

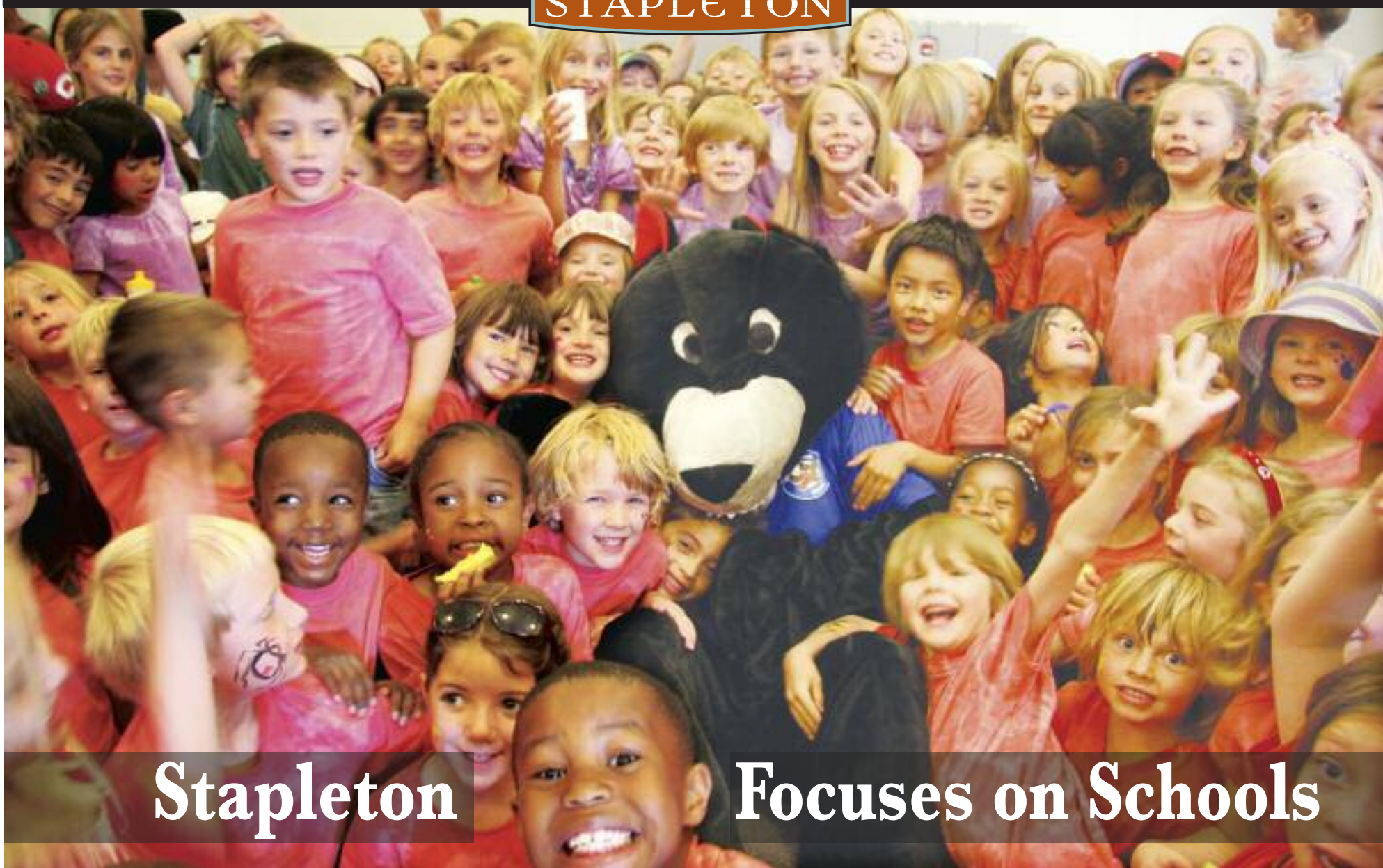
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## Stapleton

## Focuses on Schools

Westerly Creek students mob the school's popular mascot, Wendy the Westerly Creek Wolf, at a ceremony celebrating the success of their school's character development program last May (above). Stapleton's neighborhood schools have become so popular with local families that an overcrowding problem is looming. This issue of the Front Porch carries three stories on the

subject of schools: results of a community survey on education (page 10); S.U.N.'s (Stapleton United Neighbors) review of the Aug. 5th community meeting with DPS and their list with the pros and cons of possible short-term solutions (page 20); and a grass roots coalition talks about their goal to find "creative financing" for a third school (page 22).

### Extra Space Storage Provides Community Art/Meeting Venue

By Nancy Burkhardt

The Stapleton community has a new venue for meetings in an atmosphere of art produced by local artists.

Community Art Space at Stapleton is located in the Extra Space Storage retail at 2955 N. Ulster St., on the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Ulster Street. The 2,800 sq. ft. site will be a showcase for Colorado artists that will also be a meeting space available to rent.



"It's going to be a space that will take on a life of its own as it goes forward,"

said Lin Clark, owner of Art & Framing at Stapleton and one of the Stapleton business people who conceptualized and facilitated the creation of Community Art Space. Clark will manage the art displays.

"We have a vision of promoting local artists in this space, but also to open it up for association meetings, nonprofit event meetings, school fundraising (continued on page 3)

### New Senator's Office/Community Center Opens in Park Hill



Over 400 people attended the opening of State Senator Michael Johnston's new office/community center at 33rd and Hudson in Park Hill on August 15. The location is accessible to constituents, and it will be a place residents can use to build community as well as to access services and programs. Senator Johnston (pictured above) envisions it as a hub for neighborhood programs for young people and adults, a free meeting space for community organizations, a community gallery for local artists to show work, and a drop-in-site for kids to do homework and get free wireless access. Senator Johnston can be reached at [mike.johnston.senate@state.co.us](mailto:mike.johnston.senate@state.co.us).



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Ariunbold Mijiddorj, a musician from the Mongolian Cultural Center for the Arts, performs at an event announcing the Genghis Khan exhibit, which will be open from Oct. 16 to Feb. 7 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.



## CALENDAR

Events in or near Stapleton that are free and open to the public or are charitable fundraisers.

### SEPTEMBER

#### Every Saturday thru Oct.

Northfield Farmers Market 9am–2pm  
Between Bass Pro and Target

#### Every Sunday thru Oct. 11

Stapleton Farmers Market 8:30am–12:30pm  
Founders Green in the E. 29th Ave. Town Center

#### Every Saturday

Walk With a Doc, 8am, Central Park

#### Saturday, September 5

SCFD Free Day Denver Art Museum

#### Monday, September 7

Stapleton pools close

#### Tuesday, September 8

Free, Active Minds - The History of Gold,  
Tattered Cover, 2526 E. Colfax, 12:30–1:30pm

#### Friday, September 11

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

#### Friday, September 11

Designs for Life at DAVA Reception (see p. 17)  
1405 Florence St., 4–8pm, 303-367-5886

#### Sunday, September 13

SCFD Free Day  
Denver Museum of Nature and Science

#### Tuesday, September 15

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Stapleton Development Corporation (SDC)  
conference room, 7350 E. 29th Ave., suite 300,  
7–8pm, SUNsustainability@gmail.com

#### Tuesday, September 15

The SUN/CABI/Hancock Forum,  
Bill Roberts School, 6:30pm

#### Saturday, September 19

From Seed to Table Fundraiser (see p. 12)  
Puddle Jumper pool, 6–10pm

#### Saturday, September 19

SCFD Free Day Denver Botanic Gardens

#### Saturday, September 19

6th Annual Stapleton Kickball Tournament (see p. 17)  
Central Park, 10am

#### Saturday, September 19

3rd Annual Aurora International Festival (see  
p. 17), Fletcher Plaza, 9898 E. Colfax Ave.,  
11am–6pm, 303-361-6169

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upcoming local events (deadline  
is the 15th) and story ideas  
for future issues.  
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### SEPTEMBER

#### Tuesday, September 22

Free, Active Minds - The Legacy of World War I,  
2526 E. Colfax, 5:30–6:30pm

#### Wednesday, September 23

Free, Active Minds - Uzbekistan & the Central  
Asian Republics, Generations at Lowry, 8505  
Lowry Blvd, 1–2pm, 303-364-8500

#### Thursday, September 24

Free, Active Minds - Mexico: A View from South  
of the Border, Aurora Center for Active Living,  
30 Del Mar Circle, 1–2pm, RSVP: 303-739-7950

#### Saturday, September 26

Sweet William Market  
Founders Green, 9am–2pm

#### Saturday, September 26

Park Hill Library "Renovation Celebration" from  
10:30am–12pm

#### Saturday, September 26

Pet Adoption & Family Fun Event (see p. 17)  
Extra Space Storage, 2997 N. Ulster St., 10am–3pm

#### Saturday, September 26

Stapleton Artists' Showcase Opening  
The Community Art Space at Stapleton  
Extra Space Storage (see p. 1) 1–7pm

### OCTOBER

#### Thursday, October 1

Greater Stapleton Business Assoc.  
"After Hours" at the Radisson, Quebec St.  
Happy Hour drinks and free food 5:30–7:30pm  
Open to the public [bob@imprintsdenver.com]

#### Saturday, October 3

SCFD Free Day Denver Art Museum

#### Saturday, October 3

Councilman Michael Hancock's Dist. 11 Summit,  
Hiawatha Davis Recreation Center, 9am–12pm,  
303-331-3872

#### Sunday, October 4

SCFD Free Day  
Denver Museum of Nature and Science

#### Tuesday, October 6

Target Tuesday – Children's Museum Free  
4–8pm (recurs first Tuesday of the month)

#### Tuesday, October 6

Free, Active Minds - Uzbekistan & the Central  
Asian Republics, Jewish Community Center,  
350 S. Dahlia St., 10am, RSVP: 303-316-6358

#### Friday, October 9

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

(See page 13 for recurring monthly events and meetings)

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(continued from page 1) events, and other purposes for which the community could use such a space,” she said.

Community Art Space is the brainchild of a partnership of Stapleton business people, including Clark; Tom Razo and Lisa Glynn of Extra Space Storage; Tom Gleason of Forest City Stapleton, Inc.; Diane Deeter of the Stapleton Master Community Association (MCA); and public art consultant Barbara Neal.

“Tom Razo and Lisa Glynn, of ESS are making this opportunity available in their retail for community events and a venue to showcase artists, Gleason said. “If this is successful, it has the potential to become a permanent venue.”

The new space will feature a kick-off on Saturday, Sept. 26, with the juried “Celebrate Stapleton Artists Show.” Clark and two other artists will jury the work submitted by Stapleton artists. The event will include kids’ art activities presented by Small Hands Art Studio. Following the kick-off event and until volunteers are found to staff the facility, the artwork will be available for viewing only during a booked event or by setting an appointment with Clark.

“For the most part, we expect this event to primarily showcase two-dimensional art,” Clark said. “This is a family event, open to the public, so we will

## New Community Art Space



Lin Clark shows paintings from the Celebrate Stapleton Artists Show, which will open September 26 in the new art space between The Stapleton Cleaners and the planned Wine Cellars at Stapleton in the Extra Space Storage retail center.

**Free - Community Art Space Opening with Kids’ Art Activities  
Sept. 26, 1-7pm;  
2997 N. Ulster St.**

be looking at the art in that respect,” Clark said. “We’re going to look at all mediums, but if the art cannot be hung on the wall, artists will need to provide a way to safely display the piece to a family-friendly audience. But, I’m open to seeing all the art.”

“This will be the fourth annual event showcasing the work of Stapleton artists. The ‘Celebrate Stapleton Artists Show’ will be an extension of the show that we’ve run in my gallery for the past three years. It’ll be fantastic to bring in more artists.” Future shows at the Community Art Space will feature Colorado artists, not just Stapleton artists.

“The artists that I’ve had previously in my gallery are all excited about it,” she added. “One of the artists said this is great because she belongs to a watercolor society that looks for places to meet and have shows. I think this is going to blossom and other groups will also be saying what a great facility this is.”

For information about exhibiting in the Community Art Space at Stapleton and the kick-off juried show or future shows, call Lin Clark at 303-534-1979. To book the space for an event, call Stapleton MCA at 303-388-0724. To find events at the Community Art Space, go to [www.stapletoncommunity.com](http://www.stapletoncommunity.com).

**Also on Sept 26 at Extra Space Storage –  
A Family Fun Event and Adopt-a-thon with Denver Dumb Friends League, 10am-3pm (See p. 17)**

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By Nancy Burkhardt

With the start of school this fall, the Denver Public Library's Read Aloud Program will resume placing volunteers in a literacy program that serves Head Start and Early Childhood Education classrooms in the Denver Public Schools.

The volunteers will read a selection of five books to a group of 15 to 20 children who are ages 3 to 5 years, according to Susan Oakes, Outreach Librarian and Read Aloud Program Coordinator.

"Some people think it's just entertainment, but it is part of their literacy development and skills, one of which is the development of vocabulary," Oakes explained.

"We provide a backpack of five books for every week that they read," she said. "They pick those up at their branch library and take them to the school. After they've read, they leave the backpack there for a week. The children and teachers can go back over their favorite books and the teacher can do activities around the books. We try to match up the titles with the curriculum that is being taught. We choose age-appropriate titles and books that support literacy development in the children.

"The Read Aloud Program is in schools with 50 percent free and reduced-price lunches because that is where the children are who are most at risk, Oakes said.

"We are working with the pre-school population," she said. "Brain research has shown that the stimulation that a child gets through conversation and access to books is critical in preparing them to be readers. These children most likely aren't about to come to the library for story time."

"The children just want to learn," said Stapleton resident Julie Hogan, who has been a Read Aloud Program volunteer for the past four years. "They're really excited to have someone else read to them. It's nice to give something to kids. You get to know their personalities over time.

"Sometimes there are cadence tricks," she said. "The library helps you know how to get them to respond. Whenever they have an animal doing something weird—like a sheep driving a jeep, they want you to validate that they understand that a sheep doesn't really drive a jeep."

Hogan is a fundraising consultant who works full time and whose employer is amenable to her volunteer work, which she does in Montbello at John Amesse Elementary School.

"It's just such a purely joyful experience," Hogan added. "It's generally the highlight of my week because all that they're looking for is someone to read them a story. They only want the opportunity to hear something fun and new voices. Coming from a corporate world, it's nice to know I can give them something they want."

## Library Volunteers Re



Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and have access to transportation. They will spend about an hour and a half each week, including travel time, picking up the backpacks, preparing for story time and the actual story time in the classroom, according to Oakes. The fall session is from the week of Oct. 5 through the week of Dec. 14; the spring session is from the week of Jan. 11 through the week of May 10. Persons interested in becoming volunteers will be asked to fill out an application, do interviews and undergo a background check.

Two volunteer orientation sessions are scheduled in September: Tuesday, Sept. 15, 5:30–8pm; and Thursday, Sept. 17, 9:30am to noon. Both sessions will be at the Central Library, South Broadway and East 14th Avenue Parkway. If potential volunteers cannot attend either session, individualized orientation can be worked out, Oakes said. Orientation offers chances to learn how to do things such as incorporate songs or finger plays into the story time.

"We can offer them a chance to shadow an experienced volunteer to see what it's like," Oakes said. "We are in the process of completing a DVD for training. Seven of our readers were filmed during story time so they can see a reader in seven different situations and how each reader approaches it."

To volunteer for the Read Aloud Program, call Susan Oakes at 720-865-1308 or e-mail her at: [soakes@denverlibrary.org](mailto:soakes@denverlibrary.org).

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# ad Aloud to Kids



Stapleton resident Julie Hogan, a volunteer with the DPL Read Aloud Program, reads "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" to Bella (4 1/2) and Haven (2 1/2) DiLorenzo who are visiting their uncle next door.

## Update on Stapleton Branch Library

By Shirley Amore, City Librarian

Plans to construct a new Denver Public Library branch in the Stapleton area are moving forward. Our new branch will fill a gap in library service in the community, and we are absolutely delighted that the process is well underway. We look forward to serving Stapleton residents in the years to come.

In late 2008, the Denver Public Library Commission evaluated sites for the new branch library, and selected the 29th Avenue Town Center site (on Roslyn Street between 29th Place and 29th Avenue) as the most cost-effective and suitable for the planned 26,000–28,000 square-foot building.

Proposals from architectural firms have been submitted and top candidates have been identified. Once an architectural firm has been selected, that firm will be conducting meetings to gather public input about the new building.

This is your library, and we want to hear from you—our customers—about what is important to you regarding library services. You know

your neighborhood and your needs better than anyone, and we look forward to receiving your feedback.

While exact plans for the design are yet to be developed, the facility will include the latest in technology and computers, comfortable spaces to study and conduct research, community meeting rooms, a vibrant children's area, and a wide selection of books, CDs and DVDs. We will also provide the superior customer service for which DPL is known.

Contract negotiations with Forest City and the City and County of Denver to finalize the land acquisition are in process. The Better Denver Bond funding approved by voters in November 2007 included \$52 million for three new branch libraries and repairs and upgrades of existing facilities. Estimated cost for building a branch including the cost of acquiring the land was \$14 million. Bond funds approved by voters will cover \$12 million. Additional funding from grants and donations will be sought to fully fund the project and to fund possible enhancements to the basic design.

We will do all we can to build the

type of facility you believe will best serve the community. The anticipated opening for the new branch is late 2011.

The Denver Public Library is committed to providing excellent service. We thank you for welcoming us into the neighborhood. I look forward to updating you in the future with more information about the new library.

The 2007 Better Denver Bond Program is working to preserve, renovate, and create amenities that touch citizen's lives—including libraries, roads, parks, recreation centers, child care sites, hospitals, public safety, City buildings and cultural facilities. Over 280 projects are part of this effort. The Bond Program will pump millions of dollars into the economy and help to preserve and create jobs across the region. For more information about the Bond Program, visit [www.denvergov.org/betterdenver](http://www.denvergov.org/betterdenver).

For more information or to provide feedback on the Stapleton Branch Library, visit the Denver Public Library website at [www.denverlibrary.org](http://www.denverlibrary.org).

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# New Principal Stresses Rigor for Smiley Students

By Nancy Burkhart

All brings children back to school and this year, with their return to Smiley Middle School, comes a new principal with a wide-ranging subject history and a plan to help students achieve the goals they have for themselves in life.

"I want to focus on 21st century learning," explained Kathleen Shiverdecker. "I want them to be successful in any high school setting that they choose. I want them to become international learners and leaders in whatever content area they pursue as their passion."

Shiverdecker has taught reading, language arts, creative writing, and French. Her own hobbies are writing, black and white photography, and sculpture. She has spent the past four years as an administrator in International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme schools in Colorado Springs, where she studied models in mathematics at the elementary and middle school levels in schools around the world.

"Math has definitely become a passion for me," she said. "I really believe that math is a critical key for success in secondary students. Kids with math and language skills can do anything. Once I was able to get math, it opened a lot of doors for me."

At Smiley, Shiverdecker plans to create "a safe environment that is positive, supportive, rigorous, exciting,



Kathleen Shiverdecker, the new principal of Smiley Middle School.

enthusiastic about learning, and inquiry-based." She expects the children to see the teacher "as a guide, not the center of instruction."

Within that environment, Shiverdecker said she expects students to have respect for both themselves and others.

"I expect an intent to learn and a commitment to the learning process, accountability for their own learning and an insatiable curiosity to become as skilled and as knowledgeable and aware as they possibly can," she said.

The new principal plans to make Smiley Middle School students so successful in their

learning that Smiley will set a new standard for Denver Public Schools.

"I want Smiley to stand out, based on what the kids are doing and what the kids' interests are," she said. "I want us to tailor our programs to really propel our students to keep learning and achieving more."

Shiverdecker also has expectations of the parents.

"They should have a passion for their students and relentless support for what their kids are doing," she said. "That means participation wherever possible. I expect them to share their questions and

concerns with me so I can address them appropriately. They should share their experiences and learning with our learning at every level."

Parents can expect communication from the Smiley principal's office, Shiverdecker said. She plans to inform parents weekly about what is going on at school.

Smiley also will be a community resource under Shiverdecker's administration. She plans to offer Saturday seminars for children and adult learners. Parents can be involved in book studies, art classes and cooking classes.

"I believe that Smiley should be the focal point of Park Hill again," Shiverdecker said. "My aim is to support the families in that community."

Shiverdecker and her husband, Don Shiverdecker, are selling their house in Colorado Springs and moving to the Denver area. Don recently retired as a central office school administrator in Colorado Springs. Kathleen grew up in Nebraska, has lived in Colorado for 13 years, and has a solid connection with the state. Both her parents were Loveland natives and Colorado State University graduates.

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*By Nancy Burkhardt*

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By Nancy Burkhart

Pediatric-acquired brain injuries are not necessarily permanent disabilities, but they can have a wide range of outcomes, including some long-lasting disabilities.

“When you have an injury to a developing brain, it’s hard to figure out the extent of future effect on a brain,” explained Jeanne Dise-Lewis, Ph.D., director of psychology programs in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at The Children’s Hospital and associate professor with the University of Colorado Denver and Health Sciences Center.

A pediatric-acquired brain injury is the result of any injury to a child’s brain during the child’s development years.

“One of the problems with a developing child is that brains are changing and adding cells and centers. When you have an injury to a developing brain, it’s hard to figure out the extent of effect on a brain in the future,” Dise-Lewis said. “With a child who’s eight or nine years old, he or she has just learned how to read, hasn’t learned to do algebra yet or do a term paper or make decisions that require judgment, so it’s very hard to tell what the impact of a severe brain injury is going to be. You have to do ongoing evaluations over the years.

“The most common way children sustain mild brain injuries is while they are playing sports,” Dise-Lewis said. “And, nationwide, about 25 percent of adolescents who play high school football receive a concussion every year,” she added.

“The cumulative effect of concussions over the years can have some permanent neurological damage,” she said. “I think people are just starting to realize that it isn’t something to laugh off. Too often the attitude is that you should just shake it off and get back into the play as soon as possible. We have seen devastating injuries in some of our athletes.”

All the schools in Colorado have brain injury teams, according to Dise-Lewis. Sports professionals are educated in the assistance needed by students in the weeks of recovery following concussions and brain injuries.



Jeanne Dise-Lewis, Ph.D., director of psychology programs in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at The Children’s Hospital and associate professor with the University of Colorado Denver and Health Sciences Center, is a national expert in pediatric-acquired brain injury.

“You can talk with teachers about making accommodations, giving the children rest, helping them with organizing the expectations that their teachers are holding of them so they don’t have several important papers, projects and tests at the same time,” she said.

Dise-Lewis advised parents to monitor and track the symptoms of a child who has received a head injury. The child won’t need to stay home, but should be given an opportunity

to rest the brain for two to three weeks after suffering a concussion, she said.

“It’s a good idea to call the child’s pediatrician and get it checked out,” she said. “In general, an uncomplicated concussion is just going to require rest and be careful to avoid any situations where there would be another brain injury. They shouldn’t participate in contact sports for a period of time after such an injury.”

“Prevention is the only cure for a brain injury,” Dise-Lewis said. “In children under the age of four, the biggest source of brain injury and death is from child abuse. Never, ever, ever shake a baby. From there, good parenting means making sure your children are wearing headgear while doing things like bicycle riding. Wearing a well-fitting helmet is absolutely paramount. And once a concussion has happened, be vigilant about seeking medical attention if nothing seems to be going in the right direction.”

The Children’s Hospital has become a State Lead Center for Colorado and the National Lead Center for Transition to Adult Life after Pediatric Brain Injury. The mission is to prepare a master plan of care for children and young adults who have suffered brain injuries.

“There’s tremendous variability in programs, service and outcomes across the country,” Dise-Lewis said. “The master plan would end that variability. It’s going to be presented to a multi-agency group in Washington, D.C. We’re hoping that there will be funding to start the program in 2010.

“In Colorado, particularly the Front Range, we have a lot of resources and a lot of pieces already in place that will be a model for the national program,” she said. “This plan will even out the resources among the 50 states and territories. Children who have had a brain injury will put their records into a nationwide database so that we can advance the knowledge and the treatment in the field by leaps and bounds. We can put together 300 cases of seven-year-olds who were hit by a car while on a skateboard and see what happened with both interventions and outcomes.

“We have a lot of programs in this state that have been developed over the past 20 years. The plan that we submitted to become a State and National Lead Center includes partnerships with many other public and private agencies.”

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Neighbors Help Neighbors Attain Good Health



Helen Rigmaiden of the Clyburn Apartments at Stapleton, a block captain for the “Be Well” program, helps Willie Mae Temple, also a Clyburn resident, get acquainted with the “Be Well” website.

By Nancy Burkhart

Five Denver and Aurora neighborhoods have been chosen to benefit from the “Be Well” Neighbor to Neighbor program, part of the health and wellness initiative of the Stapleton Foundation and sponsored by the Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease and Pulmonary Disease Grants Program at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Heart disease heads the list of causes of death in the U.S., according to the Source Centers for Disease Control.

The “Be Well” program features block captains who will go door-to-door to connect neighbors with free heart health screenings and treatment. Training will be provided for 35 residents to become block captains in the communities of Northeast Park Hill, Greater Park Hill, East Montclair, Northwest Aurora and Stapleton. Of these 35 people, 25 will receive training at the Community College of

Denver to be certified Community Health Workers. Their training has a \$2,500 value, and is free to the participants who will take one semester of 18 credit hours.

“By receiving certification, it ensures that you have the knowledge to engage neighbors and friends in conversations about health,” explained Alisha Brown, director of the “Be Well” Health & Wellness Initiative for the Stapleton Foundation. “You have the training to know where to get the health resources. You know that you are not a doctor or nurse and won’t diagnose but can have the conversation to lead people to care.

“Our goal is to find people who need treatment and link them to that care so that they can manage the illness,” Brown said. “We want them to be able to maintain their care. We know that heart disease is impacting everyone. We want people to have the resources they need.” (continued on page 13)



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By Brian Weber and Justin and Jennifer Silverstein

Stapleton residents have strong feelings about their neighborhood schools, and nearly 1,300 took the time to fill out the Stapleton School Survey to express their preferences and concerns about education options for their kids.

The online survey was developed by the Stapleton Foundation with thoughtful input from Denver Public Schools, Stapleton United Neighbors (SUN), the Don-

nell-Kay Foundation and Forest City Stapleton to address the issue of school capacity. Responses were solicited through postcards to 4,300 households and online chat groups.

Of those who responded, 95 percent are Stapleton residents and 60 percent plan on staying put for 10 years or more. The respondents represented nearly 1,700 children 6 and under, and more than two-thirds had children currently enrolled in schools in Stapleton, including Bill Roberts, Westerly

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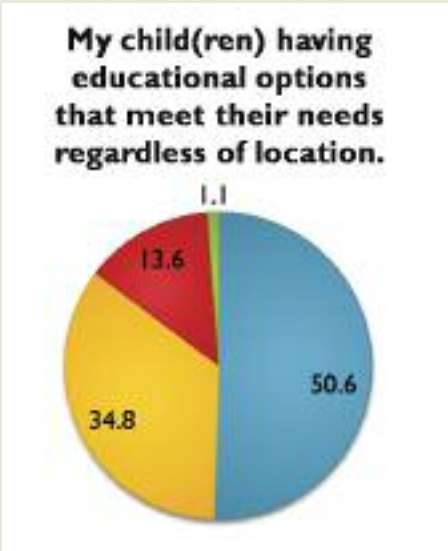
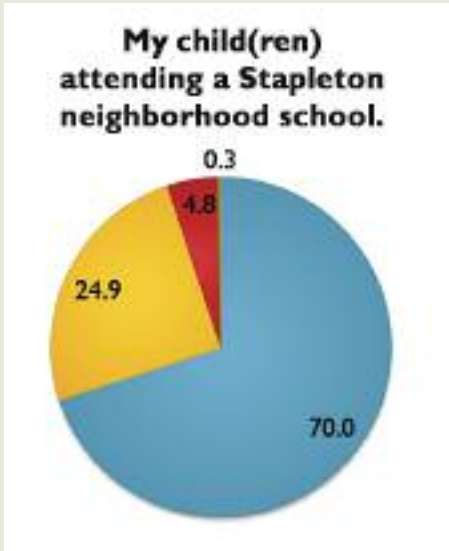
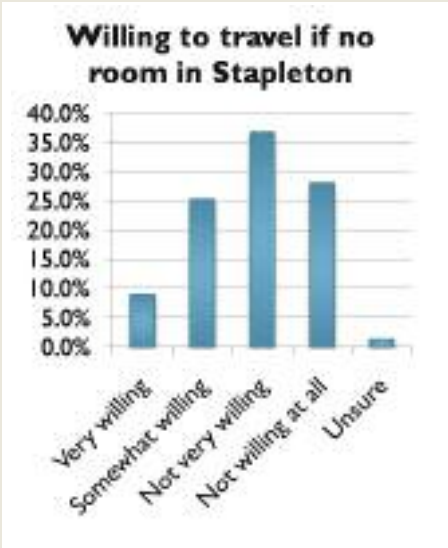
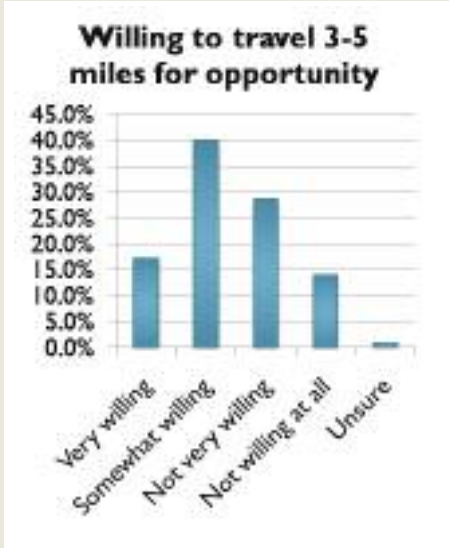
Creek, Odyssey and the Denver School of Science and Technology.

The survey showed strong support for traditional district schools or district schools with specialized programs, followed by charter schools that offer enrollment preference for Stapleton kids. It also found a willingness to drive up to five miles outside of Stapleton for a quality educational opportunity.

Here are some other key findings:

The following programs or features had a high level of importance to the community:

- Small class/school size. (96.5%)
- Located in your neighborhood. (96.1%)
- Second languages. (89.7%)
- Healthy lunch options. (88.7%)
- Emphasis on opportunities to learn outside the classroom. (86.3%)
- Special emphasis on science and math. (84.4%)
- Special emphasis on technology. (81%)
- Strong PE/sports. (81.6%)



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# Results



• Mix of lecture/project based. (80.6%)  
• Project-based learning. (75%)  
The following programs or features had a medium level of importance to the community:

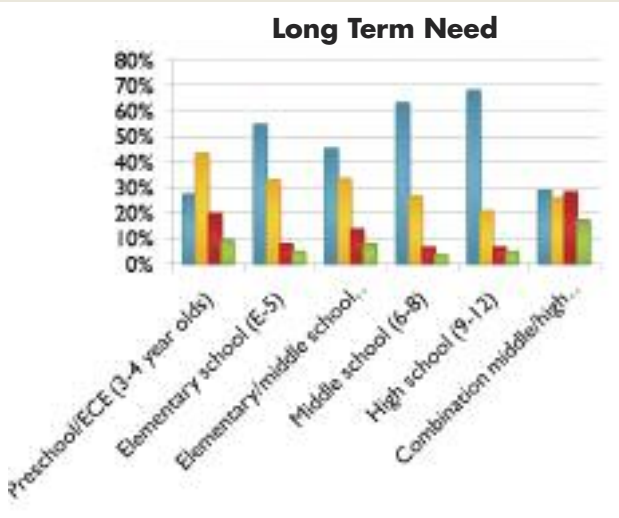
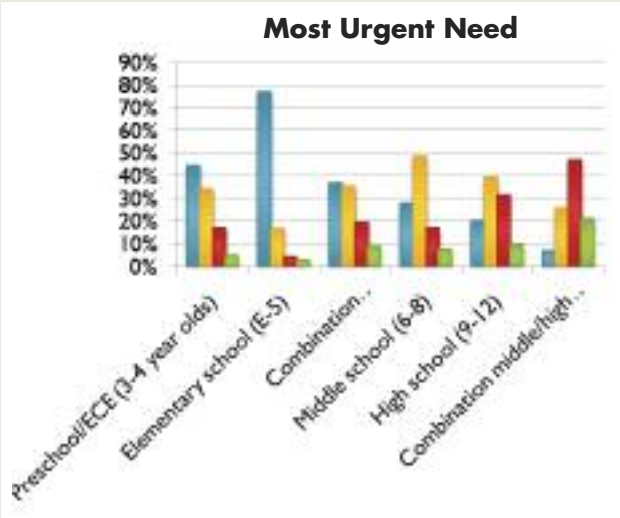
- Before and after-school enrichment. (74.9%)
- Character education. (74.2%)
- College prep curriculum. (73.2%)
- Racial/economic diversity. (73.6%)
- Service learning. (70.5%)
- Special emphasis on environment. (65.3%)
- Specialized curriculum. (64.9%)
- Extended day focused on core subject. (51.3%)

The following programs or features had a low level of importance to the community:

- Longer school year. (43.9%)
- Enrollment mix of neighborhood and non-neighborhood kids. (41.7%)
- Longer school day. (31.4%)
- Lecture-style learning. (31.3%)

To see the complete survey results, go to [www.stapleton-foundation.org](http://www.stapleton-foundation.org).

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Junior Varsity meet and SECOND at the Varsity meet. What an excellent year for the Stapleton Stingrays. What a future they have ahead of them!

## Camp Stapleton Plants a Seed!

Perhaps you saw the campers as they headed to Simon Says Read for story time, had their lunch on The Green, or walked over to Aviator Pool for an end of the day swim. The camp featured various aspects of building a sustainable community.

RTD brought out its teaching bus, Bluff Lake Nature Center gave us a tour of their facility, and Sarah Anderson with the Regional Council on Ozone Awareness made an icky cereal to explain how pollution gets in the air.

A big thanks to all who helped us educate the kids in this action-packed week: Denver Water, Denver Recycles, Jane Kopperl, Barbara Neal with the Public Art Committee, and Chris Adams with Denver Urban Gardens.

The plans are to expand this camp next year. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact Diane Deeter at 303-388-0724 or e-mail events@stapletoncommunity.com.

## Stapleton Rocks!!

It is only fitting that on the 40th anniversary of Woodstock we launch our own "Staplestock." On Saturday, August 15, we showcased 14 local bands and raised over \$1200 for our charities. It was a terrific day, and with the exception of one brief thunderbolt,

was perfect. This event truly depicts the community spirit of Stapleton. Thanks to everyone for making this a success.

## UPCOMING EVENTS From Seed to Table

The Community Garden at Stapleton is holding a fundraiser on Saturday, September 19 at Puddle Jumper Pool. The event will benefit the Denver Urban Gardens (DUG). The evening will include the dedication of the public art, a silent auction and gambling. It will be a fun night for everyone. Childcare will be provided for a fee. Please go to [www.stapletoncommunity.com](http://www.stapletoncommunity.com) to purchase your tickets.

## The Community Art Space at Stapleton

The Community Art Space will open in the Extra Space Storage retail center at 2955 N. Ulster St. with the annual Stapleton Artists Showcase sponsored by Art & Framing at Stapleton. Please join us on Saturday, September 26 from 1-7pm. Come visit the community's newest event venue.

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Neighborhood Health Initiative

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Block captains will receive a \$50 monthly incentive for their participation in the “Be Well” program. Program leaders hope to enlist the aid of neighborhood volunteers who already are known and have credibility in their communities, like Helen Rigmaiden, who lives at Stapleton.

Rigmaiden participated in the pilot project for the Stapleton Foundation.

“I work with seniors and felt I couldn’t just cut it off, so I continued on with the program,” she said. “This new grant is just a continuation. I’m a resource for them on health and wellness in the community. With seniors, you’ve got to be consistent. It takes a while for them to trust you.

“What they were uncomfortable with in the past was they worried that I was selling something. Once they realized that I’m not selling anything, but I wanted to match them up with providers in the neighborhood, that won over their confidence.”

In one of her neighborhood visits, Rigmaiden met a lady who thought her clinic had closed, so she believed that she had no doctor

or medical facility to help her. Rigmaiden found that her regular clinic was not closed, but was being remodeled. She was able to find the woman alternative care and a doctor within a block of her home.

A person should consider being a block captain if they have computer skills, are a “people” person and a good listener, Rigmaiden said.

“You also have to be really organized and not be afraid to make some phone calls,” she said.

An additional advantage to becoming a certified Community Health Worker is that, at the end of the three-year “Be Well” program, the certification and experience would provide an excellent resume for a job, according to both Rigmaiden and Brown.

For information about the “Be Well” program and its block captain volunteer positions, call Alisha Brown at 303-468-3222 or e-mail her at: info@bewellconnect.org. This program is sponsored by the Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease and Pulmonary Disease Grants Program at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

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5–6:30pm AF Williams Family Medicine Clinic, Conference Rm. (west entrance) 3055 Roslyn (at MLK) 720-848-9000
- 3rd Tuesday**  
Greater Stapleton Business Assoc.  
8am MCA Comm. Rm., 2823 Roslyn Street 303-393-7700
- Every Wednesday**  
Weekly Weeders, Bluff Lake Nature Center 9am–12pm, 303-945-6717
- 1st Wednesday**  
“1st Wednesdays” Home-based businesses. Location at Stapleton-Life.com. Most mtgs. 11:30am–1pm
- 2nd Wed. (Odd-numbered mos.)**  
SUN Transportation Committee 6:30pm MCA Conference Rm., 2823 Roslyn St. stapletonneighbors@msn.com
- Every Thursday**  
(when school’s 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
- 1st Saturday**  
Bluff Lake Birders, Nature Center 7–9am  
[BluffLakeNatureCenter.org]
- 2nd Saturday**  
NE Denver/Park Hill MS Self-Help & Support Group, Dist. 2 Police Station, 10:15–11:45am  
3821 Holly St. 303-329-0619
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**9/04 Saturday – Corn Maze opening weekend** Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield. Wind your way through 8 acres of maize! Fridays 4–10, Saturdays 10–10, Sundays 12–10 Through October 31. Special weekends include 9/19–20: "Fall Harvest Education Weekend." 10/2–3 "Pumpkin Walk" featuring over 75 carved pumpkins, 10/10–11 "Pumpkin Festival" Tickets \$4–\$10, children 2 and under free. Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield is located at 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Road, Littleton, 80128. [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org) for additional information.

## 9/19 Saturday – "Fall Plant and Bulb Sale"

Over 18,000 bulbs plus plants and gifts. Members-only sale 8–9am, open to public at 9am. FREE. Denver Botanic Gardens is located at 1005 York Street in Denver. [botanicgardens.org](http://botanicgardens.org) for more info.

## DENVER EVENTS

**Through 9/27 – "Cirque du Soleil: Kooza"** This show is a return to the origins of Cirque du Soleil combining two circus traditions—acrobatic performances and the art of clown-

ing! Pepsi Center grounds, tickets \$31.50–\$215 [www.cirquedusoleil.com](http://www.cirquedusoleil.com) for more info and to purchase tickets.

**9/04 Friday – A Taste of Colorado** through 9/07 Monday. Enjoy great food from many of Colorado's premier restaurants, live entertainment, artisans and carnival rides. Civic Center Park, [www.ataste-ofcolorado.com](http://www.ataste-ofcolorado.com) for additional info.

**9/09 Saturday and 9/10 Sunday – "Lowry Glory Days"** This two-day festival celebrating the history of Lowry features a car show, live entertainment, food, kids zone, and much more! FREE. Lowry Town Center, 1st and Quebec. [www.lowry.org](http://www.lowry.org) for complete schedule of events.

**9/10 Thursday through 9/13 Sunday – "Cherry Creek North Culinary Series"** [www.cherrycreeknorth.com](http://www.cherrycreeknorth.com) for additional info.

**9/11 Friday through 9/13 – Just Between Friends of Denver** Fall/Winter Kids' Gear and Clothing Sale National Western Complex, I-70 & Brighton Blvd. Fri. 9:30am–6pm. Sat. 9am–4:30pm. Sun. 10am–2pm, half price-sale. Free admission, discounted parking \$5 [www.jbfsale.com/denver](http://www.jbfsale.com/denver) for additional info.

**9/12 Saturday – The Ballpark Market** - 8am–2pm. The Ballpark Market is an open-air, European-style flea market with distinguishing urban flair. Larimer St. between 21st and 22nd streets. [Ballparkmarket.com](http://Ballparkmarket.com). 303-589-2800. Also 9/12 and 10/10

**9/18 Friday – "Put a Little Wildlife in a Child's Life Celebrity Golf Tournament"** Join the Denver Broncos in this full-day golf tournament that benefits Environmental Learning for Kids youth programs. \$130 per player or \$500 per foursome. Green Valley Ranch Golf Course. [www.elkkids.org](http://www.elkkids.org) for additional info and to register or 303-895-0946.

**9/18 Friday through 9/22 Sunday – "Octoberfest 2009"** Throw on your lederhosen and get ready for Denver's 40th annual Octoberfest! German music, dancers, accordion concert, children's activities and authentic cuisine. FREE. Larimer St. in downtown Denver from 20th to 22nd. Festival repeats Friday 9/25 through 9/27.

**9/19 Saturday – ZOOMA Denver Marketplace** 10am–4pm ZOOMA Denver pre-race expo at Radisson Stapleton Plaza at 3333 Quebec St. Women's running gear and products for sale; mingle with women runners. Late registration for ZOOMA Denver also available. Free and open to the public. [www.zoomarun.com/denver](http://www.zoomarun.com/denver)

**9/20 Sunday – ZOOMA Denver Half Marathon & 5 Miler** 7:30am. A new women's race designed to inspire women to live healthy and active lives with a "girls'

weekend" race experience. Starts and finishes in Central Park, Stapleton. Runners, on-course cheer squads and volunteers needed! Visit [www.zoomarun.com/denver](http://www.zoomarun.com/denver) for more information.

**9/24 Thursday and Friday 9/25 – "The Great American Beer Festival"** Come sample over 1800 American beers at the country's largest beer competition. Tasting tickets are \$55/day, designated driver tickets are \$20. [www.greatamericanbeerfestival.com](http://www.greatamericanbeerfestival.com) 5:30–10pm each evening, Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th Street,

**9/27 Sunday – "Park Hill Home Tour"** Featuring 7 distinctive Park Hill homes. Tickets available 9/1 at King Soopers, Spinelli's Market, Park Hill Bookstore and the GPHC office, 2832 Fairfax. For more info, contact Roberta Locke, 303-355-4493 or [robertalocke@aol.com](mailto:robertalocke@aol.com).

**10/18 Sunday – "Denver Marathon"** The Denver Marathon begins in downtown and aims to bring a world-class running experience to Denver. Register now, 888-RUN-5280 or [denvermarathon.com](http://denvermarathon.com).

## GALLERIES

**9/04 Friday – "Art District on Santa Fe 1st Friday Art Walk"** Over 30 participating galleries and artist studios along Santa Fe from 5th to 10th avenues. 6–9pm. FREE. [www.artdistrictonsantafe.com](http://www.artdistrictonsantafe.com) for more info.

**9/04 Friday – "Cherry Creek North First Friday Gallery Walk"** 5pm. Download a gallery map at [www.cherrycreeknorth.com](http://www.cherrycreeknorth.com).

**9/04 Friday – "Tennyson Street First Friday Artwalk"** Tennyson St. between 38th and 44th, 6–10pm. Come enjoy this family-friendly evening in one of Denver's hippest neighborhoods! FREE. [www.denverartwalk.squarespace.com](http://www.denverartwalk.squarespace.com) for a gallery map and additional information.

**9/17 Thursday – "3rd Thursdays in Highlands Square"** Enjoy live music, art, shop specials and trunk shows along the shops of 32nd Avenue in Denver's Highlands Neighborhood. 32nd and Lowell, 5–8pm. FREE. [www.highlands-square.com](http://www.highlands-square.com) for more info.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**9/12 Saturday – FREE Women's Self-Defense Class.** 2nd Saturday of every month. Mike Giles Karate in Quebec Square. 7506 East 36th Ave #480 303-377-KICK(5425), [www.mikegileskarate.com](http://www.mikegileskarate.com)

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**Through September 17 – "Wild Ocean"** showing at the IMAX Theatre at the Museum of Nature and Science. Plunge into an underwater feeding frenzy amidst dolphins, sharks, whales and billions of fish! [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org) for IMAX show times and tickets. Located in City Park at Montview and Colorado Blvd.

**Through Sept 30 – Jurassic Gardens Exhibit** Denver Botanic Gardens. The Gardens' York Street location will feature life-sized, realistic dinosaurs from the Cretaceous and Jurassic periods. Plant fossils and a dinosaur dig site for kids. Free with admission. [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org) for more info.

**9/12 Saturday- 3rd Annual Hop, Skip and a Jump Start 5k** to benefit the Childrens Museum of Denver. Children of all ages can participate in the "Kid Course," "Toddler Trot," and "Infant Crawl." The Stroller Friendly 5K follows the Platte River. Start at the Childrens Museum, 2121 Childrens Museum Drive. Go to [www.mychildsmuseum.org](http://www.mychildsmuseum.org) to register.

**9/18 Friday through Sunday 9/20 – "42nd Annual Denver Gem and Mineral Show"** 300 vendors will showcase fossils, meteorites, gems, beads and more. Free gold panning and treasure corner for kids! Tickets \$4–\$6, under 13 free. Denver Merchandise Mart Expo Hall, 451 E. 58th Ave., 125 at exit 215. [www.denvermineralshow.com](http://www.denvermineralshow.com) for additional info.

**9/19 Saturday and Sunday 9/20 – "Sixth Annual Festival Italiano: Food and Wine Festival"** Celebrate Italian culture at Lakewood's new "downtown neighborhood," Belmar! Food, wine, bocce games and lots of kid-friendly activities. 303-742-1520 or [www.belmarcolorado.com](http://www.belmarcolorado.com).

**10/10 Saturday – K-9s Against Cancer** - 5k fun run & 1 mile walk with expo at Stapleton's Central Park. Funds raised will support: Komen Denver's breast cancer research and education efforts, canine cancer research and treatment at CSU's Animal Cancer Center, animal welfare programs by The Bow Wow Buddies Foundation. Family-oriented event will feature a day of food, fun, contests, giveaways, demonstrations and

more. Enter your dog in a photo contest, see live fly ball and agility demonstrations, learn about the early warning signs of cancer in your dog, check out some great adoptable dogs from local rescues, and more! [www.bowwowbuddies.com](http://www.bowwowbuddies.com)

KIDS SPORTS

**Stapleton Lacrosse Club – Lacrosse instruction** for girls and boys ages 4–10 from Stapleton and surrounding areas starting in late August. Practices once a week for 6 weeks at Bill Roberts School field. Coaches needed! For more information and to register, visit [www.stapletonlax.org](http://www.stapletonlax.org) or e-mail [info@stapletonlax.org](mailto:info@stapletonlax.org).

LECTURES/DISCUSSIONS

**9/13 Sunday – "Open House for Stepping Stones"** Denver's oldest Jewish outreach agency welcomes you to check us out! We offer classes for families with children 0–18. 10–12:30pm. Interfaith families welcome! Location to be determined. [www.steppingstonesfamily.com](http://www.steppingstonesfamily.com) for more information.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

**Saturdays – Super Saturdays at the Central Childrens Library.** FREE family shows every Saturday from 2–3pm. [www.denverlibrary.org](http://www.denverlibrary.org) or 720-865-1306 for specific shows and additional info. The Central Library is at 10 West 14th Pkwy. on the corner of 14th and Broadway in downtown Denver.

PARKS

**9/10 Thursday – Bluff Lake Nature Center Fireside Chat "Crafty Recyclers"** is the topic while participants enjoy a campfire and marshmallow roast. 6pm, \$1.00 per person for nonmembers. Bluff Lake is located off of Havana on the eastern edge of the Stapleton development along Sand Creek. [www.blufflakenaturecenter.org](http://www.blufflakenaturecenter.org) for additional info.

**9/19 Saturday – Bluff Lake Autumn Restoration Project** Volunteers are needed to work on one of two projects at Bluff Lake. One project will involve planting native plants and grasses in Bluff Lake's native gardens. The second project is ongoing restoration efforts along Sand Creek, which includes removing invasive Russian olive trees and planting native willows and cottonwood trees. 9am–1pm, Lunch will be provided. [www.blufflakenaturecenter.org](http://www.blufflakenaturecenter.org) for addl. info and to register.

**9/24 Thursday – Bluff Lake Nature Center Fireside Chat "Native American Stories"** Come listen to stories while enjoying a campfire and marshmallow roast. 6pm, \$1.00 per person for nonmembers. Bluff Lake is located off of Havana on the eastern edge of the Stapleton development along Sand Creek. [www.blufflakenaturecenter.org](http://www.blufflakenaturecenter.org) for additional info.

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Reservations are required for these popular programs. Call 303-289-0930 to register. To get to

the refuge, take I-70 and exit north on Havana St. The public entrance is at 56th and Havana.

**9/01 Tuesday – "Tuesday Tots: Aquatic Critters"** Discover what critters can be found on the banks of a lake and underwater! Learn about critters that swim, dive, waddle and hop. Play a game and make a craft. 10–11am.

**9/05 Saturday – "Skins, Skulls and Tracks"** 7–9pm. Enjoy the summer evening at the amphitheater at Lake Mary for an up-close look at the mammals of the refuge. Touch the fur, investigate the (continued on page 16)

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skulls, and identify the tracks they leave behind.

**9/06 Sunday – "Hayride"** 6–8pm. Escape the hustle and bustle of city life and renew your sense of wonder during this family-style hayride under the open sky.

**9/12 Saturday – "Home on the Range"** 1–3pm. Observe the refuge's newest wildlife residents—

cinnamon-colored American bison calves! Watch as they explore their new home and interact with the bison herd. Learn some interesting facts about North America's largest land mammal and how they almost became extinct. Recommended for families.

**9/15 Tuesday – "Disappearing Treasures"** Tour the only National Eagle and Wildlife Prop-

erty Repository in the country and see first-hand wildlife items that have been confiscated at our U.S. borders and learn about illegal wildlife trade and the Native American Eagle Feather Program. Families are welcome. 10–12pm.

**9/19 Saturday – "Friends of a Feather"** Keep your eyes to the sky for this early morning birding expedition. 8–9am.

**9/20 Sunday – "Photo Tour"** Keep your camera ready for some spectacular wild shots! 3–6pm.

**9/26 Saturday – "Bike the Refuge"** Grab your helmet and water bottle for a leisurely bike ride that meanders through prairie dog towns, woodlands, and along lake edges. 8–10am.

**9/26 Saturday – "Family Fishing"** The lakes are filled with bluegill, channel catfish, and trophy-size largemouth bass. Don't forget to bring your cameras for a souvenir photo of your big catch. No pole? Don't worry—you can borrow one of ours. 3–6pm.

**9/29 Tuesday – "Tuesday Tots: Aquatic Critters"** Discover what critters can be found on the banks of a lake and underwater! Learn about critters that swim, dive, waddle and hop. Play a game and make a craft. 10–11am.

## SCHLESSMAN LIBRARY

The Schlessman Family Branch Library is located at 1st and Quebec in Lowry, 720-865-0000. Additional library programs at [denverlibrary.org](http://denverlibrary.org).

**10/01 Thursday – "Latitudes Book Group"** Join Becker for a discussion of "In a Sunburned Country" by Bill Bryson. 2–3pm. Reserve your copy today at [denverlibrary.org](http://denverlibrary.org).

**10/02 Saturday – "Colorado Author Series featuring Wick Downing"** Wick has authored ten novels, three for young readers. He will be discussing his latest, "The Trials of Kate Hope" about a teen-age girl who, through a wrinkle in the law, becomes a lawyer. Set in Denver in 1973, Kate goes to Hill Middle School. 2pm.

**10/05 Monday – "Felted Sweetness"** Create a cupcake pin cushion—no calories, but loads of fun! 6:30–7:30pm

**9/14 Monday & 9/28 Monday – "Ewe, Crocheting and Knitting!"** Bring your knitting or crocheting supplies and receive help with your project from Dana Juncker, owner of The Modern Ewe. Don't have supplies or know how to knit or crochet? No worries, supplies will be available for purchase to learn how. 3–4 pm, 1st floor.

**9/17 Thursday – "Travel Tales"** Cruise around the world with Maribeth Berry. 2–3pm in the large community room, 2nd floor.

**9/19 Saturday – "Colorado Author Series, featuring Ann Ripley"** Ann is the author of ten mystery novels, the latest is "Death in the Orchid Garden." Her novel "Mulch" earned an award for best genre fiction from The Colorado Authors League. 11am.

**9/19 Saturday – "Energy Efficiency"** Join Xcel Energy and learn how easy it is to save money and conserve energy. 10–11am, in the large community room, 2nd floor.

**9/19 Saturday – "Frolicking Fall"** Celebrate the season with Rob Wivchar, "Man of 1000 Songs!" 2–3pm.

**9/23 Wednesday – "Fall Wildlife Viewing in the Lowry Neighborhood"** Fairmount Cemetery is a designated Urban Wildlife viewing area—learn about the wildlife in your own neighborhood. 6:30–7:30pm in the large community room, 2nd floor.

**9/26 Saturday – "Colorado Author Series"** Bill Vidal will be discussing his highly acclaimed memoir "Boxing for Cuba: An Immigrant's Story of Despair, Endurance and Redemption" 2pm.

## DENVER ZOO

**9/11 Friday – "Brew at the Zoo"** Enjoy an evening of beer, wine, hors d'oeuvres, music and dancing while supporting the zoo's Red Apple Fund. Tickets for zoo members are \$45 in advance and \$55 at the door; nonmembers, \$55/\$65. 7–10pm. [www.denverzoo.org](http://www.denverzoo.org) for tickets and more info.

**9/18 Friday – "Date Night at the Denver Zoo"** Leave the cubs behind and get a little wild while indulging in a 3-course meal, a glass of wine and a stroll through the zoo at twilight with your love! \$50/couple. [www.denverzoo.org](http://www.denverzoo.org) or 303-376-6741 for tickets and more info.



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The event will be held at Stapleton's Central Park (east side by picnic pavillion) on Saturday, September 19, 2009, at 10am (teams need to arrive by 9:45). For more information, visit <http://sites.google.com/site/sunwebsite1/SUNKickball>.

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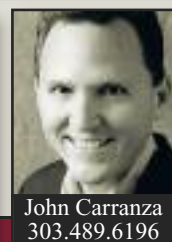
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# Restaurant Review

By Monika Reitmeyer

My first meal at Satchel's took a year in the making. I originally heard about the place when it was just a coffee and cheese shop and then again when the owners had just gotten their wine and beer license—transforming the space into a more formal dining establishment. Frankly, Satchel's, tucked away within the Park Hill neighborhood on 28th and Fairfax, is worth the wait.

Smelling like a deeply aged oak chest, Satchel's is oddly comforting, yet modern with its olive and per-

simmon stained walls, exposed brick, garage door and antique tables. The restaurant can seat about 30 people. But don't be fooled, an ordinary Wednesday easily turns into a packed house, where every guest seems to know one other and laughter radiates within the tight, dimly lit space.

Satchel's owner/chef, Andrew Casalini, focuses on using local and mostly organic ingredients. Seasonal menus are simple, yet grasp a broad spectrum of flavors and cooking styles. Well-constructed plates are designed to please the palate without overloading the senses with too many elements. The grilled romaine heart salad (\$6), for example, ar-

rives wilted, yet crisp, sweet and charred with a peppery-lemon tang. Delicious. Simple.

Entrees prove to be the main focus on the menu and are hearty in size and flavor. Dry-rubbed ribs (\$16) arrive piled high on the plate, lacquered with a savory house-made BBQ sauce with sweet onions and juicy chunks of tomatoes. The sauce comes with a kick and the meat—both crispy and tender—literally falls right off the bone. Olathe sweet corn was the perfect accompaniment and arrived steaming hot, its succulent sweet-salty-buttery kernels fulfilling the quintessential summer craving. This meal has enough gusto to feed two ferocious eaters.

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Satchel's owner/chef, Andrew Casalini, focuses on using local and mostly organic ingredients.

Satchel's also features grilled flank steak with a rustic chimichurri sauce (\$15). An Argentinean mainstay, chimichurri is a blend of herbs (usually parsley, thyme and oregano), shallots, garlic, olive oil, and lemon juice and is most often used as a marinade or sauce for meats and vegetables. This dish is particularly satisfying and comes with a small grilled romaine salad...ahh, perfect.

By this point in the meal, the eater craves something a little sweet. Satchel's dessert options definitely hold their own. The strawberry shortcake (\$6) is by far the best-executed dessert of its kind—a bold statement, yes, but really, you must try it. Tender, buttery drop biscuits (still warm from the oven) lounge in fresh cream with slightly macerated strawberries, still sharply sweet and full of texture. Sweetened whipped cream, topped with a delicate sprinkling of sugar in the raw, completes the dessert.

What really makes Satchel's quite the neighborhood niche eatery is its creative weekly specials and events. Bottles of wine are half price every Wednesday, and kids (under 12) eat free every Thursday (be sure to ask for kid-friendly menu options). Brunch is served every Saturday and Sunday; think beignets, benedicts and steak and eggs.

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## Where do we go from here? What the Stapleton Community Can Do About the School Space Concerns

By Sophia Briegleb

On August 5th, hundreds of members of our community turned out for the DPS school meeting held at Bill Roberts. The agenda included three presentations—Stapleton financing 101 by Cameron Burtron of the Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA), Stapleton school survey results by Brian Weber of the Stapleton Foundation, and Stapleton specific demographic data by Ethan Hemming of Denver Public Schools. The overall message? Stapleton schools are at capacity in the 2009/2010 school year and by next year, 150–200 students will not have a space in a neighborhood school. By 2011/2012, the number of students without a seat is anticipated to rise to 300–500. There is no funding available from DURA through Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) to build an additional school until more development occurs in Stapleton. However, more development likely means more children moving into the neighborhood, exacerbating the problem.

After the presentations, a Q&A session was launched. Within minutes, members of the community were shouting

out questions like “when will we have plans?” and “why aren’t the options being told to us now?” It quickly became apparent that Stapleton parents had hoped for more than just presentations about what they’ve known for years—they had come to the meeting for solutions.

So where do we go from here? What can we do as a community to address the school space issue? Clearly, we need a two-pronged approach. First, we need to find several temporary solutions to accommodate the hundreds of students anticipated to be entering our near-capacity schools in the next couple of years. Second, we need to find creative alternatives for funding a third and possibly fourth school. Cameron Burtron of DURA made it clear on August 5 that DURA cannot issue more bonds until new development in Stapleton occurs. It is not known when the next DURA bond will be issued, nor for how much, and we can’t afford to sit around and hope that it happens sooner rather than later. There has to be a way for our community to get school funding other than shopping exclusively in Stapleton in hopes of better supporting TIF funding or waiting for the economy to pick up and development projects to proceed.

Within a day of the meeting, the neighborhood was abuzz with conversations about solutions. Could ECE programs be eliminated or moved? Would modulars really work, with an already full schedule on school facilities like the cafeteria and gym? Are there underutilized schools near Stapleton that could accommodate some of our children? How have other school districts dealt with overcrowding? The community was ready to engage in this conversation yesterday, not in October 2009, when DPS plans to hold a follow-up meeting to present possible options. And why not? Let’s start this dialogue now and keep it going until the problem is adequately addressed.

Below is a list of some possible space solutions, including the benefits and concerns associated with each one. It is certainly not complete, nor are any of these solutions touted as the answer. It is simply an attempt to encourage this dialogue throughout the community.

Possible temporary space solutions:

- Relocate ECE and K programs to another space in Stapleton.

**Benefits:** Meets high ECE demand and frees up space at Westerly Creek and Bill Roberts to meet needs of grades 1–8.

**Concerns:** More transitions for young children and

lack of access to resources like gym, art, and music for kindergarteners.

- Add on to the Westerly Creek campus.

**Benefits:** There is sufficient space on the Westerly Creek grounds to add classrooms and even expand the cafeteria, as the school was designed with such future additions in mind.

**Concerns:** No current funds to pay for remodeling, may take some time before the new space would be ready to use, increased pressure on facilities not able to expand (i.e., gym).

- Use temporary modular buildings for additional classroom space.

**Benefits:** Provides immediate classroom space and allows Stapleton children to attend a neighborhood school.

**Concerns:** Additional pressure on facilities like gym and cafeteria, using money on a temporary solution that could be used toward a long-term solution, more traffic for drop-off/pick-up and parking, safety concerns during inclement weather and school lock-downs.

- Utilize extra capacity in surrounding schools.

**Benefits:** Schools are already built.

**Concerns:** Surrounding schools (Ashley, Phillips) are almost at capacity, residents want neighborhood schools, DPS may not be prepared to offer busing, forces increased driving in our sustainable, “walkable” neighborhood.

- Implement a year-round track system.

**Benefits:** Allows Stapleton children to attend a neighborhood school, children may benefit from having more frequent shorter breaks in lieu of a long summer vacation.

**Concerns:** More difficult for working families to find child-care, vacations may not coincide with those of friends and family, loss of a traditional “summer vacation,” DPS has never used this system before.

- Offer only half-day kindergarten.

**Benefits:** Allows education at a neighborhood school for twice as many kindergarteners.

**Concerns:** Only a solution for one year; therefore would need to have another plan ready to implement by 2011/2012, can kindergarteners be taught all they need to know in a half day, working parents would need to find additional childcare.

- Odyssey elects to build a new facility in Stapleton, freeing up space at the Westerly Creek campus.

**Benefits:** The Odyssey side of Westerly Creek could accommodate 225 more students, Odyssey could expand enrollment if located in a larger facility.

**Concerns:** Odyssey may not be capable of raising the funds to build a new facility within Stapleton. Odyssey has a contract with DPS until 2011/2012 and by then, more than 225 spots will be needed.

- Build additional school(s).

**Benefits:** The only long-term solution that addresses the desire of Stapleton parents to send their children to neighborhood schools.

**Concerns:** The planned site for the third school is contaminated and remediation is currently stalled, no readily available funds to pay for construction of a new school, the possibility that additional school buildings would eventually become underutilized once the Stapleton baby boom ends.

While it may have been disappointing to not hear possible solutions on August 5th, the good news is that we have a window of opportunity to have our voices and preferences heard. DPS wants community input, one of the reasons why they didn’t bring a list of options to the very first meeting they held with the Stapleton community. We can be part of creating a solution, rather than recipients of a plan.

In order to stay abreast of upcoming meetings and information available to the community, please visit the SUN Education Committee webpage at [www.stapletonunitedneighbors.com/education](http://www.stapletonunitedneighbors.com/education). All interested community members are also encouraged to join the Yahoo group StapletonSchoolsCommunity (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/StapletonSchoolsCommunity>) to participate in the dialogue and receive updates from the Education Committee. Also, mark your calendars for the SUN sponsored community forum with councilman Michael Hancock on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30pm at Bill Roberts.

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New Interchange at I-70/Central Park Boulevard (CPB)

Editors Note: Bob Reinert sent this information to the members of the Greater Stapleton Business Association. The Front Porch is publishing it since it is a subject of interest to residents of NE Denver. By Bob Reinert, President of the Greater Stapleton Business Association (GSBA) As most people know by now, the I-70/CPB interchange is fully funded, with money being contributed by CDOT, the city of Denver, federal stimulus funds, and the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). In addition, Forest City has pledged money for the connecting roadways that are not part of the actual interchange. A few issues remain: relocating prairie dogs and raptors living in the area and a 100-year floodplain will need to be “fixed” with a drainage pond. In the public hearing on June 25, the GSBA went on record supporting what was presented as Alternative 3b: a new bridge with two consecutive on/off ramps, six main lanes going across the bridge, and bike lanes and sidewalks in both the north and south-bound directions. The GSBA also voiced our objection to the time frame for completion. We had previously been told that it would be completed by November 2010, but the current schedule is to complete it by 2013. Of the people offering comments, the

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majority voiced concern over increased traffic in Stapleton (especially big trucks). The interchange will not, in my opinion, bring large truck traffic, but it will increase the traffic on CPB and MLK. The majority of trucks will exit north of I-70, and those coming south will get off at Smith Road. Most likely, only a few will travel to MLK. As for controlling traffic, this is an issue to bring up with the District 2 police department. I am sure they will work diligently to ensure we have safe streets. As a final comment, please remember this is more than just Stapleton; this will help all of the North Metro area. The idea that “if you build the road people will come” is obsolete. The people are here and we need a better way to efficiently move traffic throughout metro Denver. This interchange will provide jobs in the near future for construction and many jobs after its completion as Stapleton continues to develop north of I-70. Add to this the Kronke property and their future expansion, and Commerce City developing along Quebec and it seems this is a must for this part of the metro area. For more information about the project, visit [http://www.denvergov.org/capital\\_projects\\_center](http://www.denvergov.org/capital_projects_center) (choose “Central Park Boulevard Interchange” in the upper left corner).

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## Back to School Can Bring Angst or Action

By Jon Meredith

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Cameron Bertron from the Denver Urban Renewal Authority explains TIF financing at the community meeting with DPS on Aug. 5th.

This column was initially going to be a light-hearted harangue about the anxiety and joys associated with this time of year and children going back to school. Then on August 6th, the Denver Post published a front-page photograph of Stapleton parents attending a meeting at Westerly Creek regarding the lack of space for Stapleton children in existing schools. The faces that were captured in that picture were noticeably distraught by the lack of real answers being provided by whoever was in charge at that meeting. The intensity went well beyond the room, I presume, following the parents to their homes, nearby coffee shops and social gatherings.

The emotion displayed in the picture reminded me of another time in this neighborhood. A time when fear could have triumphed and the Park Hill area would have been a very different neighborhood today. Instead, an entire neighborhood stood up and beat back a real threat to all of our safety and well-being.

On Halloween night 1993, I was trick or treating with my five- and three-year-old on our street in Park Hill. At that time, gang activity in Northeast Denver was at its zenith. However, it never occurred to me that it may have been unsafe to take my children door to door on Cherry Street between 17th and Montview.

At the end of the night, several middle-school-aged kids passed us walking up the street. Apparently one flashed a gang sign to a group across the street. Shots rang out and a young man, barely a teenager, lay dead on my neighbor's front lawn.

Houses went up for sale the next day. For those of us who stayed, there was a stake to drive in the ground and therefore work to do. Get busy we did. People got the mayor to start a gang task force and put a cop shop near the museum. We lobbied for a unified effort to fight gang violence and it really worked. People changed the schools, started charter schools and everyone became involved in the schools. Other than moving the airport, there has been no other community-wide effort that has sparked so much change in the almost 30 years I have lived in this neighborhood. A change that has not simply gentrified the neighborhood but rather established a consciousness of tolerance.

For those of you in that picture and others who face the dilemma of school space, it is time to get busy because this is a terrific community with incredibly talented people. People I know with babies or toddlers who I have worked with on political campaigns remind me of the people I know who have started charter schools in this area. No problem is too big that good people cannot solve. It is very easy to place blame as to how we arrived at these circumstances; it is much more difficult to get involved and create something you can now only imagine.

After all, my kids went to a charter school that was on a Stapleton airport runway. The classrooms were trailers and the playground was on the tarmac. What I noticed during that time is that the children survive these struggles with a lot more resilience than their parents.

Jon Meredith lives in Stapleton. He can be reached at [jon.meredith@q.com](mailto:jon.meredith@q.com).

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

By Carol Roberts

The success of the Stapleton community and the local public schools was evident in the results of a recent survey of Stapleton residents. Over 60 percent of respondents said they expect to live in Stapleton for 10 or more years, and 70 percent wish to send their children to a traditional neighborhood public school. Most of the respondents already have young children and almost 25 percent planned to add to their families or were expecting. (See survey on page 10.) That adds up to more kids than there are slots in existing schools in upcoming years.

According to Cameron Bertron with the Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA), the economy has slowed development at Stapleton, which ultimately dictates the capacity to issue new bonds that fund new infrastructure such as schools at Stapleton.

"The funding mechanism to pay for Stapleton schools is tax increment financing (TIF)," Bertron said. "DURA issues bonds at the beginning of each planned phase of development at Stapleton and the proceeds of those bonds are used to pay for the infrastructure needed to support the development, such as roads and schools. The bonds are then repaid from the new taxes that are generated from the redeveloped property."

Berton noted that DURA last issued Stapleton TIF bonds in 2004 and all of the development to date (and some of the future



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# roots Coalition Looks for Creative Solutions to Build Another School

development, such as the Eastbridge Town Center) has been pledged to repay the 2004 bonds. As a result, no new bonds can be issued until development is ready to proceed in new areas of Stapleton, which means there is no TIF funding available for another school at this time.

Given that situation, a grassroots coalition, the Stapleton Community Education Coalition (SCEC), has formed in Stapleton to find “creative funding” for a third school.

“We all love living here and we want to continue living here and we want to educate our kids here, so now we need to be creative in continuing that success by figuring out a solution here,” says Jo-Nell Herndon. That belief inspired her, along with other parents, to form the SCEC, a group of Stapleton parents whose goal is to

ensure that all Stapleton children have the opportunity to attend a traditional neighborhood school and continue to have quality education from ECE to high school.

“We know people walked away from the community meeting with DPS on August 5th feeling it’s over,” says Tammy Rudolph, one of the co-founders of the Stapleton Community Education Coalition (SCEC). “But we don’t feel that way. We know that it (financing for a third school) will have to happen creatively. And we think that if any neighborhood can do it, we can do it.”

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Formed this past May, the group’s first step was to educate themselves and other interested members of the community about all possible options for building new schools in the Stapleton community.

“Because the funding of Stapleton schools is a convoluted web, there has been a lot of misinformation,” says Herndon. Another co-founder of the group, Lesley Bush, adds, “In June, City Councilman Hancock put together a meeting for us and everybody



*In June we met with everyone involved in the (funding) process. That’s when we learned no new money is available through DURA. And that’s when we said to ourselves, “It’s time for us to get creative.”*

— Lesley Bush

involved in the process (DPS, DURA, Forest City) to sit down together and discuss the third school situation. That’s when we first learned they were going to say because of the economic situation no new money is available through DURA (Denver Urban Renewal Authority), and DURA is the only way to fund a new school. And that’s when we said to ourselves, ‘It’s time for us to get creative.’”

The group cites the new Stapleton recreation center as an example of creative funding. The City did not have enough funds to build it alone, but there was a group of people committed to that project and they found a combination of funding sources that made it happen. Rudolph says she asked Stapleton’s School Board Representative Kevin Patterson if there is any reason creative financing can’t be used for schools and he told her it is possible and they have done it with other kinds of buildings.

“In the current talk about possible short-term solutions, we don’t want to lose track

of the real goal, which is a third school. We’re not saying now what it should be,”

says Herndon. Bush and Rudolph add, “It might be K-8. It might be a middle school. It might be a middle and high school. It might be a changing school.” Herndon believes parents in Stapleton “will support the schools and do what they need to do over the short term if they know the long term is put into place.”

“We need one person that oversees Stapleton’s education needs and communicates with all the different boards and entities,” says Leslie Bush. “We need someone who’s accountable and knowledgeable and who has the resources to effect change—someone who attends the school board meetings and talks to the principals and gets true numbers and the capacity. They can monitor the number of people moving into the community so they don’t have to guess at future needs. Our coalition exists because there’s no one to do that now.”

SCEC held a community meeting on August 24th to identify resources in the community and talk about how the group will move forward, and the Coalition expects that members will continue to gather and participate in efforts to find creative financing for a third Stapleton school.

To contact or join the Stapleton Community Education Coalition, e-mail StapletonCEC@yahoo.com or visit the Stapleton Community Education Coalition’s Facebook page.



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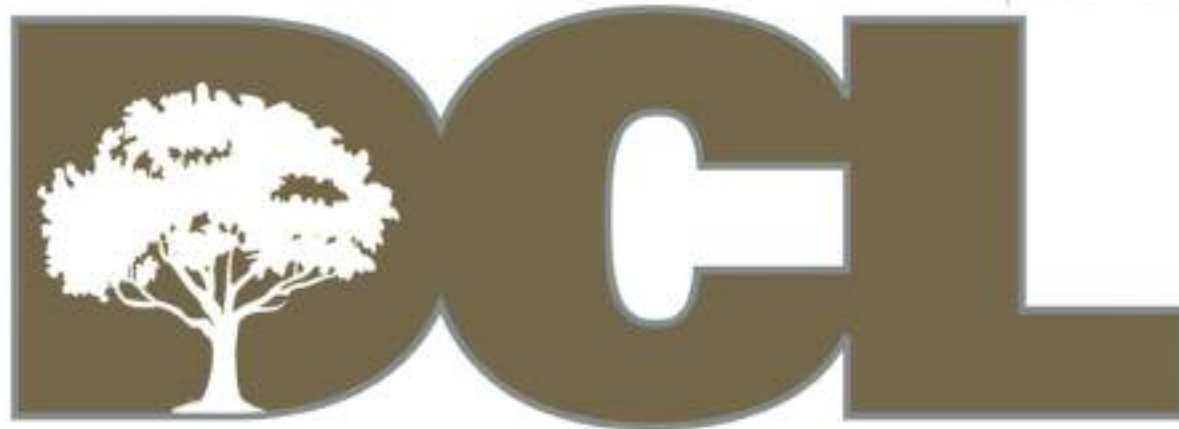
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