
- Nausea (chemo, travel, post op)

#### **Uses for Chiropractic**

- Back pain - Neck pain
- Headaches
- Other musculoskeletal problems
- There is no proof for "prevention" or maintenance

#### **Tips for Living Healthier**

#### **FIT Exercise prescription**

- Frequency Exercise every day - Intensity - Break a sweat; increase difficulty
- of exercise Time - Start with 5 minutes daily, increase by I minute daily each week; goal 30 min
- (Final goal 30 min vigorous or 60 min moderate activity daily)

#### Get restorative sleep

- Restorative sleep improves pain, fatigue, and mood
- Sleep deprived "normals" develop chronic
- Sleep deprivation is linked to breast cancer and weight gain

#### To sleep better

- Don't eat, drink, exercise just before bed
- Avoid late day caffeine, too much alcohol
- Get consistent exercise earlier in the day
- Pay attention to room environment - Establish consistent sleep times
- Get out of bed if not tired
- Don't nap

- Mind-body therapies to consider - Relaxation techniques
- Breathing techniques
- Stress management - Biofeedback / heart math
- Art, music, pet therapy
- Mindfulness / Meditation
- Imagery / visualization
- Yoga / tai chi
- Hypnosis

## Alternative Medicine

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How did Dr. Corbin come to choose a practice where she integrates western medicine and CAM therapies? During her residency following medical school she realized patients were frequently asking her opinion of herbal cures and alternative therapies, and she didn't know how to answer them, so she started learning more about the various alternative approaches. During that time she came to understand that the larger issue behind her patients' questions was that the patients were searching for ways to take charge of their health. She believes her role as a physician is to use their interest in becoming more healthy to help guide them toward the safest and most effective approach.

"A landmark study by David Eisenberg had come out in 1996 showing that 50% of the population was using alternative medicine. So I said we're not training our

residents to know how to talk intelligently to people about alternatives, yet half of their patients are using them. There is something missing here. So when I started my first job, I started an elective for the internal medicine residents to expose them to all these different therapies so that they could have intelligent conversations with their patients. We needed to be able to discourage patients from the harmful stuff, encourage the proven beneficial stuff and have open discussions about the safe and plausible ones. So that's how I got into it, and the more I learned about it, they more I realized it was-

n't all bad. There were some things, chiropractic for certain condi-

tions, acupuncture for certain conditions, that do have randomized













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Enebo treats are back and neck pain, though he also treats elbows, wrists, knees and ankles. Using his hands to create movement in the affected joints he is able to relieve pain and discomfort. But he also spends time with his patients to maximize home strategies, including exercises or stretches that can be done a few minutes at a time each day, and identifying ways to modify situations that trigger musculoskeletal problems. Orthopedic surgeons at the hospital refer patients to Dr. Enebo when they believe a chiropractic approach is indicated instead of surgery, and Dr. Enebo has access to all the surgeon's reports and xrays through shared electronic medical records.

the happier the patient is, the better the patient does, the easier it is to be their doctor. It's the patient who comes in and says, fix me, give me a pill, give me

Brian Enebo, D.C., Ph.D., provides chiropractic care at the Center for Inte-

juries. The most common problems Dr.

grative Medicine. Studies have documented the effectiveness of chiropractic care for muscle and joint in-

acupuncture, that gives us all trouble.

"I write very few prescriptions around here, but when I do, it's for non-narcotic pain medications that are more long term, and very specific medications for sleep. With fibromyalgia, for instance, there is some evidence that people don't get deep sleep. I prescribe an old-fashioned medication at the lowest dose possible to restore stage 3 and 4 sleep. The better you sleep the more you want to exercise, the more you exercise the better you can sleep. I am very specific about what drugs I would choose."

Although patients who have previous experience with a chiropractor or acupuncturist can make a direct appointment with one of those practitioners at the Center for Integrative Medicine, Dr. Corbin generally recommends that patients schedule an appointment with her to make a plan for the complementary and alternative medicine therapies that are likely to be most effective for them, from both a medical perspective and from the perspective of what the patient is most comfortable with. "I think the truth of the matter is that, like religious differences, people have different views on where they feel alternative medicine fits into their lifestyle. As long as they don't hurt themselves, I can work within the parameters of each individual. I'm not here to tell them you have to do this or you can't do that. Sometimes I'll say, 'Don't do that, it's really unsafe,' if I think somebody's life is in danger, but otherwise there's a lot of wiggle room and it's an individual thing."

Insurance covers visits with Dr. Corbin just as it would cover any other specialist, as long as the hospital has a contract with that insurance company. Other services at the Center for Integrative Medicine are covered according to each insurance policy's terms for mental health, chiropractic or acupuncture. For more information about the Center for Integrative Medicine, visit www.uch.edu/conditions/integrative-medicine/index.aspx or call 720-848-1090.

## **Gardening Tips**

Courtesy of Angie Andrade-Foster, Denver Botanic Gardens Horticulturist

- Locate your vegetable and herb garden where it will get full sun all day, no matter which direction sun exposure
- Either amend hard soil with a combination of top soil and compost, or consider building a raised bed. Raised beds, which are simply framed and sit on top of bad soil, can actually require less top soil and compost than amending bad soil, and may be less work to tend to once the frame is built and require less stooping over. Aim for about one foot of good top soil and compost, and 'scuff' the bad soil first before putting this good layer on top.
- There's no need to fertilize if your garden gets good nutrients from compost.
- Most plantings will take about the same amount of water, and you can use taller plants or trellises to provide shade to cool season plantings.
- Plant herbs on the outer edges of beds for natural pest control. These include sage, oregano, thyme, garlic or lavender.
- · Start cool season plants now such as lettuce, chard, and spinach, plus root crops like potatoes, radish, beets, and carrots. Cool season items such as lettuce can be replanted in August to get another round of crops in the
- Wait until after the last frost (mid-May usually) to plant other items like tomatoes, squash, eggplant, and peppers. Plants such as broccoli and cauliflower will do better from seedlings.
- Many plants work well together and benefit each other with things like shade, support structure, and nutrients. For example, the 'three sisters' of corn, beans and squash work well together planted in the same holes, an age-old practice of the Native American Indians.
- For those who want to grow year-round vegetables and herbs, try using a coldframe for outdoor growing, or set up container gardens indoors in spots with ample natural light and supplemental fluorescent light.
- For those who would like a garden but don't want to do it on their own, there are a growing number of services that will plant and tend to your garden for you for a fee or a share of the crops. Ask the Denver Botanic Gardens or the Denver Urban Gardens for suggestions on these services as well as about community gardens in the area.

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controlled evidence, so I moved toward the middle.

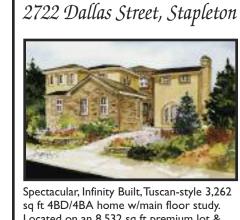
"I sort of present our program as a necessary evil (to the doctors). Your patients are going to do it, so at least have them do it in a safe manner. I have had doctors stop me in the hall and say, 'You're Lisa, you run the integrative medicine program . . . I'm an ENT guy. Who should I be sending to you? I haven't quite figured out how to use you but I hear things from patients. They're very happy with the services they get. Maybe I should be sending you more patients . . . . maybe I wouldn't have to do so much sinus surgery if you've got something I don't know about.' I think more and more doctors are becoming open to it.

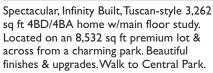
"You can find orthopedists who will partner with chiropractors. And here, our chiropractor has very strong ties with the spine clinic, which has a neurosurgeon and an orthopedic surgeon. The three of them brag about their low surgical rate, which I'm really proud of. The doctors refer people to our chiropractor and he'll refer people to them. And the chiropractor teaches their residents, and so that's ideal. The doctors feel this works.

"When I meet a patient with chronic pain, for example, we spend the first visit talking about the things people need to do for themselves - exercise, sleep, mind-body therapies. With chronic pain those are the three best treatments. And then after they've shown me they can really work on exercise, they're doing some mind-body techniques, and we've worked on improving their sleep, then three months later we talk about acupuncture. But we don't want them to think they're getting a quick fix with acupuncture. With chronic pain that's not a reasonable expectation. So I want to make sure I put them back into the driver's seat, that they feel like they have more control over their problem. Then by the time they're ready to have some acupuncture it's probably going to be more effective because their pain level is down a little bit because they're taking care of it themselves.

"As much as you can put the patient back in the driver's seat,

















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