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Oprah Gives DSST \$1,000,000

Students at DSST gathered to watch an Oprah show about the new movie, "Waiting for Superman," which highlights the problems that many students have gaining access to a quality education.

The students above are shown as they hear the announcement that DSST is one of six schools in the country to receive one million dollars in order to expand their program to include more students, (Story on page 10)

East Corridor construction has begun. What will Stapleton's transit development look like?



By Carol Roberts

Recent groundbreakings were celebrated at both ends of the East Corridor—DIA and Union Station. And halfway between the two, another groundbreaking celebration was held for the Central Park Boulevard overpass at I-70. Although not part of the East Corridor commuter train project, that major new thoroughfare passes right next to Stapleton's transit stop. The combination of a commuter rail stop and a major highway interchange with wide open land sets up Stapleton as a place with huge potential for transit oriented development. (continued on page 30)

Left: Dirt was flying as dignitaries broke ground for the new Commuter Rail Train Hall, located on the west side of Union Station, which is the terminus for the East Corridor. Left to right are: Jennifer Schaufele, DRCOG Executive Director; Phil Washington, RTD General Manager; Lee Kemp, RTD Board Chair; Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper; Judy Montero, Denver City Councilwoman; and Elbra Wedgeworth, Denver Union Station Project Authority Board Chair.

Ballot Guide

Our 12-page ballot guide starts on page 11. The guide contains the League of Women Voters' descriptions and pro and con arguments on referenda and initiatives as well as statements from northeast Denver's local candidates.

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An early morning bike ride through Westerly Creek.



CALENDAR

Events in or near Stapleton that are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC or are nonprofit events.
(See pages 23 - 26 for more events.)

Thursday, October 7th
Stapleton Community Meeting
DSST, 6pm doors open and info.
tables, 6:30pm meeting starts.

Development updates, presentation and discussion of TOD (see story page 1) and introduction of RTD candidates on the November ballot.

OCTOBER

Every Sunday (through Oct. 17)
Stapleton Farmers Market, 8:30am–12:30pm
The Green*

Saturday, Oct. 2 & Nov. 6
SCFD 1st Saturdays Free—Denver Art Museum -
www.denverartmuseum.org

Sunday, October 3
SCFD Free Day—Denver Museum of Nature and
Science 303-322-7009 www.dmns.org

Tuesday, October 5
League of Women Voters—Pros and Cons of
Ballot Issues. Fellowship Hall, Montview Presbyte-
rian Church, 1980 Dahlia St. 5–7:30pm.
www.LWVDenver.org

Tuesday, Oct. 5 & Nov. 2
Children's Museum, Target Tuesdays
1st Tuesday nights free, 4–8pm, cmdenver.org

Wednesday, October 6
1st Wednesday's Home-based Business Group
5–6pm Twisted Olive, Northfield 303-375-8100

Thursday, October 7
Stapleton Community Meeting 6:30 pm
DSST, 2000 Valentia Street,

Sunday, October 10
The 25th Anniversary One Sky One World Kite
Fly, 10am–4pm. Central Park in Stapleton
www.oneskyoneworld.org

Wednesday, October 13
Denver Zoo - SCFD Free Days
www.denverzoo.org 303-376-4800

Monday, October 18
Active Minds Seminar 7–9pm, doors open at 6:30.
Colorado Ballot 2010. MCA Community Room.
Events@stapletoncommunity.com

The Front Porch
welcomes submissions of
upcoming local events (see format
on p.25) and story ideas
for future issues.
EmailFrontPorchStapleton@gmail.com

*At The Green, 29th Ave. and Roslyn; Sponsored by Staple-
ton MCA, For info. email events@stapletoncommunity.com
(See page 26 for recurring monthly events and meetings)

OCTOBER

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and Science 303-322-7009 www.dmns.org

Sunday, October 17
Pumpkin Patch 8:30am–12:30pm
The Green*

Thurs., Oct. 21 & Sun. Nov. 7
Denver Zoo - SCFD Free Days
www.denverzoo.org 303-376-4800

Saturday, October 23
SUN Electronics Recycling Event, 8am–1 pm
Central Park-Xenia St and MLK (see p.26)
SUNSustainability@gmail.com

Thursday, October 28
Stapleton Activities, Inc. Potluck 6:30pm
MCA Community Room
Events@stapletoncommunity.com

Thursday, October 28
Westerly Creek Cleanup, 4:30– 6:30pm
For exact location contact
[Lucia Correll Icorrell@dotnet.net](mailto:Lucia.Correll@dotnet.net)

Thursday, October 28
Denver Botanic Gardens - SCFD Free Day
720-865-3500 www.botanicgardens.org

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 10
Denver Zoo - SCFD Free Days [www.denver-
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zoo.org) 303-376-4800

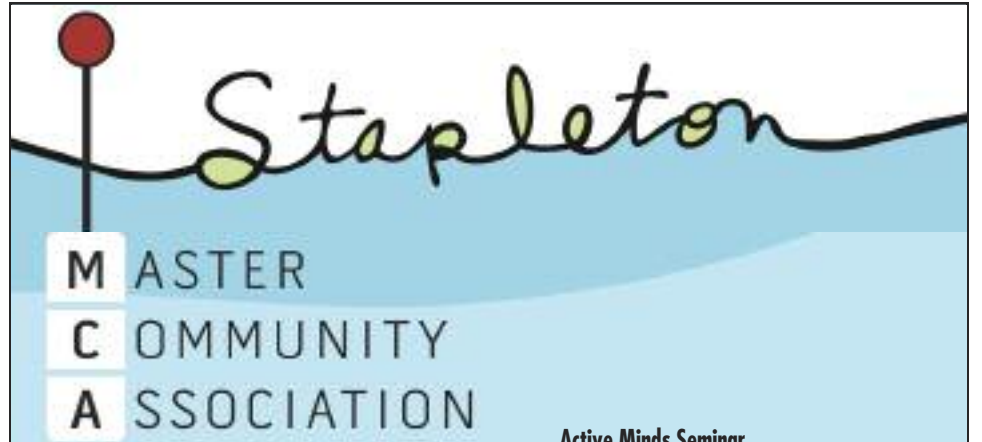
Wednesday, November 10
MCA Annual Member's Meeting 6:30pm
MCA Community Room
Info@stapletoncommunity.com

Wednesday, November 10
New Resident Social 6:30pm
MCA Community Room
Events@stapletoncommunity.com

Thursday, November 11
Active Minds Seminar 7–9pm, doors open at
6:30. Cuba; Past, Present, & Future. MCA Com-
munity Room. Events@stapletoncommunity.com

Saturday, November 13
Denver Zoo - SCFD Free Days [www.denver-
zoo.org](http://www.denver-
zoo.org) 303-376-4800

Friday, Nov. 19
Winter Welcome-Annual holiday lighting
29th Avenue Town Center 6:00–8:00pm
Events@stapletoncommunity.com



MCA District Delegates Needed

District delegates are residents who are elected annu-
ally by their peers to represent the interests of that
district to the Stapleton MCA Executive Board. Dele-
gates must consider and approve the annual opera-
tional budget of the MCA. District delegates act as
the primary advisory committee to the MCA Board
and Executive Director, giving input on a variety of
community matters such as events, programs and
capital improvements.

Each delegate is elected at the Annual Meeting of
Members in each delegate district scheduled for No-
vember 10 at 6:30pm and shall serve for the follow-
ing calendar year (January–December). A delegate
may be reelected, and there shall be no limit on the
number of terms a delegate may serve.

Owners wishing to be nominated to serve as a dis-
trict delegate should send a letter of interest and a
brief bio to the Stapleton MCA Executive Director at
2823 Roslyn St., Denver CO 80238 to be received
no later than Friday, October 15. Email letters to de-
legates@stapletoncommunity.com.

Pumpkin Patch

Our final Farmers Market is scheduled for Sunday,
October 17 from 8:30am–12:30pm on The Green.
We will have a DJ at this market to provide some fes-
tive fall music and The Urban Farm will be providing
horseback rides in the field north of The Green.

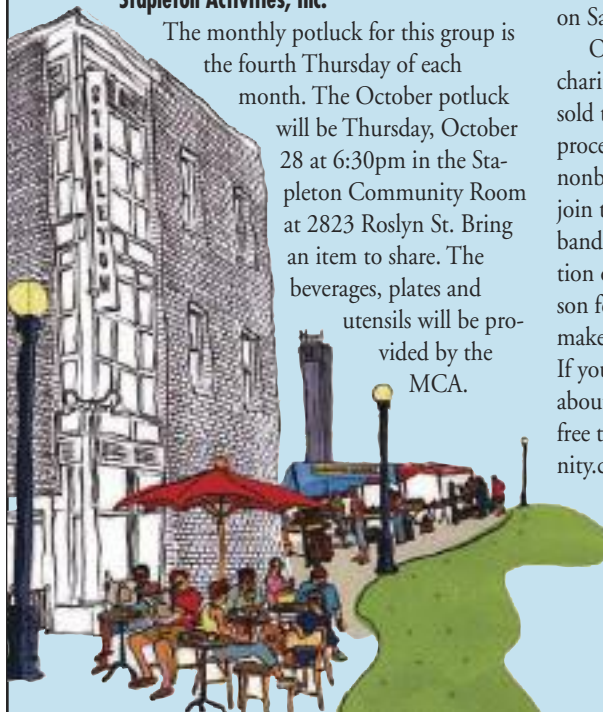
We began a new tradition last year by incorporat-
ing our annual pumpkin patch with the market.
Shoppers will receive a coupon every time they spend
\$5 at a vendor booth. Coupons can be redeemed at
the pumpkin patch for a free pumpkin. The more
you spend, the larger your pumpkin! This offer will
be good while our pumpkin supply lasts.

New Resident Social

The New Resident Social schedule has changed. We
will not meet in October, but we plan to meet quar-
terly and will begin with the Annual Meeting on No-
vember 10 at 6:30pm in the MCA Community
Room. Please feel free to join us and have your ques-
tions about the community answered, find out what
is going on in the community, or just come to meet
your neighbors.

Stapleton Activities, Inc.

The monthly potluck for this group is
the fourth Thursday of each
month. The October potluck
will be Thursday, October
28 at 6:30pm in the Sta-
pleton Community Room
at 2823 Roslyn St. Bring
an item to share. The
beverages, plates and
utensils will be pro-
vided by the
MCA.



Active Minds Seminar

The Active Minds Seminar continues
this month on Thursday, October 14 at
7pm. We are hosting the Active Minds
Seminars in the Stapleton MCA Com-
munity Room at 2823 Roslyn Street.
The doors will open at 6:30pm and the
seminar will begin at 7pm. This program
is free and open to the public.

The topic for October is **Colorado
Ballot 2010**. The fall 2010 Colorado bal-
lot promises to stir up strong emotions in
the state. With a variety of complex is-
sues coming to a vote, it is important
that we understand the ballot and what is
at stake. Join Active Minds for an objec-
tive review of the ballot issues and a pres-
entation of the arguments on each side of
the proposals.

The November topic is **Cuba; Past,
Present & Future**. It is schedule for
Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 7pm.

For more information about Active
Minds, please go to [http://www.active-
mindsforlife.com/index.html](http://www.active-
mindsforlife.com/index.html).

Winter Welcome

The annual holiday lighting and door
decorating is around the corner. Mark
your calendars for Friday, November 19
from 6–8pm. For more information,
please check the November Front Porch
or go to our website at [www.stapleton-
community.com](http://www.stapleton-
community.com).

Stapleton Rocks...a concert for a cause!

Thanks to everyone who came out and
supported our terrific local bands in our
second annual Stapleton Rocks Concert.
Stapleton Home Services sponsored the
quad bungee and slide that allowed us to
donate a larger portion of the proceeds to
our charities.

The staff of Gravity Play (quad
bungee & slide) deserves a giant round of
applause for their full day of work to
make the event fun for everyone. I also
want to thank Mountain Day Camp
(climbing wall) for donating their time
on Saturday.

Our bands even contributed to the
charities. "Control Tower" designed and
sold their own T-shirts and donated their
proceeds to the charities. "Wabash Can-
nonballs" invited their guitar students to
join them on stage, and as a part of the
band's contribution, they donated a por-
tion of each of those students' weekly les-
son fee to the charities. This is what
makes this community so terrific!
If you have any questions or comments
about the information above, please feel
free to contact [events@stapletoncommu-
nity.com](mailto:events@stapletoncommu-
nity.com) or call the MCA office at
303.388.0724.

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Premium Fishwrap* by Jon Meredith



Exercising Our Civic Duty or Not!

I ran into my old neighbor and good friend, Phil Yarter, in the Stapleton King Soopers a few days back. Phil lost his wife this year and I was truly interested in how he was doing without her. Phil wouldn't say anything about the loss or the grief and hardship that go along with it. I heard that he canceled his Fourth of July pool party this year, which is a long standing Park Hill tradition, so I was honestly a little worried about him.

As usual, Phil wanted to talk politics, which is something I never shy away from except in this column...until now. A Wyoming native, Phil is an old-line Republican, one of the very few in Park Hill. When he told me the Republicans in Park Hill caucused at his home, I asked if they all fit in his front hall closet.

I immediately wanted to know where he stood on the upcoming mid-terms and the

much-bedraggled Republican candidates. I was stunned when he responded that he may just sit this one out. Not vote! This is a man who has been at the polling place as an election judge all the years I lived in his neighborhood. A person who always has a well reasoned and logical response to any political argument. A real, very principled and rational Republican (those are hard to find).

Phil said he didn't like any of the candidates on the Colorado ballot this year. He went on to say that candidates never talk about the issues that matter to all Americans and when they are voted into office they forget about their constituents and campaign promises. They pander to lobbyists, not constituents.

Normally, I would tell Phil about civic duty and the paramount right of any American citizen. I knew Phil didn't need

to hear that spiel from me. Moreover, as I told Phil, I am beginning to feel the same way. I am simply beginning to think that our votes do not count. I am not talking about Bush V Gore when they didn't count the votes. I am looking at the actions of our government. Congress has an approval rating in the teens which has held steady since the 2004 election, through Republican and Democratic leadership. The "throw the bums out" approach has been in vogue for a long time and any newcomers say they will bring change, then get elected and nothing changes.

There is too much money in politics and too many people paid to lobby for outcomes that benefit corporations and not people. The Citizens United case decided last January by the Supreme Court allows unlimited campaign donations by Corporations. Candidates will be like NASCAR drivers in their victory speeches. "I would like to thank Exxon/Mobile, AT&T, Microsoft and Jimmy John's for making this election victory possible."

There are too many major issues to solve to have members of Congress thinking solely about power and re-election. We have been on the precipice of a depression for almost three years, we are fighting two wars, we don't make almost anything here anymore, our infrastructure is crumbling and we owe China all of our money.

It is time for legislators to end this partisan squabbling and get some problems solved.

After I finished my rant, Phil said he felt the same way. I asked him "are you really not going to vote?"

"No, I'll find someone to vote for" he replied "You?"

"I'll end up voting too, because I have never seen a bumper sticker on a car that said 'Don't blame me, I didn't vote!'"

Jon Meredith lives in Stapleton. He can be reached at jon.meredith@q.com.

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

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Local Program Trains Professionals in Disaster Response



Community College of Aurora (CCA) recently unveiled its new state-of-the art Disaster Management Institute on the college's Lowry campus. The Institute features a fully functional Emergency Operations Center, the heart of any successful disaster management operation. Centers like this one be-

come the central point where information from all the various agencies pours in. The new Emergency Operations Center will give CCA students and working professionals experience and training in management of disasters of all types and sizes. Classes at the Institute are taught by emergency management and homeland security professionals, including police officers, fire-fighters, and emergency medical professionals, and the facility uses some of the most advanced technology available.



Top left: Disaster Management Institute Director Clinton Andersen answers questions from U.S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter about the Emergency Operations Center. Perlmutter was instrumental in obtaining funding for the Institute.

Top right: A trainer demonstrates a portable emergency management simulator that can be used for training away from the campus or for simulations in the field. The joystick moves a figure in the simulation, which is an avatar of the participant himself.

Above: The control room where the simulations and training are monitored and supervised.



Above: At this tornado simulation, ACC students from the film and theatre departments played the injured victims. Their role playing required more than merely acting as injured bodies, some played hysterical relatives of the dead or badly injured, allowing trainees to experience the wide range of challenges associated with a disaster. These simulations are monitored in the control room and video taped for further study by the trainees. Though it is a simulation, the wreckage and injured bodies all appear very real.

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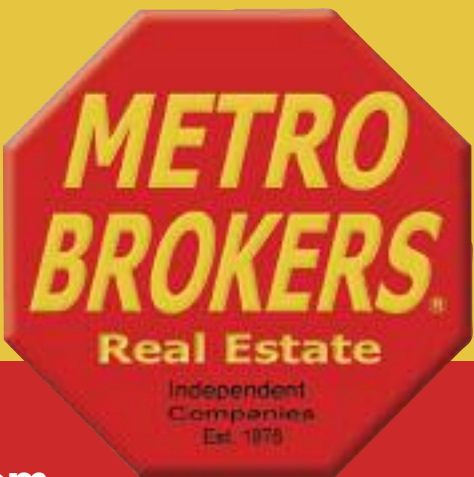
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Punum Bhatia, executive director of Monarch Montessori of Denver, looks on as her mother, Achla Jetley, who is visiting from India, tells preschool students about her country. She is holding a small model of the Taj Mahal.

New Montessori School Opens Near Stapleton

Monarch Montessori of Denver, located at 11200 E. 45th Ave. (just north of I-70 and east of Havana), opened this fall and will have a grand opening celebration open to the public on October 7 from 5 to 7:30pm with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 5:30pm and tours throughout the evening. Currently the school serves children six weeks through Kindergarten in six preschool classrooms, five infant rooms and five toddler rooms—and they plan to expand through the 5th grade. The school is open from 6:30am to 6pm and healthy meals are served daily with the guidance of a nutritionist. The school is a part of the Denver Preschool Program, receiving a 3-star Qualistar rating. (Qualistar.org.) Children can attend for five half days or five full days. The classrooms are built with one-way windows to allow child development students and parents considering the school to observe the classes.

The executive director, Punum Bhatia, started training Montessori teachers in 1994 and has trained Montessori teachers throughout the world. In the past eight years in Denver she has trained about 125

teachers, including all the teachers at Monarch Montessori.

“Montessori is a very concrete, hands-on method of learning where we believe that a child is intrinsically motivated,” says Bhatia. “We provide an environment that provides a child with interests, needs and choices appropriate for him or her. We show them how to do a lesson, then give them freedom to work with that lesson. Everything we’re doing is helping them to become independent human beings from the get-go,” Bhatia said. “By the time the school year comes to an end in May, I expect them to have independence, including dressing themselves, serving food, having good eye-hand coordination, a good sense of order that will help them in mathematics, and also literacy skills, social skills, respect for themselves and their teacher, and good self-esteem.” As children progress, “They will have all this besides learning to read, write and do some math work, and have leadership skills as well.”

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Wyland's art in their Fairview, Texas restaurant.

New Northfield Restaurant Offers Sustainable Seafood

By Nancy Burkhart

Wylands expects to open on Oct. 6 and invites the public to a celebration on Nov. 16 from 7-10pm to meet the artist and enjoy drink and dinner specials.

Wyland's sister restaurant, Guy Harvey's Perfect Spot, is now open and has rescheduled their opening celebration to Oct. 22 from 7 to 10pm.

Stapleton's sustainability has drawn a new restaurant, Wyland's Ocean Blue, to offer sustainable seafood in The Shops at Northfield.

"I want to create a very hip, happening menu using sustainable seafood," explained Sean Bernal, vice president of culinary development for Wyland's Ocean Blue. "We're being responsible as to how we purchase—we are all conservationists. It's our duty to protect the oceans because we want to have oceans and fish for the future. For example, Atlantic salmon from Chile: what they're fed drops to the bottom and kills the coral. So, we wouldn't buy it."

Bernal, who lives in Miami, is well known for his seafood cuisine in hip Miami restaurants. He created the menus and developed the recipes for food offered at all of Wyland's Ocean Blue locations nationally. The Northfield restaurant's chef, Lucas Zoumas, will have a page in the menu of recipes Bernal has created.

The restaurant is a family place, a sports place and a couple's place that includes "a cool, hip lounge that you can bring your kids to," according to Bernal. "We want everybody to feel comfortable. Our focus is going to be very, very fresh fish," he said. "We will have seven or eight fresh fish on the menu. We also have shell fish. We'll have the exotic and the plain on the menu."

The Wyland in Wyland's Ocean Blue is internationally acclaimed artist and conservationist Robert Wyland. He is known for working to develop environmental awareness with a series of outdoor murals of whales and other sea life. His murals and other artworks will decorate the Northfield restaurant and will be offered for sale.

Wyland's Ocean Blue is located at 8336 Northfield Blvd. The restaurant will be open Sunday through Wednesday from 4pm to midnight, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 4pm –2am. There will be happy hours twice daily from 4 to 7pm and 9pm to midnight with live music on Fridays and Saturdays from 9pm to midnight. For more information, call 303.574.0449 or visit www.wylandsoceanblue.com.



End-of-Summer

Above: Stapleton dogs got their turn in the F-15 pool at the annual Dog Daze event held just before the pool is drained. Approximately 300 dogs and owners showed up, and the event raised about \$1200 for Denver Animal Shelter.

Above right: Free performances on the Green of the musical, Happy Days, kicked off a new partnership between Stapleton MCA and the Aurora Fox Theatre. There is already talk about making it an annual event, perhaps as a kick-off for summer activities in the future.

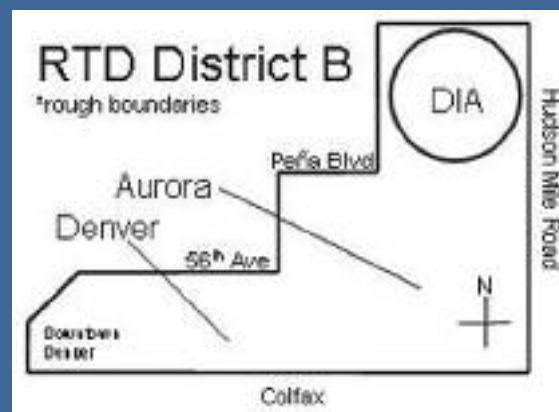
Lower middle: Control Tower performs at Stapleton Rocks, a 12-hour-long showcase for neighborhood bands. A crowd of 1500 to 2000 attended throughout the day and raised \$3000 for the WISH Foundation and Odyssey School.



Miller Hudson For RTD Board District B

Leadership to Move Us Forward

- U. S. Navy veteran ('68-'70)
- 25 gallon blood donor (Bonfils Blood Bank)
- Trail crew cook with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado



PRIORITIES

- Assure public input on station and parking configurations serving the DIA AirTrain
- Maintain the quality and frequency of bus service following completion of the DIA line
- Complete the I-225 light rail line across the Anschutz Medical Center

EXPERIENCE

- Three decades working on transportation issues facing Colorado (State Representative from North Denver 1979-1983)
- Executive Director of the Colorado Intermountain Fixed Guideway Authority (I-70 monorail feasibility study between DIA and our mountain resorts)
- Union Station Advisory Committee

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Fun at Stapleton



Above: Control Tower fans show their loyalty.
Far right: The audience dances to the music.



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uncover the genius

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Roosting bald eagles were discovered at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal in 1986.

Transformation Now Complete Former Environmental Cleanup Site Becomes Premier Urban Wildlife Refuge

“The vision of transforming the Arsenal from an environmental cleanup site into a premier urban national wildlife refuge has been fulfilled,” says Charlie Scharmann, U.S. Army program manager at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

On October 15th the transfer of 2,500 acres of Arsenal land from the U.S. Army to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service will bring the Refuge to its final size of more than 15,000 acres. The land transfer will make official the completion of the Refuge and the end of all significant environmental cleanup. All fieldwork related to the cleanup of soil and structures concludes this fall, within budget and a year ahead of schedule. The Army and Shell Oil Co. conducted the cleanup at a total cost of \$2.1 billion.

The Environmental Protection Agency certified that cleanup work in the area was complete and the land has been deleted from the National Priorities List of environmental cleanup sites. The new land lies primarily in the northeast and central interior areas of the Arsenal. The acreage includes rolling prairie, a historic ditch built in the 1800s to irrigate farmland and land that was once part of a wagon trail that ex-

tended from Fort Morgan to Denver.

In the future, the Service will expand the tour route for its “Wild Ride” guided tours through the northern part of the site, allowing visitors to experience new sections of the Refuge. Additional nature and environmental education programs have been added and the Refuge is open six days a week (closed on Mondays).

Although the Refuge is expanding, the Army will permanently retain 1,000 acres that include landfills and consolidation areas that are not open to the public. The Army will provide long-term monitoring and maintenance of those areas to ensure the environmental cleanup remains fully protective of public health and the environment.

Groundwater treatment will continue until all water leaving the Arsenal meets federal and state standards. In addition, the Army will work with the EPA, Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment and Tri-County Health Department to complete a comprehensive evaluation of the cleanup every five years.

Information provided by the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Public Affairs Office



Take a Hike A Raptor's Quandry —

When my family and I embark on a road trip or my Nature Ranger students hop a ride on a school bus with me, I make it a practice to holler out to the passengers, “All eyes on nature,” right before we leave the curb, and then I press on the gas pedal. This friendly competition often pays good dividends. We have seen bushy tail fox kits emerge from storm drains in the Hilltop neighborhood, we’ve been downright amused by the high wire tightrope acts of squirrels crossing over the streets of Park Hill, and we even discovered huge stick Black-billed Magpie nests embedded in Ash trees throughout Lowry.

During a recent easterly drive along MLK Boulevard, my eagle-eyed family spotted a pair of dorsal hawks perched on top of the southern perimeter fence at the Bluff Lake Nature Preserve. Marko found his camera under the seat and I eased our minivan into a prime viewing location. With the passenger window down, Marko focused his camera on these



Two juvenile hawks sunning themselves along Havana Way near the Bluff Lake. Photos by Marko Babiak

raptors and began to fill up his memory chip. The birds did not flinch, nor were they the least bit skittish. We admired them for at least 30 minutes before we finally drove off. As I looked back at them in my rearview mirror, an uneasy feeling came over me. Was I witnessing the beginning of a cycle of wild birds acclimating to our bustling urban setting without realizing the consequences that may be waiting for them in the days ahead?

A couple times a year I requisition an owl, hawk or eagle to be displayed at a school function. These birds arrive from one of our Front Range bird rehabilitation centers along with a painful story of how the creature made its way to the facility. As we city folks encroach on wild habitats and wildlife adapts to us (for example songbirds coming to our backyard feeders), conflict, if not collision, occurs. Annually hundreds of birds of prey collide with cars, windows and power lines. Many die where the incident occurs, while

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others are recovered by a Good Samaritan, delivered to rehab centers and are nurtured back to near absolute health. Most never regain their ability to fly. They are used in environmental education outreach programs sponsored by the centers or loaned to licensed nature parks, refuges or preserves in our state for similar programming.

As excited as I get when I see a Great Horned Owl flying overhead at dusk through Stapleton or a Sharp-shinned Hawk hiding in a backyard Austrian pine tree ready to pounce on over-wintering House Sparrows, I have come to realize that this is a setup for a small natural disaster, with the bird being the victim of man-made circumstances. If only we could sway these animals to stay in their wild habitats. But then again, it is we humans who are making their habitats smaller and smaller by developing more and more land. The birds know no better, as they are creatures of adaptation. And sometimes they are so adaptive to their urban surroundings that it leads to their very own demise.

HGTV Selects Stapleton for 2011 Green Home Giveaway



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Construction status of the HGTV Green Home being built in Stapleton is shown above as of early September. The home will be the subject of an HGTV special program and the furnished home, along with a vehicle, will be given away in June 2011.

By Carol Roberts

HGTV will build its fourth HGTV Green Home in Stapleton. The 2,400-square-foot, custom-built “green” home now being built will be given away as part of the HGTV Green Home grand-prize package next spring.

HGTV Green Home offers an opportunity to display the latest products for the ever-evolving standards of sustainable living, according to Jack Thomasson, HGTV House Planner. The exterior of the Green Home has a modern prairie look and the interior features open spaces that flow together. The home is being constructed by Infinity Home Collection of Denver using construction and design elements that are known to contribute to an energy-efficient, cleaner and healthier living environment.

According to Emily Yarborough of HGTV, the home is expected to be completed in January and the hour-long HGTV special on the Green Home giveaway, which will in-

clude furnishings and a vehicle, will air several times in the spring.

Yarborough says last year there were over 17 million entries and anyone can enter the contest, which will be held between April 14 and June 2, 2011. Online entries are limited to one per person per day and there is no limit to the number of mailed entries that can be submitted. The winner will be announced in late June.

Yarborough explained that all the entries are placed in lots of approximately 60,000. Lot numbers get put on ping pong balls and in the final drawing a ping pong ball is selected, then an entry from that lot number gets picked at random. Mailed entries are stored in a warehouse and HGTV uses a computer program that allows them to make a random selection from the online entries. Last year more than 95 percent of the entries were online.

A video and more information about the home are available at HGTV.com/greenhome.



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Environmental Assessment Underway for MLK Extension from Havana to Peoria

The extension of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (MLK) from Havana Street east to Peoria Street and Fitzsimons Parkway has long been part of the Stapleton Development Plan. This project will connect Denver and the Stapleton community with the Fitzsimons redevelopment and Fitzsimons-Anschutz Medical Campus. The MLK extension will include a 4-lane, median-divided roadway and a wide, multiuse path for pedestrians and bicycles. This improvement is one of several planned routes that will provide pedestrians, cyclists, and trail users connectivity to the Sand Creek Regional Greenway.

Forest City has engaged consultants to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. The study is being performed to meet requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act making it eligible for Federal funding if available. While Federal funding assistance is not assured and there is currently no specific schedule for construction of the MLK extension, there is widespread support for the project. The regional nature of this project will create an important link between Denver and Aurora.

The EA is expected to be complete within the next few months, and will be reviewed by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Additional information will be published about the project as the EA advances.

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their counterparts in other countries.

Among Oprah's guests, on stage and in the audience, were the film's director Davis Guggenheim, Bill Gates, students who were featured in the movie, and representatives from six schools in the country that are serving students well. Two of the people in the audience (and later on stage), Bill Kurtz and Yesta Ealy, were there to represent DSST and receive "the surprise," a check for one million dollars to expand DSST's program to provide more students in Denver with a high-quality college preparatory education.

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Amendments to the Colorado Constitution
May be referred to the voters by a two-thirds vote of both houses of the General Assembly or may be proposed by citizens using the initiative process. Only the voters (not the legislature) can change the constitution. These proposals are called amendments.

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Amendments to the Revised Statutes
May be referred to the voters by a majority vote of both houses of the General Assembly or may be proposed by citizens using the initiative process. Although approved by voters, amendments to the Colorado Revised Statutes may subsequently be changed by the legislature. These proposals are called **propositions** and are changes to the statutes.

Local or regional issues may also be on the ballot for a vote of the citizens.

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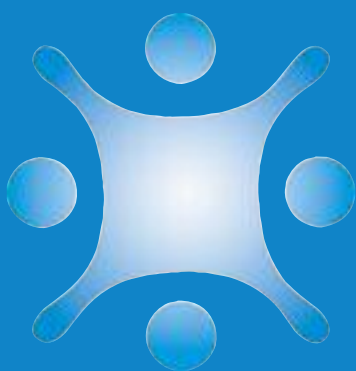
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November 2—General Election.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

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REFERENDA

AMENDMENT P
REGULATION OF GAMES OF CHANCE

A referred amendment to section 2, Article XVIII of the Colorado Constitution concerning the regulation of games of chance by an authority specified by the state legislature.

Major Provisions:

Transfers the licensing of games of chance such as bingo and raffles, from the Department of State to the Department of Revenue;

Allows the state legislature to change the department of oversight; and

Allows the state legislature to change the current minimum period of five years that a corporation or organization has been in existence with a dues-paying membership during the entire five years in order to qualify for a license.

Background:

Colorado law allows certain nonprofit charitable organizations to use bingo and raffles to raise money. Since 1958, the Department of State has regulated these games by issuing licenses, collecting fees, conducting inspections and imposing penalties. The Department of Revenue currently regulates casino gambling including licensing casinos and their employees, conducting audits, and approving casino gambling devices. It also operates the Colorado Lottery.

Those in favor say:

The Department of Revenue regulates most games of chance in the state and it has established a framework to monitor these activities. It makes sense to consolidate all such activities under one department to make it more efficient.

The last two Secretaries of State (i.e. Mike Coffman and Bernie Buescher) have recommended that these games of chance be moved to the Department of Revenue.

Those opposed say:

The Department of State has regulated bingo and raffles for over 50 years. The system has worked very well. There is no need to change it.

The state will have an estimated one-time cost of \$116,000 to move bingo and raffles to the Department of Revenue. This cost will be taken out of bingo and raffles' revenue, and thus decrease the amount of money that can be used for the nonprofits' charitable programs.

AMENDMENT Q
TEMPORARY LOCATION FOR THE STATE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT

A referred amendment to section 3, Article VIII of the Colorado Constitution establishing a process for moving the seat of government in a disaster emergency.

Major Provisions:

Creates a process for moving the state seat of government to a temporary location in case of a declared disaster emergency;

Allows the governor to declare a disaster emergency;

Creates a process for declaring the disaster emergency. The process must include a date for when the temporary location for seat of government expires. Allows the legislature to designate a temporary seat of government;

Defines a "disaster emergency" as the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage;

Defines a "state seat of government" as the location of the Colorado legislative, executive and judicial branches; and

Does not change the process for permanently moving the state seat of government.

Background:

The Colorado Constitution designates Denver as the state seat of government. Currently, the legislature is prohibited from moving the state seat of government out of Denver unless approved at a general election by a two-thirds

vote of the people. At this time, over two-thirds of other states have created a process to temporarily move their seats of government in case of an emergency.

Those in favor say:

Since the Colorado Constitution does not provide a process to temporarily move the state seat of government during a disaster emergency, this amendment will provide the legal authority and a process for the temporary movement of state government.

This proposal would enable state government officials to respond to a disaster emergency without requiring a statewide vote on whether to move the state seat of government.

Those opposed say:

The governor and legislature already have the power to address a declared disaster emergency. This proposal may be unnecessary.

AMENDMENT R
EXEMPT POSSESSORY INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY

A referred amendment to section 3, Article X of the Colorado Constitution eliminating property taxes for an individual or business who receives a private benefit worth \$6000 or less from using government owned real property.

Major Provisions:

Eliminates property tax for businesses or individuals who receive a benefit worth \$6000 or less from the use of government owned real property; and

Adjusts the threshold of the exemption for inflation.

Background:

Governments don't pay property tax on the property they own. However, under current law, if the government allows a private individual or business to use the property to make money; the value of that lease, permit, license, concession or other agreement to use the public property is subject to property tax as a possessory interest. Ranchers whose cattle graze on public lands; rafting companies who use public waterways; and private concession-



aires who operate hotels, restaurants, ski resorts or airports on public property are examples of private individuals and entities who hold taxable possessory interests.

While a ski resort, hotel or airport operator may have a valuable possessory interest and, therefore, may pay significant property tax to the Colorado counties in which they operate, this is not the norm. Most possessory interests in Colorado are leases of agricultural land with an average value of only \$51, generating a tax of about \$1, depending on local rates. Starting in 2012, those agricultural leases and other possessory interests that have a market value of \$6000 or less would be exempted from Colorado property tax if this proposed amendment to the Colorado Constitution is adopted. This \$6000 threshold would be increased every two years to account for inflation.

Those in favor say:

This proposal would help Colorado counties avoid spending more money than they collect for very small tax payments. For example, a lease to graze cattle on public agricultural property valued at \$6000 may result in a property tax of only \$121 (depending on local tax rates). The county in which the lease is located must further share that \$121 with local school districts, special districts, municipal governments and junior colleges. The cost of administering, collecting and enforcing that tax often exceeds the amount of tax collected.

Those opposed say:

This provision would undermine the Colorado Constitution's requirement that taxes be charged uniformly for all taxpayers. The fact that a tax bill is very small is not a valid reason to carve out an exception to that important principle. Amendment R would unfairly benefit some users of public lands and waterways, and would increase (however minimally) the cost of local government services for other taxpayers.

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CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES

AMENDMENT 60 PROPERTY TAXES

An initiated amendment to section 20, Article X of the Colorado Constitution concerning property tax.

Major Provisions:

Directs the state to annually audit and enforce all property tax requirements enacted here. This amendment supersedes conflicting laws, opinions, and constitutional provisions and shall be interpreted to favor the taxpayer;

Allows Colorado property owners to vote on property tax issues wherever they own real property;

Directs all governmental districts to allow petitions to lower property taxes;

Requires that all property tax elections be held in November and be separated from debt issues;

Requires enterprises and authorities to pay property taxes. Lower local tax rates will offset the increase in revenue;

Forbids enterprises and nonelected boards from levying mandatory fees or taxes on property;

Requires that future property tax rate increases expire within 10 years;

Directs that an extension of expiring property tax rates is a tax increase;

Repeals prior actions to keep excess property tax revenue. All future actions expire within 4 years;

Requires non-college school districts to phase out half of their 2011 property tax rate that doesn't pay debt by 2020. State aid shall replace reduced revenue yearly; and

Repeals all voter approved property tax increases, extensions and abatements which occurred after 1992.

Background:

Currently in Colorado, individuals and businesses pay property tax on the value of their land, homes, buildings, and business equipment. This money goes to counties, cities, schools and special districts, with school districts and counties receiving most of the money.

Local governments pay for police and fire departments, roads,

water systems, parks, libraries and hospitals with property tax revenue. Most schools receive about 37% of their funding from property taxes. However, in some school districts the percentage is much higher, up to 77%, while in others, the percentage is as low as 5%.

At this time, yearly property tax collections by local governments are limited by the constitution. Voter approval is required to increase property tax rates or retain revenue beyond constitutional limits.

Enterprises such as the University of Colorado, DIA, municipal airports, many county landfills, and the Division of Wildlife do not currently pay property taxes.

Currently, property owners may vote only in special district elections wherever they own property regardless of their primary place of residence.

Those in favor say:

This proposal lets citizens petition for lower property taxes, and vote on property tax issues wherever they own property. It allows citizens more control of their local governments. It prevents taxation by non-elected boards (e.g. Denver Water Board and other boards). The proposal ends specified property taxes that violate state voter approval laws.

It taxes government-owned businesses to broaden the tax base, using the new money to lower everyone's property tax rates and to reduce unfair government competition with private businesses. Reduction of property taxes could allow private businesses to devote more of their income to expanding their companies.

This proposal lowers property taxes by phasing out part of school property taxes over 10 years, replacing the eliminated tax with state aid. State replacement is guaranteed by both existing state law and this proposal. It means no net revenue change to schools.

Property taxes have soared since tax limits passed in 1992 and are spiraling out of control. Senior citizen property taxes doubled this year. Property taxes hurt fixed-income homeowners most. Tenants and consumers pay property taxes with higher rents and higher prices. Lower taxes will strengthen the economy and create jobs.

Those opposed say:

In hundreds of elections across the state since 1992, voters approved increases for local spending for towns, schools, counties and special districts. All of these would be overturned. Local control and accountability are usurped by restricting community support and management of budgets.

This proposal would have a devastating impact on schools, libraries,

recreation centers, police departments, fire departments and other vital local services. Virtually all local governments will see reductions in property tax revenues. School districts will lose significant property tax revenue over 10 years.

Approval of this amendment will result in fewer teachers and larger classes. The required backfilling for lost revenues would shift more school funding to the state, and other state departments would suffer as a result.

Requiring enterprises and authorities to pay property taxes on land and equipment would likely create new tax obligations which would be passed on to rate-payers. It could include higher rates for hunters and anglers from the Division of Wildlife, increased tuition for higher education students and their families from colleges and universities, and increased rates for all users of water and waste services from local water authorities and landfills.

AMENDMENT 61 LIMITS STATE AND LOCAL BORROWING

An initiated amendment to section 3, Article XI of the Colorado Constitution, which denies or limits debt in any form for state and local governments.

Major Provisions:

Bans the state from incurring any debt by loans in any form;

Forbids the state and all its enterprises, authorities, and other state political entities from borrowing, directly or indirectly, money or other items of value for any reason or period of time after 2010. Borrowing includes general obligation bonds, certificates of participation, revenue bonds, tax anticipation notes, and borrowing by "any other name";

Allows local districts, enterprises, and authorities to borrow only after voter approval in a November election. Bonded debt must be repaid within ten years and the total cannot exceed ten percent of assessed taxable value of real property in its jurisdiction; and

Requires all current debt must be repaid by its original due date and taxes must be reduced by the amount of the payments even if the payments did not come from tax revenues, i.e. payments were made from user fees.

Background:

Colorado's original constitution in 1876 held that the state should be debt free and "shall not contract any debt by loan in any form". The advent of the automobile and the expansion of industry combined with the demands of WWI and WWII created the need for roads, bridges, schools and many other government services. Bonded debt became an option for financing the long term capital projects (constructing roads, bridges, buildings, etc.) that state and local governments needed to build and maintain. Today, state and local governments use both long and short term debt for financing capital projects as well as for smoothing out the revenue stream created by tax collection.

Those in favor say:

This proposal reaffirms the meaning of the 1876 constitutional ban on state debt. It encourages fiscal restraint by requiring a pay-as-you-go spending plan. It reduces the tax burden on our children, who must repay our current government overspending.

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ernment debt. Local governments may still borrow after voter approval. All existing debts must be paid.

Borrowing is the same as spending money one does not have. Government must set budget priorities and limit borrowing. Current economic problems were caused by excessive debt. Too much borrowing jeopardizes a government's financial ability to pay for services and to repay its debts.

Those opposed say:

This proposal practically eliminates Colorado's ability to build or expand any of its capital infrastructure such as schools, roads, hospitals, college buildings, light rail, water and sewer systems, and prisons until they can be paid for in cash.

Borrowing to pay for critical infrastructure needs is not bad; it is a sensible financial tool that enables businesses, families, and governments to invest in the future. Not allowing borrowing would be similar to a family buying a house without a mortgage.

This amendment will collapse Colorado's economy, create loss of public and private sector jobs, and drive investment elsewhere.

**AMENDMENT 62
APPLICATION OF THE
DEFINITION OF PERSON**

An initiated amendment to Article II of the Colorado Constitution, adding a new section defining the term "person" to include every human being from the beginning of biological development of that human being. The new section will use the definition of person in sections 3, 6, and 25 of Article II.

Major Provisions:

Defines a person as a human being from the beginning of the biological development of that human being;

Makes the definition of "person" applicable to the sections of the Colorado Constitution that relate to protecting the rights of all persons in the following ways:

ensures full rights to life, liberty, and property; allows open access to courts for every person; and

protects a person by ensuring due process of law; and

Does not define "biological development".

Background:

Colorado's Constitution guarantees a person inalienable rights, equality of justice and due process of the law.

Section 3 grants inalienable rights to all persons. These rights are those which are innate to all – the right to live, to be happy, to be free, to own property and to be safe. These rights can only be limited by the government to protect the public.

Section 6 opens the Colorado courts to all persons regardless of their individual ability to pay.

Section 25 grants due process of the law to all persons. Due process obligates the government to establish and carry out uniform procedures before an individual's rights can be removed. Current practice applies these constitutional provisions to persons who have been born. The Colorado Constitution does not include a definition for 'person'.

Those in favor say:

All persons are created at the beginning of biological development, and, whether born or unborn, deserve equal rights and protections under the law.

By defining a human being in the Colorado Bill of Rights as a person from the time of biological development, this measure could establish the legal foundation to end the practice of abortion in Colorado.

Because the term "person" is not currently defined in the Colorado constitution, rights have been inconsistently applied to the born and unborn. This proposal ensures that all persons in Colorado would receive equal rights granted by the constitution.

Those opposed say:

This amendment could limit a woman's health care options in many ways including: prohibiting abortions, even for victims of rape or incest, or when a woman's life is endangered by the pregnancy; making emergency contraception and commonly used forms of birth control unavailable; restricting treatment for miscarriages, tubal pregnancies, and infertility; and restricting some stem cell research which could affect all Americans.

This measure is a clear and extreme violation of privacy of the medical relationship between a woman and her doctor.



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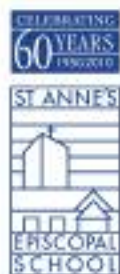
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The amendment would be a legal nightmare because it could impact literally thousands of laws. It could clog our courts with lawsuits about property rights, inheritance issues, etc.

AMENDMENT 63 HEALTH CARE CHOICE

An initiated amendment to Article II of the Colorado Constitution, adding a new section prohibiting the state, at the request of the United States government, from requiring a person to participate in a public or private health insurance plan.

Major Provisions:

Makes health care choice a constitutional right;
Forbids the state from adopting or enforcing any policy that requires a person to join a health insurance program;
Preserves one's right to make direct payments to a doctor for health care services;
Allows doctors to receive direct payment for such services (fee-for-service);
Prohibits state tax dollars from being used to enforce any law that requires a person to join a health plan; and
Exempts the following health care programs:
Worker's compensation and similar plans regulating health care;
Medicare and Medicaid plans;
Any public plan the state offers if the plan is approved by voters; and
Mandatory emergency care provided by hospitals and other health care providers.

Background:

This year the United States Congress passed a health care bill that requires all citizens to participate in a health care plan, either private or public, by 2014. A person will have the right to participate in a health plan of his/her choice, but a health plan will be required. This includes members of Congress and their staffs.

This health plan may be provided by one's workplace. Employers with over 50 employees may decide to offer their own health care plans. A \$2000 penalty per employee will be imposed for those large employers who do not offer a plan. If an employer with fewer than 50 employees offers a health care plan, that company would receive a tax credit for doing so. Otherwise, individuals would have to obtain a health care plan on their own. The government will subsidize the individual's plan on a graduated scale. For a family of four with an income of \$78,000-\$90,000, the government subsidy would be 35%. The subsidy increases to 95% for incomes of \$30,000 or less. The penalty for not joining a program would be \$95 a year or 1% of one's income, whichever is higher. Exemptions are given for financial hardship or religious beliefs.

Medicare and Medicaid plans will remain with few changes; most changes affect providers and how they are paid. Health care providers and hospitals would still be required to provide emergency medical care. Insurance companies would be required to service all **citizens** regardless of pre-existing conditions and they would not be able to set annual caps on reimbursement payments.

Those in favor say:

This proposal leaves decisions regarding health care to each person. Individuals should have the right to pay for the health care they want and to choose that care which they feel is appropriate for their needs. This amendment preserves voluntary participation. This proposal retains the fee-for-service choice. If the fee-for-service choice is abolished, many people will be unable to get the health care they need.

If the new federal health care law is declared unconstitutional, the federal

government will pressure the states to pass laws limiting health care choices. This proposal would help state officials resist federal government demands.

Those opposed say:

This proposal may mislead voters into thinking that they can avoid participating in federal health care requirements. However, a state constitutional amendment cannot supersede a federal law. If passed, this initiative will certainly wind up in federal court, which will cost Colorado taxpayers money to argue the case. Nothing in the federal plan forbids fee-for-service. In fact, Colorado has no law preventing people from paying directly for health care.

The federal health care act provides exemptions for those who have financial hardships and for those who have religious beliefs against receiving health care.

STATUTORY INITIATIVES

PROPOSITION 101 INCOME, VEHICLE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAXES/FEES

An initiated amendment to the Colorado Revised Statutes, title 39, article 25 concerning limits on government charges.

Major Provisions:

Reduces or eliminates in the next four years, taxes and fees on the purchase, lease, rental and registration of vehicles;

Reduces the specific ownership tax to \$2 for new vehicles and \$1 for used vehicles. All registration, license, and title charges combined shall total \$10 yearly per vehicle;

Reduces the state income tax rate from 4.63% to 4.5% in 2011, and eventually to 3.5%;

Redefines vehicle fees and telecommunication fees as taxes, thus requiring voter approval in the future to create or increase fees on vehicle purchases, registrations and rentals, or to increase telecommunication fees; and

Eliminates all fees/taxes on telecommunication services, except 911 fees, which vary from county to county. 911 fees must be a frozen at 2009 rates.

Background:

Currently, the state government collects income tax from individuals and businesses. This tax is the primary funding source for the state government.

When a person purchases a new or used vehicle, state and county sales taxes are assessed. Vehicle registration fees are based on the weight, age, and value of the vehicle which is being registered. Fees are used primarily for roads and bridges, but a portion goes to the Colorado State patrol, to snow plowing and to emergency medical services.

At this time, counties collect a specific ownership tax which is based on the age of the vehicle. The tax declines over time as the vehicle gets older. Revenue from this tax is distributed to each county's schools, cities and special districts. The specific ownership tax is collected when the car is registered – whether the vehicle is owned or leased.

At this time, state and local sales taxes are collected from users of telecommunication services. The state collects fees to provide phone access to rural portions of the state and to assist the deaf, the blind and low income people. Local fees may include television franchise fees. There are also 911 fees which vary by county.

Currently the establishment or increase of vehicle or telecommunication fees does not require voter approval.

Those in favor say:

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without voter approval. This proposal would reduce vehicle sales taxes and ownership taxes over four years. The proposal greatly reduces tax complexity and paperwork. A better, fairer, simpler tax system creates a stronger economy with more jobs.



Colorado taxes are regressive. The impact is proportionately greater for low-income people than for those with higher incomes. This proposal reduces that unfairness by lowering taxes on basic needs such as vehicles and phones. The financial relief provided by this proposal benefits most those who have the least.

This proposal reverses recent illegal, excessive registration increases, and sets that fee at \$10 per vehicle for everyone. The average is now over \$80 and only \$4 goes to processing costs. School revenue is unaffected because existing law requires full state replacement of changes in car ownership tax revenue.

Government is losing millions yearly when it subsidizes phone service for ineligible welfare recipients. Except for 911 charges, this proposal would end state and local taxes on phones, cable, internet, etc.

Those opposed say:

A quarter of the state's revenue from income tax would be eliminated at a time when the state budget has been severely reduced by the recession. Funding for services including roads and schools would be impacted with no regard for the actual cost.

The strength of both the state and local governments will be undermined by slashing revenue. This proposal weakens the government's ability to provide services necessary for economic recovery and growth. Job loss could reach an estimated 73,000 workers.

It will reduce transportation investment by hundreds of millions of dollars. The amount of the car registration fee would revert back to the 1919 level when the state had far fewer paved roads. Most of this revenue supports the maintenance and building of roads and bridges throughout the state. All taxes on rental vehicles, that are often paid by tourists, will be eliminated.

Telecommunication fees which help provide services to rural areas and lower-income and disabled populations will be significantly reduced.

**PROPOSITION 102
CRITERIA FOR SETTING BAIL AND TYPE OF BOND**

An initiated amendment to the Colorado Revised Statutes requiring that only defendants arrested for a first offense, non-violent misdemeanor may be recommended for release or actually released to a pretrial services program's supervision in lieu of a cash, property or professional surety bond.

Major Provisions:

Allows the release of a defendant by a judge to a pretrial services program on an unsecured (no money or property) bond. The charge must be the defendant's first offense, and the offense must be a nonviolent misdemeanor. In all other cases, the judge must order that the defendant pay a secured bond in order to be released; and

Lists pretrial services that may be used.

Background:

In most cases, an individual who has been arrested for a crime is guaranteed by the constitution the right to reasonable bail. The court sets the amount of bail that the accused must pay to be released from jail. If the accused fails to appear in court, the bail is forfeited to the court. The court may allow a defendant to pay his bail with cash, property, or the aid of a bail bondsman (surety). A defendant may also be released on a personal recognizance bond (a promise to return to court for trial). Judges may also release a defendant to a pretrial services program. These programs assess the accused and determine the risk to the community and the likelihood that the accused will return for trial. Some programs also provide services to the accused within the community, such as alcohol/drug treatment and/or testing and monitoring. Failure to comply with the requirements of the program could result in the defendant being returned to jail. At this time, ten counties in Colorado offer pretrial service programs.

Those in favor say:

Defendants who receive only pretrial services without paying a secured bond are more likely to skip their court dates. Requiring defendants to post a secured bond provides a financial incentive to appear in court.

The private bail sector ensures that defendants appear in court at no cost to the taxpayers.

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Those opposed say:

This proposal will leave those defendants who cannot afford a secured bond with no other option but to remain in jail awaiting trial.

Placing more defendants in jail pending trial instead of in pretrial services programs will increase the cost to taxpayers.



INITIATIVE 300 EXTRATERRESTRIAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

An initiated Ordinance in the City and County of Denver requiring the creation of an extraterrestrial affairs commission to help ensure the health, safety, and cultural awareness of Denver residents and visitors in relation to potential encounters or interaction with extraterrestrial intelligent beings or their vehicles and fund such commission from grants, gifts and donations.

MAJOR PROVISIONS:

Obtains and provides the most accurate, complete, credible and relevant information available to city government personnel and residents about extraterrestrial intelligent beings on earth.

Assists residents in reporting sightings and refers them to the proper and appropriate public /private service agencies.

Develops protocols for peaceful and diplomatic contact with extraterrestrial beings in the event of contact.

Requires that funding for the Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission comes entirely from grants, gifts and donations.

Commission consists of seven regular volunteer members approved by the mayor who shall give preference to four residents of Denver. Each approved member must be a knowledgeable expert in some area related to extraterrestrial intelligent beings or their vehicles.

Those in favor say:

Since 2001, the Disclosure Project, a non-profit research project, has interviewed over 400 military officers, government officials, astronauts and pilots who collectively have affirmed the government's cover-up of extraterrestrial visitors and their advanced technologies.

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There is no risk since the Denver City Council can repeal the ETA Commission ordinance after six months.

Pro Website: www.extracampaign.org

Those Opposed Say:

- Supporters promote belief in extraterrestrial visitations based on stories, not hard evidence. The Denver City government should not be used as a platform to promote a belief system.
- Supporters provide no guarantee that grants, gifts, and donations will actually be forthcoming to avoid a taxpayer cost.
- Because there are no standard criteria in "knowledge of extraterrestrials," the Mayor would have no objective basis for evaluating applicants' credentials for appointment to the commission.
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I have also worked to make our ballot clearer by passing a law that requires differentiation between constitutional amendments and statutory changes. I think you want to know when you're being asked to make a change to our state's constitution.

As I campaign again asking for your vote, I continue to reject Special Interest Political Action Committee contributions. I DO NOT accept PAC money so I am accountable ONLY to my constituents. I pledge to continue to work to represent you well. I know we won't always agree, but I will always try to be available to you.

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Joshua Sharf, REP

I'm asking for your vote to represent you in our State House of Representatives because the issues that we are facing as a state call out for new, energetic representation in the state capitol, not the same, tired, government-centric ideas that have dominated our thinking for the last two years.

You have been making tough choices right through this recession, now it's time for our state government to begin making its own choices. Colorado has shed 160,000 private-sector jobs, but our state government has been expanding. The voters of HD6 are adults, and understand that we simply cannot afford to continue spending at this rate.

We cannot continue to raise taxes on people who have been out of work for the better part of a year. We can, and must, establish a stable regulatory and taxation environment for the entrepreneurs and small business owners, like those in Lowry and Cherry Creek, who create the jobs in our economy.

I have spent my entire career in the private sector, and hold an MBA and an MS Finance from the University of Denver. My priorities are your priorities, and I have the education and experience to make them our state government's priorities.

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State House District 7



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Since I have accepted no money from any special interests, when I enter the State House I will owe no favors. My sole purpose is to bring “true” representation back to the people of HD 7 and ensure that their voice is at the forefront of the state legislature.

With my business background I will work not only to bring efficiency to our state government but also to change the way things get done. Rest assured I am not naive in knowing that this is a very large order but I am willing to take it on with all diligence. I will approach my duties with the utmost guardianship. My only vested interest is the welfare of my community and concern for my home state.

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Angela Williams, DEM

It is time for some real-world experience and business savvy in the legislature. I have been in the trenches – worked in the corporate world, been through a layoff, started my own business and raised my son as a single mom.

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good government has in the promotion of a healthy and vibrant community. It means good education for our future workforce, those headed for college and those headed for vocational training. It means good health care, for working families, children and seniors, to enable a high quality of life.

There are some who believe that slashing and burning our ability to maintain our infrastructure, on which a good economy depends, and gutting school funding on which a highly educated workforce is prepared, is the way to stimulate job growth. This is utter nonsense. Good government means a good economy. Through good and effective government, we build the kind of community that provides the fertile ground for civic and business growth. This is what I believe and this is what I will work for. I will bring the small business perspective that is needed under the gold dome. I ask for your vote.

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State House District 8



Beth McCann, DEM

I currently represent HD 8. I work hard to pass sensible legislation that is responsive to my constituents. Some of my priorities are:

1) Implementation of the National Health Care Act – We need to ensure that Colorado implements the complex provisions of national health care reform in a sensible and efficient manner. The Colorado insurance exchange must ensure that insurance companies provide affordable and easily understood policies that will be readily available.

2) Funding for Higher Education - I am a member of the legislative advisory panel for the Higher Education Commission which is exploring ways to ensure access to quality affordable higher education in Colorado including community colleges.

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Thérèse-Marie O'Sullivan, REP

People are not being listened to by the career politicians—we want less government intrusion into our lives. I wish to be the articulate voice of the people of HD 8. My platform is based on Less

government with a commitment to reigning in government interference in practically every aspect of our lives. I am a fiscal conservative, responsible and prudent when it comes to allocating money and will work diligently to prioritize spending and eliminate wasteful, poorly managed or redundant programs. I am not intimidated by scare tactics and fear-mongers. I will challenge the status quo to find solutions that best serve the people.

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House District 8 *(continued)*

Beth McCann, DEM *(continued from p.19)*

3) K-12 Education – Public education and public safety are the highest priorities for state governments. We have made good progress increasing our high school graduation rate in Colorado but we have a long way to go.

4) Criminal Justice Reform – We don't need more people in prison for non-violent offenses. We need more options for treatment and intensive supervision for those convicted of non-violent crimes.

5) Budget issues – We have a balanced budget but must consider further cuts in tax exemptions/credits to continue to provide vital services.

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Thérèse-Marie O'Sullivan, REP

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Our state needs to regain its business-friendly (read Low Taxes) reputation in order to generate new wealth, prosperity and financial independence. Continuing along the current path of more bureaucracy, more spending and higher taxes, we encourage more people and businesses to move—leaving our State bankrupt and impoverished.

I am Irish-Catholic and hail from Chicago. Hablo español (al menos, puedo hacerme entendido). I've owned Cherry Creek Résumé Service since 1989 and live in Park Hill with 2 cats, Salvador and Lucy.

Thank you and I hope to win your trust, confidence, and VOTE!

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Senate District 33



Mike Johnston, DEM

I am honored to be running for reelection as the state senator here in Northeast Denver. I was elected a year ago on my plan to improve the quality of our K-12 education system, help build and preserve jobs in Denver and across the state, and continue to spur Colorado's long

term economic and environmental health by supporting Colorado's place as a renewable energy leader. I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish in one short year, securing construction of a new school in Stapleton and passing several landmark education bills, welcoming SMA-the world's largest producer of solar inverters-right here to Northeast Denver where they will create 300 high paying jobs, and creating up to 30,000 additional new jobs in the green energy sector across Colorado while increasing air quality on the front range by converting some of the state's oldest and dirtiest coal fired plants to natural gas. I have also opened a community office right here in Park Hill that has become a bustling community resource hosting service events, neighborhood art shows, and attracting Governors, U.S. Senators and Nobel Peace Prize winners to support local organizations. I'd be honored to have your support.

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Lisa Ringle, REP

Candidate did not send a statement.



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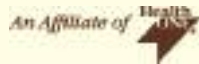
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RTD District B



Melvin Bush

RTD faces many challenges that require fresh ideas and positive solutions. The economy has crippled the FasTracks program and the combination of fare increases and service cuts threaten our ability to

provide affordable public transportation to those who need it most.

As your representative on the RTD Board, I will:

- Work to complete FasTracks as quickly and efficiently as possible
- Focus on the economic development, job creation and work force development opportunities of the FasTracks program
- Seek to improve mobility options within District B and across the metro-area
- Promote sustainability and environmental stewardship

My community involvement is extensive. I am a graduate of the Transit Alliance's Transit Academy and the Chamber's Leadership Denver program. I have served on the FasTracks Citizens Advisory Committee since its inception six years ago, including two-years as co-chair. Now I would like to put my experience to work for you on the RTD Board.

Finally, I am immensely humbled to be endorsed by many leaders of our party including former Mayor Wellington Webb, former State Representative Wilma Webb, RTD Board member Chris Martinez, Councilman Michael Hancock, Democratic nominee for House District 7 Angela Williams and Denver Auditor Dennis Gallagher.

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Barbara Deadwyler

I have lived in District B for more than thirty years. We have more than 15 different communities in our district, all with unique needs and concerns. I will be the voice for the communities I serve and

will work hard for each community. With our changing demographics, I will ensure adequate services are available for all generations. I will work to promote a program that would encourage commuters to leave their vehicles at home which will help protect our environment. I will ensure adequate security is provided so our commuters feel safe, and ensure RTD properties are properly maintained. I will engage community organizations and

associations to problem solve their community public transportation needs, hear and pilot those ideas with cost effective solutions. I will investigate why RTD is losing ridership, work to rebuild public confidence to regain and increase usage to generate additional revenue. I will work to ensure commuter rails for the East Corridor in District B is completed on time and on budget. I believe if we listen to what people are trying to tell us and change how we do things, we can have the best transportation system in the country.
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Miller Hudson

Looking ahead, economic growth will be strongest in those metropolitan areas currently investing in transit. That's why it is critically important for RTD to complete the

FasTracks system proposed to voters. Not only is this fair to our northern neighbors, who are paying taxes for a plan that promised them service, but the value of FasTracks will be diminished if we fail to link the entire region together.

Those of us living in District B need to closely monitor the deployment of the Air-Train. Without adequate roadway improvements, sufficient parking and thoughtful station development this project could disrupt our existing neighborhoods. Once completed, bus service will be reconfigured to feed passengers onto the rail line. This should be done in a way that maintains the frequency of existing local and express routes.

As an original co-sponsor of the citizens' initiative creating an elected RTD Board, I remain a believer in the importance of providing a community voice in our transportation decisions. We are closer to accommodating the more crowded Colorado awaiting us because of that public voice. With your votes I can bring three decades of Front Range transit planning experience to representing District B. Thank you.

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Park Creek Metro District Resolution Advocates
Voter Opposition to Amendments 60, 61 and 101

WHEREAS, the Park Creek Metropolitan District ("District") is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado and a duly organized and existing special district pursuant to Title 32, Colorado Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, if Amendment 60, Amendment 61 and/or Proposition 101 pass, the District will suffer substantial revenue reductions, and the District's ability to function effectively and provide the most basic level of service will be impaired; and

WHEREAS, if Amendment 60 passes, the District's property tax revenues will be cut substantially and, as a result, the District will be forced to eliminate or reduce maintenance and irrigation of in-tract parks, mosquito control within open space areas, maintenance and irrigation of street medians owned by the District and the City and County of Denver, and similar programs and services in the future; and

WHEREAS, if Amendment 61 passes, large projects will likely become unaffordable for the District, because Amendment 61 requires bonds to be paid off within 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative and destructive nature of Amendment 60, Amendment 61 and Proposition 101 would encourage existing businesses to leave Colorado and deter prospective businesses from locating in Colorado, which would result in substantial job losses, a decline in property values, and erosion of the State and local tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act authorizes special districts to adopt resolutions of support or opposition to ballot issues, and it is the desire of the Board of Directors ("Board") of the District to express its unanimous opposition to Amendment 60, Amendment 61 and Proposition 101; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Park Creek Metropolitan District that the Board hereby expresses its strongest possible opposition to Amendment 60, Amendment 61 and Proposition 101; and further the voters of the District are encouraged to vote "NO" on Amendment 60, Amendment 61 and Proposition 101 at the November 2, 2010 General Election.



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Test Drive the State Budget

By Jon Meredith

Most Coloradans have an idea of what they would like to do with the state budget if they were in charge. Some residents want to cut taxes because there is waste, others want more money for education or healthcare, still others feel a need to lock more people up to keep us safe. Now, there is a terrific new website that actually lets you test drive the budget and view the legalities, consequences and most importantly, the harsh realities of tax cutting and spending decisions.

Maybe, your lefty neighbor thinks it is a good idea to raise taxes to support a reasonable cause such as pre-K schools; you can show him how the Tabor amendment will not allow the legislature to do so without a statewide vote in an even election year. A right wing politician might want to cut spending 10% across the board, you can see how that will affect the budget and whether that approach is at all realistic and in fact constitutional.

Chris Adams, a Stapleton resident and Brenda Morrison, a Park Hillian, have co-created the site Colorado Backseat Budgeter, www.backseatbudgeter.com, in conjunction with Colorado State University's Bighorn Leadership Development Program and with the help of a grant provided by the Colorado

Health Foundation. The site enables the user to plug in various budget scenarios and see firsthand its effects on the budget. It incorporates the same restrictions facing

legislators such as TABOR, the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights and Amendment 23. If a budget you develop breaks one of these laws you are warned by the program that voter approval is necessary to proceed.

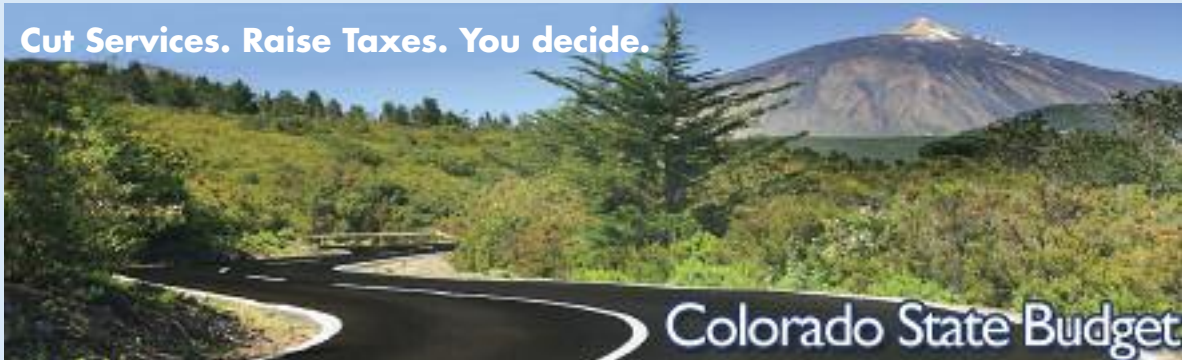
The project in intended solely to educate voters and promote informed dialogue on the choices they are being asked to make at the polls. It is well worth the time to find out exactly what some amendments on this year's ballot will do to the state budget. It is also worthwhile to check and see the ramifications and accuracy of political promises.

Go to the site and find out for yourself that, if Amendment 60 passes, almost all of the state budget will be required to go to K-12 education causing severe cuts or the elimination of most other services. Find out what will happen if Amendment 61 passes, which will inhibit local government from



Chris Adams

Cut Services. Raise Taxes. You decide.



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borrowing. Proposition 101 reduces or eliminates income taxes, vehicle registration fees and telecommunication taxes. Sounds like a great way to put more money in people's pockets but it virtually eliminates any funds to repair or build roads.

Adams says the site is "a way for people to see exactly where their tax dollars are going in 10 minutes or less." Moreover, it gives the average Coloradan the ability to make informed decisions about electoral choices which tend to be influenced by radio and television advertisements rather than sound facts. Morrison believes that Back Seat Budgeter encourages voters to be

"accountable to themselves, so that they can make well-informed choices."

The state constitution allows individuals or groups to place an amendment on the

ballot once they have a certain limited number of registered voters sign an initiative. Many times the real impact and consequences of passing such measures are not known to voters. With

this website, available free of charge, it is almost a voter's civic duty to go to it and find out themselves exactly what the consequences of their vote will have on our state. Finally, it can hold politicians accountable for their campaign rhetoric by allowing voters to immediately see for themselves the cost and reality of campaign promises.

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North Denver's Tennyson Artwalk. Tennyson St. and 44th Ave. www.denverartwalk.squarespace.com

Cherry Creek Arts District. www.cherrycreeknorth.com

Through 10/7- Richard Stephenson: Art Exhibit. O'Sullivan Art Gallery at Regis University. 303.964.3634, academic.regis.edu/osullivan

Through 10/27- The Spirit of Peru. FREE art exhibit of Peruvian Artist Carlos Palma and others. Art Students League of Denver, 200 Grant St. www.asld.org/events.

10/2 Saturday to 10/31 Sunday- Art Exhibition Contemporary Painters. Translations Gallery, 1743 Wazee St. 303.629.0713, www.translations-gallery.com

10/2 and 10/9 Saturdays- FREE Learn to Compost classes. Offered by Denver Recycles. 10/2 is Worm Workshop about worm composting techniques. Registration required, 720.865.6810 or www.denvergov.org/DenverRecycles

10/04 Monday- Blessing of the Animals. 10:30–11:30am. Bring 4-legged friends to Dumb Friends League, 2080 S Quebec St. for brief ceremony held in Sheilagh R. Malo Pet Memorial Garden. FREE. RSVP: 303.751.5772 x7081. 303.751.5772 x1378, www.ddfl.org

10/9 Saturday- Booklovers Ball. Cocktails, dinner, dancing at library to raise funds for library programs. www.dplfriends.org for tickets/info.

10/15 Friday to 10/17 Sunday- Junior League Holiday Mart. Denver Merchandise Mart, I-25 and 58th Ave. www.jld.org

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HARVEST FESTIVALS AND HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Through 10/31- Anderson Farms Fall Fest. Pumpkin patch, corn maze, barrel train and more. 6728 County Rd 3¼, Erie. www.andersonfarms.com

Through 10/31- Cottonwood Farms. Straw bale maze, 1.5-acre corn maze, pumpkin patch, farm animals, wagon rides (\$3); admission free. 75th and Arapahoe, Boulder. www.cottonwoodfarms.com

Through 10/31- Rock Creek Farm. U-pick-'em pumpkin patch, straw bale maze, corn maze with 5 miles of paths, farm animals. Admission free. 2005 S 112th St, Broomfield. www.rockcreekfarm.com

Saturdays in October- Berry Patch Farms Country Harvest Days. Pumpkin patch and straw bale maze, tractor rides, organic farm market. 13785 Potomac St, Brighton. www.berry-patchfarms.com

10/2 Saturday to 10/31 Sunday- May Farms Harvest Festival. Corn maze, hayrides, barrel rides, barnyard and pumpkin canon included in admission (\$5–\$12). Pumpkins sold separately. 64001 E Hwy 36, Byers. www.mayfarms.com

Saturdays and Sundays in October- Sunflower Farms Kids Farmfest. Pony rides, collect eggs, farm animals and more for \$6 admission. Closed 10/31; open November Sundays. 11150 Prospect Rd, Longmont. www.sunflowerfarminfo.com

Saturdays and Sundays in October- Mazzotti Farms Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch. Giant slide, petting zoo, tipi, fun farm activities; call for schedule and pricing. 303.536.4089. 24120 Weld County Rd 8, Hudson. www.mazzottifarms.com

Saturdays and Sundays in October- Rocky Mountain Pumpkin Ranch Pumpkin Festival. Hay bale maze, corn maze, petting zoo, pony rides. 9057 Ute Hwy/CO 66 Longmont. Rockymtnpumpkinranch.com

10/9 Saturday and 10/10 Sunday- Denver Botanic Gardens Pumpkin Festival. Barrel

train rides, kids activities, pumpkin patch, corn maze (through 10/31); prices vary. Botanic Gardens at Chatfield, 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. www.botanicgardens.org

10/9 Saturday- Jack-O-Launch at Pumpkin-Fest. Pumpkin launching, hayrides, pumpkin patch, music and kids activities. 9am–4pm. Historic Delaney Farm, 170 S Chambers Rd. FREE. www.auroragov.org

Through 10/31- Crazy Cornfield Maze. Pumpkin patch, kids' activities, barrel rides corn maze, mini corn maze. SE corner 104th Ave and Riverdale Rd, Thornton. www.crazycornfieldmaze.com

10/29 Friday to 10/3 Sunday- Boo at the Zoo. Trick or treat stations, animal demos, family-friendly entertainment. www.denverzoo.org

10/29 Friday to 10/31 Sunday- Trick or Treat Street at The Children's Museum. Trick or treat stations, Halloween activities, entertainment included in museum admission. www.mychildsmuseum.org

10/2 Saturday and 10/3 Sunday- Four Mile Historic Park's Annual Pumpkin Harvest Festival. Pumpkin patch, county fair, mountain men, horse/buggy rides. FREE admission; charge for some activities. 10am–4pm. 715 S Forest St. www.four-milepark.org

Through 11/15- Miller Farms Fall Harvest Festival. Corn maze, petting zoo, fire truck, tractor

rides, harvest vegetables all included in admission. 9040 Hwy 66, Platteville. www.millerfarms.net

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

10/1 Friday- Healthy Living through the Mediterranean Lifestyle. Interactive workshop on health-promoting aspects of Mediterranean lifestyle, by Peter Brubaker, PhD, and fellow presenters. 9am–4pm. Lumber Baron Inn. \$149. info@viamediterranea.com or 303.517.5815.

10/7 Thursday- Embracing Birth With Hypnosis. 7–8pm. Learn about benefits of hypnosis for calmer, more comfortable, shorter birth. FREE. Fertile Ground Integrated Wellness Center, 1091 S Gaylord St. RSVP: Jennifer Welch, 303.393.1062.

10/7 Thursday- Because Life Happens. Find out what happens to your gift of life after you give blood. Program/tour of Bonfils lab facilities, 717 Yosemite St. 4–5pm. FREE. RSVP: foundation@bonfils.org, 303.739.4000. Repeats 11/3, 12–1pm.

10/12 Tuesday- Estrogen Fights Cancer and Alzheimer's? 6:30pm. Review latest research; learn "Timing Theory" for hormone replacement. FREE. Carrie Louise Daenell, ND, LiveWell Center, 255 Detroit St. 303.399.8050.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS (continued from pg 23)

10/15 Friday- Senior Safety Fair. Info/resources for older adults and children of aging parents. Flu shots available, Medicare or \$25. Free breakfast and lunch served. 8am–1:30pm. Summit Conference Center, 411 Sable Blvd, Aurora. RSVP: 303.363.5189

10/19 Tuesday- “Beyond Time Out: How to Raise Thoughtful Children & Keep Your Sanity.” with pediatricians Maya Bunik, MD, Children’s Hospital, and Jennifer Kempe-Biermann, MD, Kaiser Permanente Pediatrics. 6:30–8pm, Lowry Early Learning Center, 957 Ulster Way. FREE. RSVP: 303.962.2616 or sarifmilehighmontessori.org. Sponsored by Mile High Montessori;

LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

Aurora Central Library, 14949 E Alameda Parkway: Free admission; no registration required. www.auroragov.org/powerofone or 303.739.6600

10/10 Sunday- The Evil of Faction: How the U.S. Got a Two-party System. 2pm

Active Minds – Info on all sessions, www.ActiveMindsForLife.com. FREE.

10/5 Tuesday- King Tut. 10am. Jewish Community Center, 350 S Dahlia St. RSVP: Lil Shaw, 303.316.6359

10/11 Monday- Gold! 2:30–3:30pm. Springbrooke, 6800 Leetsdale Dr. RSVP: 303.331.9963

10/14 Thursday- Colorado Ballot 2010. 7–8pm. Stapleton Master Community Assoc, 2823 Roslyn St. RSVP: 303.388.0724

10/14 Thursday- US Energy Policy. 10am–12pm. Reception 10am; program 10:30am. 1375 High St. RSVP: 303.399.5555

10/19 Tuesday- The European Union. 11am–12pm; 10:45 refreshments. Temple Emanuel, 51 Grape St. RSVP: Jodi, 303.388.4013 x307.

10/26 Tuesday- Global Nuclear Proliferation. 5:30–6:30pm. Tattered Cover, 2526 E Colfax.

11/2 Tuesday- The G.I. Bill. 10am. Jewish Community Center, 350 S Dahlia St. RSVP: Lil Shaw, 303.316.6359

10/7 Thursday and 10/8 Friday- Bringing Out the Best in Organizations and in People. How clients can achieve business/cultural/individual goals, managing employee performance, practices that waste time/money, what to do about it. \$299/person. Contact: Tom Yagos, 303.888.0147, tyagos@regis.edu. Sponsor: Regis Univ. School of Management. Register: www.regionlin.com/executive_institute.

LIBRARIES

For info on library programs, check events calendar at denverlibrary.org.

Park Hill Library, 4705 Montview Blvd. Closed Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays. Registration required for some programs, 720.865.0250.

Thursdays- Storytime with a Craft. For kids who can sit and listen to short stories, participate in songs and simple craft. 10:30am. Craft limited to first 30 kids.

Thursdays and Fridays- Book Babies. For babies 6–23 months with parent/caregiver. Share books, songs, finger plays. 11:15am.

Fridays- Tales for Twos. Storytime for 2-year-olds and caregivers. Stories, songs, movement activities. 10:30am.

Schlessman Family Library, 100 Poplar St (1st and Quebec). 720.865.0000. Closed for remodeling 9/20 to early November.

KIDS AND FAMILIES

10/1 Friday- Tales from the Jungle. Free weekly storytime at JCC with professional storytellers/entertainers for kids 1–5. 10:30am. Repeats 10/8, 15, 22, 29. RSVP: 303.316.6336. www.jccdenver.org. 350 S Dahlia St.

10/10 Sunday- One Sky One World International Kite Fly for Peace. Kids/ pet parade, live music, food vendors, kite flying. FREE. Stapleton Central Park, 10am–4pm. www.oneskyoneworld.org/denver

10/13 Wednesday- “Create Playdates” at Denver Art Museum. Kids 3–5 roar, bang, stomp 2nd Wed. every month, 11am. Meet other tots for art making, story times, scavenger hunts. Included in museum adm.; 5 and under free. 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy. 720.865.5000, www.denverart-museum.org

Art Students League of Denver- Now registering fall programs for kids and teens at 303.778.6990 or www.ASLD.org.

The Art Garage in Park Hill registering for classes, ages 4 and up. www.artgaragedenver.com

Through 10/10- Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus. Denver Coliseum. Tickets: www.ticketmaster.com or Coliseum Box Office.

Through 1/2/11- Tutankhamen: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs. Denver Art Museum, 13th at Broadway and Bannock. Tickets: Ticketmaster or Tickethorse, \$16.50 up. www.tut-denver.com

MUSEUMS

Aurora History Museum, 15051 E Alameda Parkway. 303.749.6666 or auroragov.org.

10/10 Sunday- Internment Film Series: Part II. Ages 12 and older. 1pm. Discover history/personal experiences of Japanese Americans interned at World War II relocation camps. FREE. Part III shown on 10/24 Sunday.

10/20 Wednesday- Working the Land: Building a Life Lecture. 1pm. Colorado native, author Fran Cirbo tells stories of growing up on Eastern Colorado plains. Learn what it took to survive droughts, dust bowls, weather challenges farmers faced in '20s, '30s, '40s. Bring a lunch. \$4 (\$3 Aurora residents)

10/23 Saturday- Amache. Ages 8 and older. The Amache Preservation Society, led by founder John Hopper, preserves/educates about Colorado's only Japanese internment camp, Amache. Students from Granada H.S. present illuminating talk about history/life at Amache. FREE. 2pm.

Through 10/31- Moving Portraits: Illustrating Native America. Western Native American art colorful depictions of movement/ceremony/natural life. Artists: Woodrow Wilson Crumbo, J.D. Roybal, Harrison Begay, and others from Aurora History Museum Hensler Collection. 9am–4pm Tues.–Fri.; 11–4 Sat. and Sun.

Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Montview and Colorado Blvd. www.dmns.org

Begins 10/8 Friday- IMAX- Hubble 3D narrated by Leonardo DeCaprio. *Under the Sea* in 3D narrated by Jim Carrey. Various times. Tickets \$8/age 3–18; \$10/adult.

10/21 Thursday- Science Lounge. Cocktails and entertainment every 3rd Thurs. of month. 6:30–9:30pm. \$8/members/\$10/non-members.

Through 1/2/2011 Amazon Voyage: Vicious Fishes and other Riches. Free with admission.

Planetarium- Journey to the Stars. Narrated by Whoopi Goldberg, various times; tickets \$6/age 3–18, \$8/adult

NORTHFIELD EVENTS

Harkins Theatres 18 – 720.374.3118. New releases every Friday! www.HarkinsTheatres.com

Guy Harvey's Perfect Spot Bar & Grill, Grand Opening 10/22, 7–10pm.

Wyland's Ocean Blue Grand Opening Tuesday, 11/16, 7–10pm.

The Twisted Olive- 303.373.8100 www.TwistedOlive.com. Weekly live entertainment. Martini Society- 5pm, Every Tuesday–Sunday Spoken Word/Poetry- 9pm, Every Wednesday

Bass Pro Events- 720.385.3600 www.BassPro.com

10/1, Friday - Mounting Scopes and Bore Sighting (Every Fri. in Oct.)
10/2, Saturday - Introduction to Fly Fishing (Every Sat. in Oct.)
10/6, Wednesday- Fall Brown Trout Fishing (Every Wed. in Oct.)
10/6, Wednesday- Using Underwater Cameras and Fish Finders for Ice Fishing (Every Wed. in Oct.)
10/7, Thursday- Saltwater Fishing (Every Thurs. in Oct.)
10/7, Thursday- Learning to Use GPS (Every Thurs. in Oct.)
10/12, Tuesday- Fly Tying for Beginners
10/16, Saturday- Basic Pistol Safety
10/28, Thursday- Hunting Pheasants on the High Plains

Improv Comedy Club and Dinner Theatre – Tickets: 303.307.1777 www.ImprovDenver.com
10/1–10/2, Friday–Saturday - Arnez J
10/7–10/10, Thursday–Sunday - TJ Miller
10/14–10/17, Thursday– Sunday - Pablo Francisco
10/28–10/30, Thursday–Saturday - Todd Glass

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Reservations required for these popular programs. 303.289.0930. To get to refuge, take I-70, exit north on Havana St, enter at 56th and Havana. Free unless noted.

10/5 Tuesday- Tuesday Tots: Do Bats Go Boo? 10–11am. Bats are “boo”-tiful! Hang out in a cave, eat juicy bugs, make bat trick-or-treat sack. Young naturalists ages 2–5. Parent/guardian must accompany all children. Repeats Tuesday 10/26.

10/9 Saturday- Bike the Refuge. 1–3pm. Feel cool, crisp air; see colorful fall leaves riding through cottonwood, poplar, elm and ash groves. Bring helmet/water. Fat, puncture-proof tires recommended.

10/9 Saturday- Sunset Photo Tour. 2–5pm. The Refuge landscape provides a showcase for photographing bison, deer, hawks, coyotes, birds, etc.

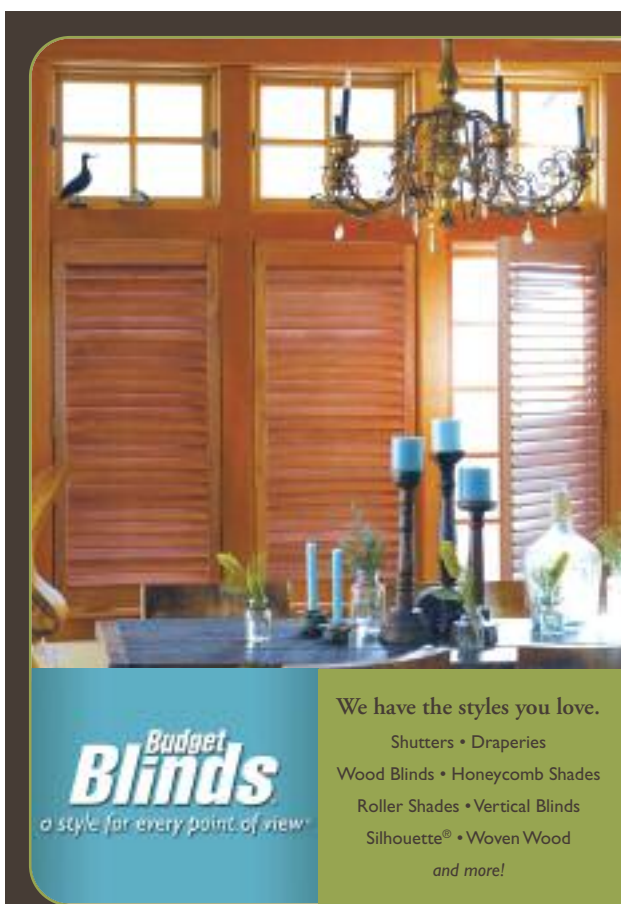
10/23 Saturday- Sunrise Photo Tour. For adults. Don't miss these popular nature photography tours.



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Email information in the following format by the 15th of the month to frontporchevents@gmail.com. Events will be run subject to space available.

Date in numerical format (mm/dd), day of week- Name of Event. A one- or

two-sentence description. Time. List cost or if free. Location. Contact information.

Press releases for suggested stories should be sent separately to FrontPorchStapleton@gmail.com.

10/16 Saturday- Refuge Roundup 2010. 9am–3pm. Free family celebration Tours/hayrides on first-come, first-served basis.

10/28 Thursday- Waterfowl ID. 8–11am. A naturalist helps identify these quack-tastic visitors; then visit the lakes to try your new skills.

10/30 Saturday- The Great Pumpkin Hayride. 1–3pm. Come in costume; search for wildlife and "The Great Pumpkin." "Treats" for finding right number of pumpkins along hayride trail and for unique costumes.

SPORTS & FITNESS

10/2 Saturday- DaVita Kidney Awareness 5K Family Run/Walk. Free advance online registration; \$20 day of. Stapleton Central Park 10am. 303.364.6615, www.kidneyawarenesstime.org

10/3 Sunday- Komen Race for the Cure. 5K Co-ed run/walk 7am; 5K Co-ed walk 8am; family 1 mile fun walk 9am. Start/finish Pepsi Center Downtown Denver. www.komendenver.org

10/10 Sunday- Fans on the Field 5th Annual Denver Stadium 5K/10K Walk/Run. Benefits National Sports Center for Disabled. Through Denver's 3 sports stadiums. www.fansonthefield.com

10/17 Sunday- Denver Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, Half Marathon and Relay. www.denver.competitor.com

STAPLETON/PARK HILL/LOWRY EVENTS

10/30 Saturday- David Weekley Homes Fall Open House in Stapleton. New model grand opening. Games, snacks, tours, prizes. FREE. 8607 E 35th Ave. 3–5 pm. 303.377.1840

Tours of Clyburn Affordable Senior Living. Mon - Sat. Housing for seniors 55 and older. 7401 E 26th Ave. 303.388.1515.

Fridays in October- Lowry Elementary Youth Farmer's Market. 2:30–4pm. North entrance Lowry Elem. School, 4001 E Cedar Ave. lemer-son8@msn.com

Live Music at Soiled Dove. Voted 2008 Denver's best live music venue, The Soiled Dove located at 7401 E 1st Ave in Lowry. Tickets: www.soileddove.com

11/09, Tuesday - William "Bill" Roberts Open House. Tour the school. Principal and teachers will talk about learn ECE and kindergarten programs. 6:30pm. 2100 Akron Way.

THEATER

10/1 to 11/7- Angels in America, Part 1: Millennium Approaches. Vintage Theatre, 2119 E 17th Ave. 303.839.1361, www.vintagetheatre.com

10/21 to 10/23- Thursday–Saturday- Twelve Angry Jurors. 7pm. Denver School of the Arts Schomp Theatre

Through 10/10- Innocent Thoughts. Shadow Theatre, 1468 Dayton St, Aurora. 720.857.8000, www.shadowtheatre.com

Through 10/30- The Love List. Avenue Theater, 417 E 17th Ave. 303.321.5925, www.aveneuetheater.com

Through 10/31- Something Wicked This Way Comes. Auora Fox Theatre, 9900 E Colfax, Aurora. 303.739.1970, www.aurorafoxartscenter.org

10/12 to 10/17- Grease. Buell Theater. www.denvercenter.org

10/8 to 11/6- Beyond Therapy. John Hand Theater, 7653 E 1st Pl, Lowry. 720.880.8727, www.john-handtheater.com

11/2 to 11/7- Mamma Mia. Buell Theater. www.denvercenter.org

Refuge Roundup Oct. 16 Live Animals, Hayrides, Performances and More

By Sherry James, Visitor Services Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Flying raptors and dancing horses will take center stage at Refuge Roundup 2010 on Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge.

This free family event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. and give roughly 2,000 visitors an opportunity to celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week and our Western heritage. The 2010 event will include more live animals than ever before and feature a variety of exciting and educational activities for children and adults, including free fishing for the final day of the season.

If you've ever wanted to learn archery, throw a lasso, hear Western music or watch a sharp-shooting demonstration, then Refuge Roundup 2010 is for you. A variety of live animals, including eagles, hawks, falcons, and horses, will also be at the Refuge for the event.

Visitors can stop by throughout the day to watch raptors from HawkQuest and the Colorado Hawking Club, enjoy musical per-

formances by Rudy Grant and the Branded Band and watch shooting

tricks by Buffalo Bill and Annie Oakley. Also featured will be an exhibition by Jose Torres and his Dancing Horses and live cavalry drills by the Buffalo Soldiers of the American West. In addition, cowboys from An Open Range Experience will give lessons on roping and wrangling, and the South Platte Valley Historical Society will help visitors master archery.

Western crafts and games for children of all ages will

be offered throughout the day, and visitors can participate in activities on a drop-in basis, without making reservations. Bison tours and hayrides will be offered all day on a first-come, first-served basis.

Other groups featured at the event include Plains Conservation Center, City of Aurora Parks, Recreating and Open Space, and the Commerce City Historical Society.

Snacks and refreshments will also be available for a small fee, courtesy of the Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges.

Refuge Roundup 2010 takes place at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge at 56th and Havana. For more information, call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 303-289-0930, or visit <http://www.fws.gov/rockymountainarsenal/>.



Jose Torres and his Dancing Horses will perform at the Refuge Roundup.

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Four lectures;
Friday, Oct. 29, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30, 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.
Each lecture is \$15. All four lectures plus lunch on Sat. \$60.

Dr. Borg will preach Sunday morning Oct. 31 at 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

More Events...

Denver Art Museum thru 1/9/11
Tutankhamun: The Golden King and
the Great Pharaohs

The exhibition features more than 50 objects from King Tut's tomb, including the golden sandals that adorned the mummy's feet and a beautifully adorned canopic jar that held the pharaoh's internal organs. Plus, see the largest image of King Tut ever unearthed, a 10-foot

statue found at the re-mains of a funerary temple. In addition, 80 ancient artifacts highlight many of the most significant rulers of ancient Egypt—from Khefren, whose great pyramid is the only remaining structure of the seven wonders of the ancient world, to Hatshepsut, the queen who became king. Visit www.tutdenver.com for tickets and additional information.

Farmfest
at the
Urban Farm

Delaney Stephen, 6, gets help from Urban Farm riding program manager Tennie Bell. The Urban Farm, located just west of Havana and Smith Rd., gives city kids a chance to experience some of the activities of rural life. Farmfest was an annual benefit held in September. Visit www.theurbanfarm.org for more information.



RECURRING
EVENTS

4th Monday
SUN Board Mtg. 7:30pm, MCA Comm. Rm., 2823 Roslyn St.
stapletonunitedneighbors@gmail.com

Every Tuesday
Stapleton Rotary Club – 12pm
Stapleton Radisson Plaza Hotel
3333 Quebec St.
Michael@KearnsTeam.com

Every Tuesday
AA Open Discussion Mtg. 7:30pm MCA Community Room, 2823 Roslyn Street
303-912-7075

1st Tuesday
Breast Cancer Support Group
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. Alternates between Lunch & Happy Hour
tbrislin@gmail.com
www.stapletonhomebusiness.co

2nd Wed. (Odd-numbered mos.)
SUN Transportation Committee 6:30pm
MCA 2823 Roslyn St.
stapletonneighbors@msn.com

3rd Thursday
Stapleton Citizens Advisory Board Mtg.
7350 E. 29th Ave.
7:30–9am 303-393-7700

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

2nd Sunday
Collaborative Kite Fly & Walk, (free) Staple-ton Central Park,
2:30–5pm. Please RSVP at
Meetup.com/RockyMtnKite
or Meetup.com/TTWalks

Periodically
Stapleton Wine
Appreciation Group
e-mail meighanm@aim.com

Oct. 1 – Oct 30th
“13th Floor” Haunted House

At the 13th Floor haunted house, 75 actors will bring the legend of the often omitted floor to life with scary high-tech, multi-motion, larger-than-life, unique monsters. The 13th Floor/Bloodshed is located at 4120 Brighton Blvd., C2 (south of the Denver Coliseum). Open Sunday–Thursday, 7–10pm; Friday/Saturday, 7pm–12am. Free parking. For ticket price categories, call 303.355.FEAR or go to www.getscared.com. For ages 13 and up.

Free Children’s Hospital Parenting
Seminars Starting Oct. 7

The Children’s Hospital is presenting six free parenting seminars in October. Kids don’t come with an owner’s manual, so sometimes parents need a quick tip, new idea or a little support to go from fussing to laughing, growing and learning.

Subjects include sleeping challenges, transition to parenting, toilet training and issues with toddlers and teens. Admission is free, but space is limited. RSVP online for seminars and reserve free child care at www.thechildrenshospital.org/parenting. Trained volunteers will watch children up to nine years old, but RSVP required. For questions, call 720.777.5437. All but one session will be held at The Children’s Hospital, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 13123 E. 16th Ave., in Aurora.

Oct. 10 iQuad Kite Team Performs,
Children/Pets Parade and Cupcakes
at One Sky One World International
Kite Event

The precision six-member iQuad Kite Team will perform and kites will battle at the 25th Anniversary One Sky One World International Kite Fly for Peace, Sunday, October 10 at Stapleton’s Central Park from 10am–4pm. Every 2nd October Sunday people worldwide celebrate “World Kite Day.” Denver-based One Sky One World believes public education about kite culture,

history, art/craft and technology creates a greater sense of global community. Also featured: Children’s Pet Parade for Peace (11am lineup), kite making, live entertainment, kite flying for all ages, world kite-fly-ing celebrities, 100-ft. octopus and trilobite kites and 300 cupcakes. For information, call 720.334.4508, email jpa@earthnet.net or visit www.oneskyoneworld.org.

Electronics Recycling, Saturday Oct
23, 8am-1pm, Central Park,
Sponsored by SUN

Clear out old electronics and recycle responsibly. Items accepted include: Small appliances (\$3), computer monitors (\$10), TVs up to 32” (\$18), small appliances/electronic items (\$3). There is no charge for computer mice, keyboards, cell phones or toner cartridges. Cash or checks only. Central Park parking lot at Xenia St and Martin Luther King Blvd.

Items for recycling will be collected by Metech Recycling and over 95% of all materials will be fully recycled for remanufacture. No recycled materials will be incinerated, land-filled, or shipped abroad to be dumped. Visit www.metechrecycling.com. For more information on this SUN-sponsored event email SUNSustainability@gmail.com

New Initiative Reaches Out to
Interfaith Families Through Nov. 5

Stepping Stones, a 25-year-old Jewish outreach organization, will endeavor to connect with at least 2,500 people in interfaith families, offering events for interfaith couples (dating or married), families, and relatives of interfaith couples and families through Nov. 5. Stepping Stones is not affiliated with any religious movement or body and it focuses its programs and services exclusively on interfaith families. Stepping Stones is committed to helping the Jewish world be open and accepting of all Jews, whether they are single parents, interfaith, unaffiliated and Jewish, Jews of color, part of a gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender community, or of a liberal,

Conservative or Orthodox background. All are invited to check out the Stepping Stones programs. For more information contact Stacey Delcau at 303.388.1198 or delcau@steppingstonesfamily.com.

YMCA Fun Father/Child Activity Cirdes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Denver encourages fathers to set aside one-on-one time to “get to know your child while he/she is still a child” and become “friends forever.” The Y is now forming circles for the Adventure Guide (father/son) and Adventure Princess (father/daughter) program in the Stapleton neighborhood. YMCA Adventure Guides and Princesses (originally known as Indian Guides) is an activity-based program for dads and their sons or daughters who are in grades K-5. Events such as camp-outs, service projects, bike rides, hayrides and monthly meetings with games, crafts and storytelling provide the framework for special time together. Participants are grouped into neighborhood circles with 8–12 parent/child pairs.

To join a circle, contact Linda James at 720.524.2714 or ljames@denverymca.org or go to www.denverymca.org.

Run or Walk for Kidney Awareness
Oct. 2—Get Free Health Screenings

More than 73,000 Denver residents have chronic kidney disease (CKD) and many may not know they have it. To promote awareness and treatment opportunities, DaVita, a provider of kidney care services for those with CKD, will bring its fifth annual nationwide DaVita Kidney Awareness Run/Walk to Denver’s Stapleton Central Park on Saturday, October 2.

Join Alan Gionet of KCNC TV for entertainment, refreshments, a kids’ zone and a kidney information expo. Available—at no cost for participants—will be kidney screenings by The Kidney TRUST, diabetes and high blood pressure screenings, along with prostate cancer education...and haircuts.

Free advance race registration at www.kidneyawarenesstime.org, 866.859.WALK (9255); \$20 day-of registration at 9am. Event kickoff at 10am.



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Have You Seen the Earthcastings in Westerly Creek Park?

By Jenna Finn

Artist Thomas Sayre created 19 sculptures that are each seven feet in diameter. "They're bigger and more powerful than I would've thought, and that's a great gift for us artists, when the art gods smile upon you and you get something richer than you thought you might," he said. Sayre calls his sculptures "earthcastings" and has arranged them along Westerly Creek Park between MLK and 26th Avenue. He created the sculptures in North Carolina from concrete poured inside of a hole dug in the ground with a tree spade. Rain created patterns and texture in the molds in the ground, which then created the markings on the vessels.

One of the reasons Sayre was interested in this project is its location. Westerly Creek Park started out as a natural setting, then it was buried underground when Stapleton was an airport. During the Stapleton redevelopment, the creek was again brought to the surface, but this natural-looking setting was really man made. "So the play of what is man made vs. nature made is what's of great interest to me as an artist,



Top: Artist Thomas Sayre with three of the installed vessels.
Above: Sayre works with installers to place one of the vessels.

and this project seemed to be all about that." To get involved in this project, Sayre responded to a "call for artists" from the Stapleton Public Art Advisory Committee, which was narrowed down from 193 applicants to four finalists and each finalist had to present his idea. "I was the lucky winner," he says.

Sayre mapped out a plan for where the sculptures should go. They were put in place according to how people move around the park. Different paths connect in the park and Sayre wanted to put the sculptures in locations where people pass by them. "The plan was to try and provide an interesting linkage throughout this space visually."

Installing the earthcastings wasn't easy—the sculptures weigh 1,000 pounds each. The team used a crane to put the earth castings into place; then they had to dig holes and secure them to the ground. The hard ground made it difficult to bolt them down and secure them properly. However, despite these difficulties, Sayre was pleased with the project and thought that the final effect was even more powerful than he had imagined.

Jenna Finn is a junior at DSST who is doing an internship at the Front Porch.

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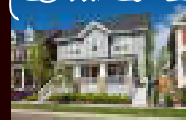
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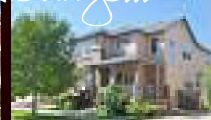
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Champions of SUN's 7th Annual Kickball Tournament: One Kick Wonders Kickin' It for Babies

By Amanda Allshouse

Saturday the 11th of September was a gorgeous day for the seventh annual Stapleton United Neighbors' Kickball Tournament presented by the Stapleton MCA and Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Q. Hundreds of friends and neighbors turned out to watch this year's friendly competition, which included 12 teams and ended in an upset resulting in the traveling trophy now residing with a new team captain for the next year.

For the second year, the local chapter of the March of Dimes was the recipient of funds raised by the tournament. Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Q donated all food sold by SUN so that the profits could be donated to the March of Dimes.

Knowing this fact brought out Rene Keating to volunteer for the day. She dished out the yummy BBQ alongside SUN board members and Jim 'N Nick's staff. Rene is a grandma of twins born as 25-week preemies. "I felt so overwhelmed early on, I was so happy to give back to the people who helped us during the 115 days we were in the NICU [Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit] at the Children's Hospital," Rene said, with the research and hospital towers at Anschutz Medical Campus visible in the distance behind her.

March of Dimes volunteer Jami explained that "One function of March of Dimes is the NICU family support program, as well as continued funding for research projects in Colorado. . .and hands down, this is the best BBQ we've ever had!" In line for her own plate, after two wins early in the tournament, Lauri Ann, from last year's champion team Balls and Dolls, added, "This is such a wonderful community event, and a great way to support an important cause!"

In front of the BBQ tent, kids were lined up to scurry alongside the fields in a large hamster ball. "I love watching my girls have so much fun in the hamster ball!" commented Florence Levy, a Stapleton mom. The hamster ball (and staff to inflate it and keep the kids safe) as well as the big-screen computer games inside and outside of their mobile entertainment unit were provided by Games2U.

The MCA generously made a financial donation to help with upfront costs, and field equipment and referees were coordinated through Bladium Sports and Stapleton All Sports, with several referees from years past playing on a team of their own! "We love getting together with our neighbors," the team captain of first-place team One Kick Wonders, Erica Hake, added



The immediate goal is to get an out for the team (left), but the real object of the SUN Kickball tournament is to have a great time on a beautiful fall day in Stapleton's Central Park (right), including having a cool one during the game.

Below: Champions of SUN's 7th annual Kickball Tournament: One Kick Wonders



Photo by Amanda Allshouse

before taking the trophy home to place on her mantel.

The final bracket ended with One Kick Wonders on top, followed by Balls and Dolls, J.V. All Stars, and kickin' it old school. Photos from the day can be viewed at <https://sites.google.com/site/sunwebsite1/SUNKickball>.

Stapleton United Neighbors is the City of Denver Registered Neighborhood Organization for the Stapleton community. Please join us at the next block captain meeting, October 25, always the fourth Monday of the month, from 6:30:30pm. Who is your block captain? If you don't know, check the StapletonUnitedNeighbors.com website or email Amanda.a.allshouse@gmail.com.

Amanda Allshouse is on the SUN board of directors and is the Outreach Committee co-chairperson.

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Calls for Stapleton-Wide Attention

The survey will give engineers a better look at exactly where the groundwater issues are. The more Stapletonians who participate in the survey, the better the data for the engineers. SUN is hoping to have the results of the survey to the engineers by the middle of October, so immediate attention to the survey is critical to achieving the best results.

These results will then be passed on to a hydrogeologic firm that will conduct an analysis of the groundwater activity and make recommendations for remediation. It was not clear at the end of the meeting how the cost of this analysis would be paid for, although Tom Gleason did say that Forest City would take a close look at the proposal for the analysis. Gleason assured the attendees that Forest City, as the ongoing developer in Stapleton, is following this issue closely.

The extent and cost of remediation are not known at this time; also unknown is where the burden of payment will fall.

Larry McSorley and Steve Lawrence, who are on the SUN board, facilitated the meeting and are the focal point for any further community input. SUN records show that 99 Stapleton homeowners have reported groundwater issues to date, which is a small percentage of all Stapleton homes. However, all Stapleton parties—developers, home-builders and homeowners—certainly have a vested interest in the resolution of this problem.

Jason Bidgood, an environmental engineer and six-year Stapleton resident, gave an informative overview of groundwater issues,

which provided some indication as to why this problem has arisen. The Stapleton area has changed dramatically since 2002 when development started. Thousands of roofs and miles of cement and pavement have led to a vast decrease in the areas where water is absorbed by the soil. Prior to 2002 the land was high desert and never irrigated. Now, with parks and lawns, we are keeping that same high desert green and the overflow goes directly to the water table. Mr. Bidgood indicated that the groundwater flow can change at any time, making any homeowner with a basement potentially susceptible to groundwater problems.

What Stapleton residents need to do:

- Fill out the SUN survey and stay informed about this issue. Be sure to conserve on any water you use around the outside of your home.
- If you own a home with a basement make sure you have a sump pump and be sure it works. Also be sure all downspouts drain away from the house and that the grade of any landscaping is away from the foundation.
- If you currently have groundwater problems report them to SUN. Be sure the sump pump drain is going away from the house. Many homeowners are draining into the rocks just outside their house, which has a recycling effect on the water, exacerbating the problem. Talk with your builder to see if they have any suggestions on how mitigate the problem in your particular home.

Letter to the Editor

As a 5-year Stapleton resident and father of three active children, I am increasingly concerned about the instances of careless driving occurring on the many side streets and alleys of our community. Recently while riding bikes in the neighborhood, one of our children was hit by a driver on their cell-phone coasting through an alley onto the street. Fortunately no one was hurt and damage was minimal, but this could have been avoided

by slowing down and minimizing distractions like cell phones. Ironically, just two weeks ago my wife was almost hit by a driver under a similar scenario. All Stapleton residents and visitors: SLOW DOWN and DRIVE CAREFULLY! With the thousands of kids soon to be riding bikes and running through our neighborhoods, it's not a matter of IF, but WHEN tragedy strikes if we don't change our driving habits. Eric Byrnes

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Above: On the south lawn of DIA's iconic Jeppesen terminal and the future site of the the DIA rail station, dignitaries gathered on Aug. 26 for a groundbreaking ceremony. Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, shown speaking, was joined on the stage by Chris Martinez, RTD Board Director District B, U.S. Rep. Diana DeGette, U.S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter, Aurora Mayor Ed Tauer and U.S. Sen. Mark Udall.

(cont' from p.1) In the past, says Bill Sirois, manager of TOD for RTD, transit oriented development meant putting a large parking lot and a large bus transfer station close to the platform. And until this past year there was legislation in Colorado that limited the amount of commercial that was even allowed on RTD property. But that law has been changed—and RTD now embraces the integration of transit development with the surrounding community. They have even changed the name. It's now called TOC, transit oriented community. Sirois, at a recent meeting of the Stapleton Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB), said they are also revising their policy to reflect the federal emphasis on affordable housing. And they will select some stations that will serve as pilot projects—testing grounds



Above: Architect Santiago Calatrava's conceptual design shows the commuter-rail station, a public plaza that connects to the terminal, and a 500-room hotel at DIA.

for RTD to look at some new things. "The idea is you have a facility that is truly integrated into a neighborhood, a mixed-use community so that the transit is almost a seamless connection. RTD could never do it by ourselves... and so that's in the criteria (for the pilot projects). If we could say, 'The community is well behind this, the city is well behind this, the developer is well behind this... look we have all these great people singing the same song,' That will help a lot," says Sirois, who will present information on TOD at Stapleton's community meeting on October 7.

At this point there are not specific funds designated for the pilot projects. The idea is that plans need to be made that will position the pilot projects for funding as grants and/or federal money becomes available. And with all the parties working together and sharing creative ideas, better use can be made of whatever resources are available among all the entities.

Leaders in the Stapleton community are rallying behind the TOC concept and the CAB has already sent a letter to RTD expressing strong interest in being one of the pilot projects.

Angie Malpiede, a member of the RTD board and director of Stapleton's Transportation Management Association, says, "The entire Board of Directors of RTD is very excited about the Transit Oriented Community policy. And this is a continuation of what the founders of Stapleton envisioned so many years ago." She points out that the upcoming election has new RTD board members on the ballot so, "there may be an opportunity to have your voice heard even more." (RTD candidates will be introduced at the October 7 Staple-

ton Community Meeting.) Dave Netz, a member of CAB believes, "We have the opportunity to create a true advanced multi-modal transportation center. Everyone should be motivated to see what's going on and should be excited about it. Having a train station with buses, pedestrians, bicyclists, park-n-Ride people and all of the retail, the residential and everything that can tie into that, this is an amazing opportunity for Stapleton to be able to create something that basically supports this community for the next 100 years."

Damon Knop, also a member of CAB comments, "To me the coolest thing about this is it's the first time everyone has had a real consensus on what we want. With the school and the library there were splits in the community. I've not seen anything like this since I've been here where everyone's on board." Knop points out the importance of thinking now about parks, bike paths, bus and car access, and routing buses and traffic onto Ulster to keep Uinta accessible for pedestrians and bikes. He also points out that planning now is very important to be sure the large volume of buses that will be going to the transfer station will not be routed through neighborhood streets.

Steve Lawrence, president of SUN, says Stapleton's Master plan, with diversity and transportation being key parts of it, were the reason he and his wife chose to move to Stapleton. Lawrence believes the corner of MLK and Uinta, with Stapleton's iconic tower and a view looking north to the transit station, offers an anchor for the south end of the expanded Transportation Oriented Community—and Uinta offers the opportunity for a safe and pleasant "promenade" to the station for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Tom Gleason, vice president-public relations for Forest City Stapleton, Inc., says Forest City believes a mixed-use, transit-oriented community on its property adjacent to the future RTD facility has very real potential. "We already have major office uses in the new FBI building and the United Air Lines Training Center, more than 740,000 square feet of



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Right: Mayor Hickenlooper spoke to the crowd at the Denver Union Station Construction Ceremony on Sept. 7. The event was held at the site of the Commuter Rail Train Hall, where the East Corridor train from DIA



will arrive. Elbra Wedgeworth, Denver Union Station Project Authority Chair is seated at the Mayor's right and Lee Kemp, RTD Board Chair to the left.

large, medium and smaller scale retail at Quebec Square, a new DPS school under construction and the Central Park West residential neighborhood under development, all within a short walk of the planned transit center," he said. In addition,

Gleason noted sites planned for higher density residential housing both north and south of MLK have been identified for future development, and Uinta Street between MLK Boulevard and the future transit oriented development to the north is already planned to have

an enhanced connection for pedestrians. Bev Haddon, who participated in the original planning of the Stapleton community, sums up the importance of community involvement in Stapleton's TOC. "We would not have had this very exciting community-

oriented plan without the community. We will not have an exciting transportation oriented community site if we don't have the community serving as the voice advocating that RTD, the City and Forest City put their best efforts into this."

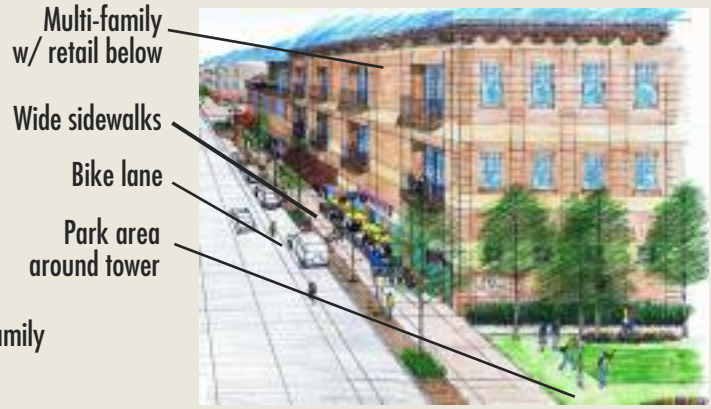
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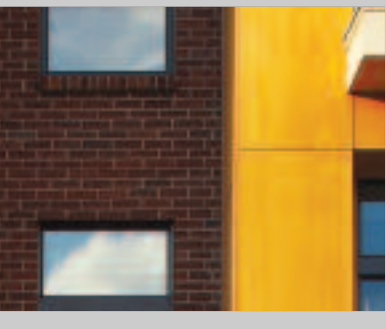
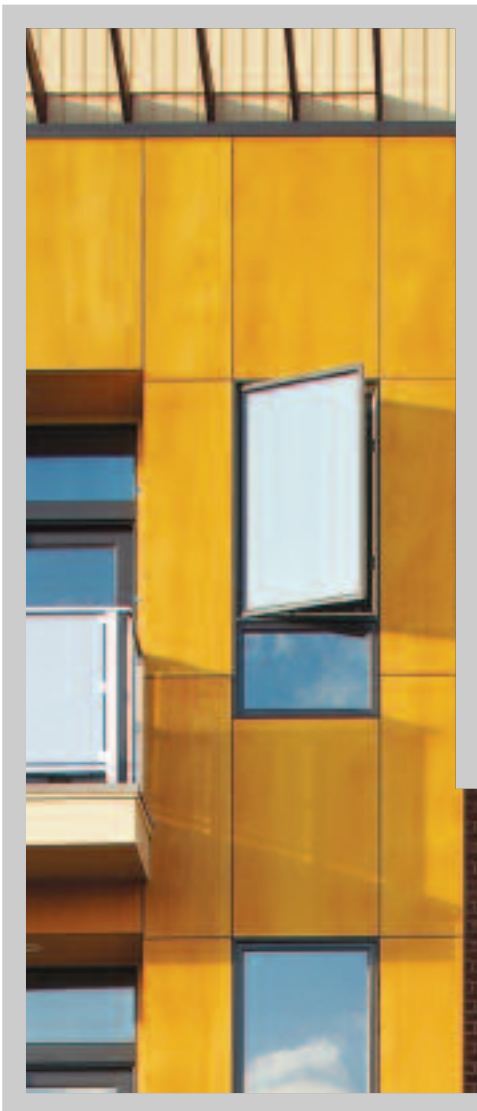
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