

# Front Porch

Distributed to the Stapleton, Park Hill, Lowry, Montclair, Mayfair, Hale and East Colfax neighborhoods

DENVER, COLORADO

STAPLETON

APRIL 2012

## Salamander Becomes State Amphibian



Gov. Hickenlooper shows off a western tiger salamander to the crowd gathered to watch him sign the legislation making it the official state

amphibian. Behind Gov. Hickenlooper is Rep. Angela Williams, sponsor of the bill in the House. At far right is Sen. Joyce Foster, sponsor of the bill in

the Senate. Surrounding them are students from Northeast Denver who initiated and drove the process of designating an official state amphibian.

By John Babiak

Operation Tiger Salamander, the student-led initiative to designate the western tiger salamander as our official state amphibian, recently delivered hundreds of young scholars, teachers, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbors to the Colorado State Capitol. The campaign lured

members of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly from their respective chambers to meet and greet the students and their adorable slimy salamanders, including one that was blessed by a parish pastor.

Gov. John Hickenlooper graciously held court with the kids and creatures, not once, but three times. He told the student

activists, "You are a great model to the rest of the state that your initiative and your own efforts can have huge results. You've changed the future of the" (continued on page 30)

## A Preview History Colorado Center



By Barbara Neal

What's old is new, very new. When the History Colorado Center opens to the public on Saturday, April 28, it will tell Colorado's amazing sto-

ries in a dynamic, interactive environment. The design of the building and the new audience-centered programming for all ages will engage families and children, history buffs and visitors to Colorado. "The History" (continued on page 30)

The new History Colorado Center, which opens to the public April 28, is Denver's newest cultural attraction. It features hands-on interactive multimedia along with authentic artifacts and evocative stories about Colorado. The building is located downtown at 12th and Broadway.

## A Look at the Zoo's New Elephant Exhibit



A trainer works with Bodhi, a seven-year-old Asian bull elephant, in the new Clayton F. Freiheit Elephant House during a media preview of the new Toyota Elephant Passage at the Denver Zoo.

By John Babiak

In just two months, one of North America's largest and most state-of-the-art pachyderm habitats will open at the Denver Zoo. The Toyota Elephant Passage's complex will allow zoo guests to be immersed in Asian wildlife and culture and learn about conservation efforts through multi-sensory exhibits and experiences. (continued on page 30)

Printed with soy-based ink. Paper contains 40% postconsumer waste.

Denver  
Demographics

4

Making History  
Relevant

10

Central Park  
Blvd. Bridge

13

New Hardware  
Store

14

New NE Denver  
Charter School

24

Share comments  
at Front Porch  
Newspaper





Recent unseasonably warm weather brought patio diners to Stapleton's Town Center.



## CALENDAR

Events listed below are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC or are nonprofit.  
(Additional events are listed on pages 18-22. Recurring events are listed on page 19.)

### APRIL

#### Every Mon.–Thurs. & Saturdays

The Hub at Stapleton-transportation & safety info  
Mon–Thurs 10am–3pm; Sat 9am–noon  
720-865-2356, 303-468-3231. StapletonTMA.org

#### Tues., April 3 & Mon., April 23

DPS Greater Park Hill/Stapleton Community  
Committee, 6–8pm. Light dinner at 5:30pm.  
The Odyssey School at 6550 E 21st Ave. Open to  
the public, babysitting provided. (See p. 25)

#### Tuesday, April 3 and May 1

Children's Museum, Target Tuesdays  
1st Tuesday nights free, 4–8pm, cmdenver.org

#### Saturday, April 7

Annual Egg Scramble on The Green\*, 10–11:30am,  
Ages 0–3, 10:15am; ages 4–6, 10:45am; ages 7 and  
older, 11:15am. More info at right.

#### Sat., April 7 & Sun., April 29

Denver Art Museum - SCFD Free Day  
720-865-5000 www.denverartmuseum.org

#### Thursday, April 12

Active Minds Seminar - The CIA, 7–8pm.  
Stapleton MCA Community Room\*  
Events@stapletoncommunity.com

#### Tuesday, April 17

Lowry Speaker Series Features Carlotta Walls  
LaNier of the Little Rock 9. 7pm,  
Eisenhower Chapel Free (See page 21)

#### Saturday, April 21

Earth Night Movie and Fundraiser for trees  
MCA Community Room, 2823 Roslyn St., 6–9pm  
SUNSustainability@gmail.com  
(See page 28)

#### Saturday, April 21

Stapleton Earth Day Recycling Event - Sam's Club  
Parking Lot, 7805 E 35th Ave, 10am–2pm  
SUNSustainability@gmail.com (See page 28)

#### Saturday, April 21

Stories for Preschoolers at DSA, 10am–12pm  
Professional actors read One Book One Denver  
selections (See page 22)

#### Sunday, April 22

Bluff Lake Nature Center Earth Day Celebration  
3400 Havana Way, 1–5pm (See page 22)

#### Sunday, April 22

Denver Botanic Gardens - SCFD Free Day  
720-865-3500 www.botanicgardens.org

#### Wednesday, April 25

Denver Police Citizens Academy, 6:30–9pm  
Free course, weekly through July 18.  
(See page 22.)

### MAY

#### Saturday, May 5

Bash Dash, adventure race for kids and fami-  
lies in the Stapleton Town Center (See p. 22)  
By the Young Philanthropists Foundation

#### Sunday, May 6

Denver Museum of Nature and Science -  
SCFD Free Day 303-322-7009  
www.dmns.org

#### Thursday, May 10

Active Minds Seminar, 7–8pm  
Stapleton MCA Community Room\*  
Events@stapletoncommunity.com

#### Saturday, May 26

Sweet William Market 9am–2pm. The Green\*  
Events@stapletoncommunity.com

#### Saturday, May 26

Pools Open, Noon–4pm. Aviator, PJ, F15, Jet Stream.  
Pools@stapletoncommunity.com

#### Monday, May 28

DJ at Pools, Noon–4pm. Aviator, PJ, F15, Jet  
Stream. Events@stapletoncommunity.com

### JUNE

#### Friday, June 1 & 8

Theatre on The Green, "Once on this Island"  
6–8pm. The Green\*  
Events@stapletoncommunity.com

#### Thursday, June 7

Active Minds Seminar, 7–8pm. Stapleton MCA  
Community Room\* Events@stapletoncom-  
munity.com

#### Saturday, June 2 & 9

Theatre on The Green "Once on this Island"  
6–8pm. The Green\*  
Events@stapletoncommunity.com

\*More information at Events@stapletoncommunity.com  
The Green is located in the 29th Ave. Town Center in  
Stapleton at E. 29th Ave. and Roslyn St.  
Stapleton MCA Community Room, 2823 Roslyn St.

*The Front Porch welcomes submissions  
of upcoming local events (see  
information on p.19) and story ideas.  
Deadline is the 15th for the next issue.*



#### What is your Community DNA?

So how did you do with your Denver  
Neighborhood Attitude (DNA) last  
month? Were you able to leave your  
phone untouched while in the car? This  
month the attention is on dog owners.  
Respect people and their property when  
walking your dog. If your dog does go  
to the bathroom on someone's lawn,  
make sure you pick up after it. Keep  
your dog on the leash and off people's  
lawns. If you live in the City and  
County of Denver, you are required to  
keep your dog on a leash at all times  
when off of your property unless in a  
city-designated dog park. Thanks in ad-  
vance for keeping our community a  
happy one for all!

#### Active Minds Seminar

##### The CIA

Join Active Minds as we examine the  
history and current challenges facing the  
Central Intelligence Agency. We will  
discuss the controversy regarding de-  
struction of interrogation tapes as well  
as the origins of the CIA after World  
War II and how the CIA functioned  
during the Cold War. We will end by  
looking at how our needs for intelli-  
gence have changed in recent years and  
how this impacts the role of the CIA.

The seminar begins at 7pm on  
Thursday, April 12 in the Stapleton  
MCA Community Room located be-  
hind King Soopers at 2823 Roslyn St.  
Everyone is welcome. For more infor-  
mation, visit www.ActiveMindsFor-  
Life.com.

#### Egg Scramble

The annual Egg Scramble (Hunt) is Sat-  
urday, April 7 from 10–11:30am in The  
Green. This year we are going to do the  
scramble in waves. The Easter Bunny  
will be on-site beginning at 10am. The  
first group to scramble for the eggs will  
be the 0–3 year-olds at 10:15am. This  
year only one adult is allowed to enter  
with their 0–3-year-old. The next group  
will be the 4–6-year-olds at 10:45am.  
Adults will not be allowed on the field  
for the scramble of 4–6 or 7-and-up age  
groups. The 7-year-olds and up will  
begin at 11:15am. This is always a fun  
event and we look forward to seeing  
everyone!

#### Beer Festival Planning Committee

The Stapleton Beer Festival was a huge  
success last year and we are looking for-  
ward to our third annual event on Sat-  
urday, August 18. We are looking for  
volunteers to help organize and plan  
this year's beer festival. If you are inter-  
ested, please attend our planning meet-  
ing on Wednesday, April 4, at 6pm in  
the MCA Community Room. If you  
would like to participate, email me at  
the address listed below. Dinner will be  
provided!

#### Stapleton Rocks

"Stapleton Rocks...A Concert for a  
Cause" is a favorite concert every year

featuring local bands. The event is in-  
tended to showcase the local amateur  
talent. It is a full-day event on Satur-  
day, September 8 from noon to 10pm  
on The Green. Musicians are limited  
to participating in only one band this  
year. It will be a day filled with music  
and fun.

If you have a band that is interested  
in participating, contact events@sta-  
pletoncommunity.com. Please respond  
quickly as this is a first-come, first-  
served event. More information will be  
available as the date approaches.

#### Sponsorship Packages

If you own a business and would like  
to sponsor one of the many summer  
events, the MCA has put together a  
sponsorship package. You can access  
this information by visiting www.sta-  
pletoncommunity.com, or if you  
would like to receive more informa-  
tion, contact events@stapletoncom-  
munity.com.

#### Volunteer Booth Requests

If you have a nonprofit that would like  
to raise funds this summer by working  
our movie concession booth, contact  
events@stapletoncommunity.com with  
your request. We have only six spaces  
available, so please contact us quickly.

#### Aquatics Staffing

The Stapleton pools are looking for  
front desk staff, lifeguards and pool  
managers for the 2012 outdoor pool  
season. If you are interested in apply-  
ing for one of these positions, go to  
the "Summer Jobs" tab on the left side  
of our homepage at www.stapleton-  
community.com.

#### Pool Party Rentals

If you are interested in renting one of  
the swimming pools for your party, go  
to our website at www.stapletoncom-  
munity.com and click on the "Out-  
door Pools" tab on the left side of the  
homepage. The brochure with all the  
details will be available for you. If you  
have any questions, feel free to contact  
frontdesk@stapletoncommunity.com.

If you have any questions or com-  
ments about the information above,  
please feel free to contact events@sta-  
pletoncommunity.com or call the  
MCA office at 303.388.0724.

Diane Deeter  
Director of Programming and Events



Sponsored by Stapleton MCA

EDITORS and PUBLISHERS:  
Carol Roberts and Steve Larson  
303-526-1969  
FrontPorchStapleton@gmail.com  
AD SALES: Karissa McGlynn 303-333-0257  
KarissaMcGlynn@gmail.com

# Front Porch

www.FrontPorchStapleton.com

The Stapleton Front Porch is published by Stapleton  
Front Porch, LLC, 2566 Syracuse St., Denver, CO 80238.  
33,000 papers are printed. The free paper is distributed  
during the first week of each month to homes and  
businesses in Stapleton, Park Hill, Lowry, Montclair,  
Mayfair, Hale and East Colfax.





## History Colorado Center

JJ Rutherford, director of education, describes the area of the museum that is a re-creation of the town of Keota on the eastern prairie of Colorado. Visitors can observe, listen, and touch objects—and even catch smells from the past.

(continued from page 1) Colorado Center will be a place for self-discovery, inspiration, scholarship and fun,” states Ed Nichols, History Colorado president and CEO.

When expansion of the Colorado Justice Department required the Colorado History Museum to move a block south to 12th Ave. and Broadway, the museum took on the challenge of creating a new building and redesigning its programming to engage new audiences. A comprehensive audience research effort got feedback from more than 3,000 Coloradans and confirmed interest in a thematic approach. The new museum, now called

The History Colorado Center, tells stories of people, places and events that help us understand Colorado today by connecting experiences from earlier times to the present.

“While many interactive exhibits create memorable experiences for children, adults will also be attracted to the authentic artifacts and thought-provoking in-

terpretative materials,” notes JJ Rutherford, director of education. Three universal themes, Communities, People and the Environment, and Dreams and Aspirations, guide current and future exhibits that will open in three phases. The April opening

Visitors can move one of the two seven-foot-tall Time Machines to “hot spots” in the tile map on the floor of the four-story atrium and see amusing or serious stories about that place. The Time Machines were purposely made heavy enough that visitors would need to work together to move them, encouraging interaction among the visitors.

is focused on Communities. In late 2013, look for an exhibit highlighting the theme of People and the Environment, illustrated by Mesa Verde, the Dust Bowl era and changing forests and wildlife.

The first display visitors will discover is the four-story atrium, a grand gathering space that has already provided historical context for civic conversations. The dramatic terrazzo tile floor is a 40 x 60-foot Great Map of Colorado created by artist Steven Weitzman for the state’s Art in Public Places Program. Visitors move two seven-foot-tall Time Machines around the map to animate certain areas. When the high-tech machine hits a “hot spot,” an amusing or serious story about that place appears on the Time Machine’s video screens.

On the north wall of the atrium, micro tiles display a digital timeline of Colorado’s history from 10,000 years ago until the present and video vignettes announce the museum’s programmatic themes,



Check out our museum video at [www.FrontPorchStapleton.com](http://www.FrontPorchStapleton.com)

Colorado! The People, The Place and The Promise.

Walk through the train depot in the northeast corner of the Great Map to Destination Colorado, a community that inspired James Michener’s 1974 novel, *Centennial*. Interactive displays engage the senses. Visitors to this 1918 town on the eastern prairie can observe, listen, touch objects and even catch smells from the past. Activities such as a virtual ride in a Model T, gathering eggs, milking a cow, creating a 1920s profile for the high school yearbook and a trip to the general store bring this town to life.

The second-floor galleries introduce Colorado Stories, which recognize people and events of the past in eight Colorado communities. Interactive, sensory displays and authentic artifacts encourage visitors to enjoy and learn about Colorado’s vibrant past. Ride a virtual elevator down a mineshaft in one of Silverton’s silver mines to learn about mucking, mules and blasting. Meet the diverse community of Bent’s Fort in the 1800s, an example of global trade in early Colorado. Discover what it was like to (continued on page 16)



The museum includes a replica of Bent’s Old Fort, which was a trading post in southeastern Colorado where Mexicans, Native Americans and American Frontiersmen engaged in mutually beneficial trade.

Share your thoughts on Facebook at Front Porch Newspaper

# dumb friends league

# FURRY SCURRY®

9 a.m.

may 5

HELP HOMELESS PETS

washington park, denver

furryscurry.org

COLLECT PLEDGES  
for GREAT PRIZES

benefiting
since 1910

The animals in our care thank you!

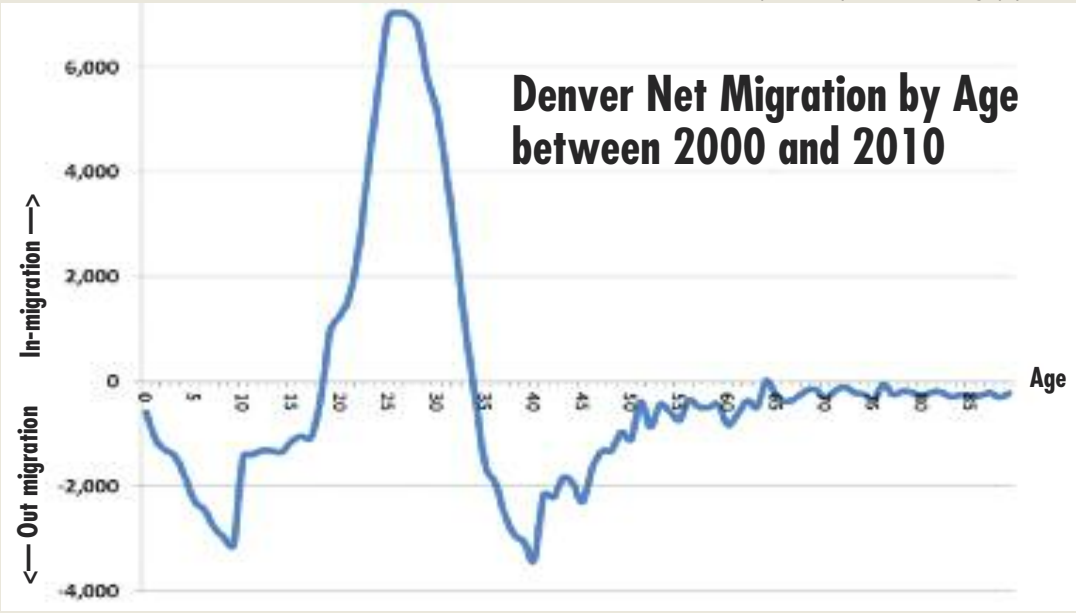




Stapleton resident Elizabeth Garner is a demographer for the State of Colorado.

# How have Denver and Colorado chan

Chart and data provided by the State Demography Office



## Migration & Population in Denver

One of the most striking statistics about Denver between 2000 to 2010 is that in all age groups except 19-34, there was a net “out-migration” (people moving away). A total of 62,539 people in the 19-34 age range moved to Denver (“in-migration”) over the decade and a total of 77,336 in all other age groups combined moved out (see chart above).

Although more people moved out of Denver than moved in between 2000 and 2010, Denver’s population still increased 8.2% over the decade, to 600,158. The metro area increased 16% over that time, to 2.78 million. By 2020, Denver’s population is forecast to increase by 88,000 to 688,632.

Prior to 1990, Denver had experienced two decades of population loss. From 1970 to 1980 the population declined from 514,000 to 492,000 and then to 462,000 from 1980 to 1990.

The Denver Metro area had the largest net in-migration of 25–34-year-olds of all metropolitan areas in the U.S. from 2008–2010. (2010 American Community Survey, 3-year)

The state of Colorado had the 9th fastest growth rate in the U.S., at 16.9%. The growth rate for the U.S. overall was 9.7%.

## Mountain Spine & Pain Physicians

### Pain Relief without Surgery

- Providing compassionate care to our patients
- Personalizing a treatment plan using the latest minimally invasive procedural techniques, diagnostic tests, medications and rehabilitation therapies

**Brian Fuller, M.D. • 303.355.3700**  
**www.mountain-spine.com**

2373 Central Park Blvd, Suite 303 • Denver, CO 80238



**Dr. Fuller is a Harvard trained triple board certified physician. He is an expert in the diagnosis and relief of spine and other pain conditions.**

## UNDER CONTRACT!



**2393 Alton Street**  
Late's Urban Estate  
Under Contract in ONE Day



**8726 E 35th Avenue**  
Infinity Platino Ranch  
Under Contract in 38 Days



**8596 E 35th Avenue**  
John Loring City Villa Patted  
Under Contract in 9 Days



**3416 Beeler Court**  
New Town Monaco  
Under Contract in 15 Days



**3465 Willow Street**  
New Town Tamarac  
Under Contract - Multiple Offers



**2615 Central Park Blvd**  
KB Warwick Coach Home  
Under Contract in 7 Days



**2378 Xanthia Way**  
KB Warwick Coach Home  
Under Contract in 3 Days



**2370 Cherry Street**  
Park Hill Bungalow  
Under Contract in 3 Days, 5 Offers

**Our Tools. Our Experience. YOUR Goals.**



**The Kearns Team**



**RE/MAX**  
of cherry creek

**Diana Kearns**  
Broker / Co-Owner  
Diana@KearnsTeam.com | 303.598.2076

**Michael Kearns**  
Broker / Co-Owner  
Michael@KearnsTeam.com | 303.598.3468

**www.BuildingStapleton.com**

**RE/MAX of Cherry Creek, Inc.**  
3773 Cherry Creek North Drive, Suite #801 Denver, CO 80209 | 303.320.1666  
Each Office Independently Owned and Operated

## Real Estate MARKET UPDATE

**Thinking of Selling? Inventory is down, interest rates are low, and Buyers are buying!**

We have helped our neighbors buy or sell OVER 200 homes in Stapleton. Let us market your home to more Buyers to get it SOLD!

**Thinking of Buying? Don't wait or you may miss out on a great opportunity!**

We would love to help you find the home you are looking for, or we will work with you to build a new home that fits all your needs!

Check out our website, or call us at **303.331.4500** today!

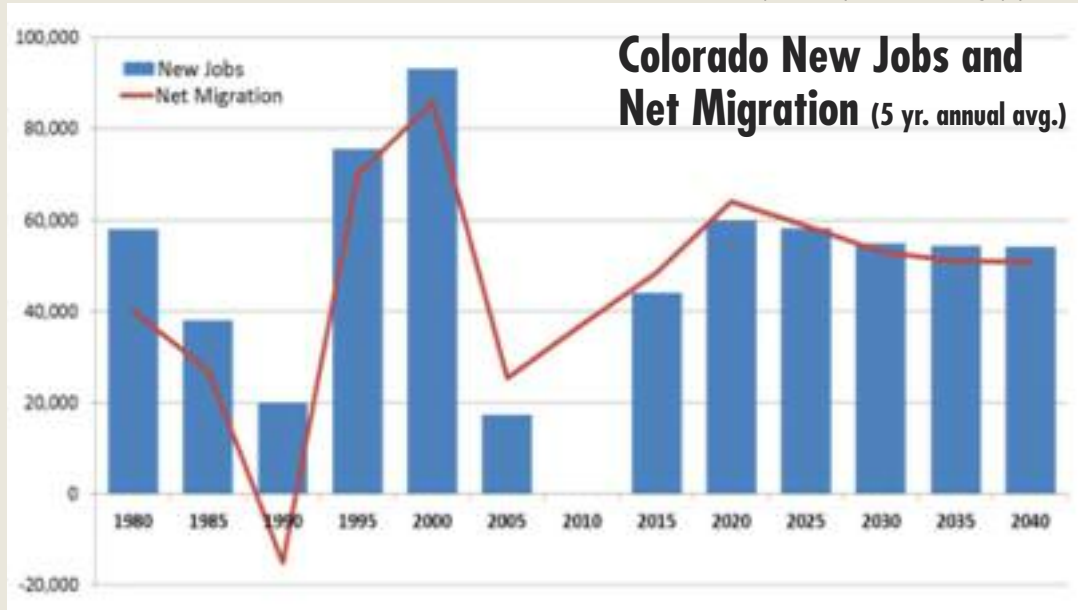
Visit us online at  
**www.BuildingStapleton.com**

Denver's premier  
neighborhood  
real estate website



# ged since 2010? And what lies ahead?

Chart and data provided by the State Demography Office



## Jobs and Migration in Colorado

The chart at left shows the direct correlation between jobs (or lack of them) and migration in or out of the state. As shown by the red line, the only time the state had more out-migration than in-migration was the five-year time period between 1985 and 1990. The blank in the chart in 2010 (the average from 2005 to 2010) shows the impact of the recession in Colorado.

The State Demography Office produces a job forecast in order to understand the number of people who will be needed to fill jobs in the future. The economic forecast utilizes a national forecast and an understanding of how Colorado and Denver fit into the national forecast. The population forecast ages the current population and applies birth and survival rates based on age, race and gender. A gap between the job forecast (demand for workers) and population forecast (supply of workers) is projected to be filled through migration.

Special thanks to Elizabeth Garner for developing and providing the charts and information for this article.

## What Does a State Demographer Do?

By John Babiak

Stapleton resident Elizabeth Garner has a job that any curious analytical thinker would be ecstatic to have. She works in the State of Colorado's Demography Office as our state demographer. For the past seven years, Garner, an economist, has been disseminating population and demographic data, including Colorado state economic overviews and forecasts that are generated by the office. She is also responsible for facilitating the interpretation of these facts and trends for members of the media.

Does Garner like to generate and mine data? "Absolutely. Prior to being the state demographer, I ran a data center for the Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Department in Fort Collins. The data center supports university faculty who are specialists in every university department, from Food and Nutrition, to Psychology, to Agricultural Sciences." She further explains that university faculty rely on the data center to develop topic-specific information for their projects or to satisfy community-based inquiries and needs.

The Demography Office is part of the State of Colorado's Department of Local Affairs. This office generates population and demographic data that is used by various state agencies to forecast demand for their facilities and services. According to the Demography Office, their data is viewed as a "community resource." Businesses and investors use population data to analyze and forecast the markets for products and services. Local Colorado governments and nonprofit (continued on page 7)

# iRepairDoc

## Urgent Healthcare for your iPhone

### iPhone Repair • iPad Repair • 90 Day Warranty

1... iRepairDoc.com



2...



3...



Email [info@iRepairDoc.com](mailto:info@iRepairDoc.com)



Colorado 720.308.2145

# Everyone needs a sidekick



## THE SUPER SNUGLER

## Adopt yours for \$50 off\*

\*Cats & dogs, 1 year or older.

Spay/neuter surgery,

initial vaccinations & microchip ID included.



2080 S. QUEBEC ST., DENVER | 4556 CASTLETON COURT, CASTLE ROCK | 303.751.5772 | DDFL.ORG



# Denver Demographics

Chart and data provided by the State Demography Office

## Aging

Colorado is aging. Colorado's 65+ population is forecast to grow by 60% over this current decade from 550,000 to 892,000—an increase of 337,000. Denver will experience similar but less dramatic changes in the 65+ age group, growing by 41% or 25,000 between 2010 and 2020. The growth is due to the number of baby boomers aging into the 65+ age group. In Denver, there are 134,000 boomers in 2010, who will all have aged to 65+ by 2030.

Denver's share of the population 65+ is forecast to increase from 10% to 15% of the population by 2030.

Denver is younger than the state. The median age for Denver is 33 compared to 36 for the state. Denver's largest share of the population is the 25-to-44-year-old group, which is also the state's largest share of the population. However, 35% of the population in Denver is 25–44 years old, compared to 28% of the state's population.

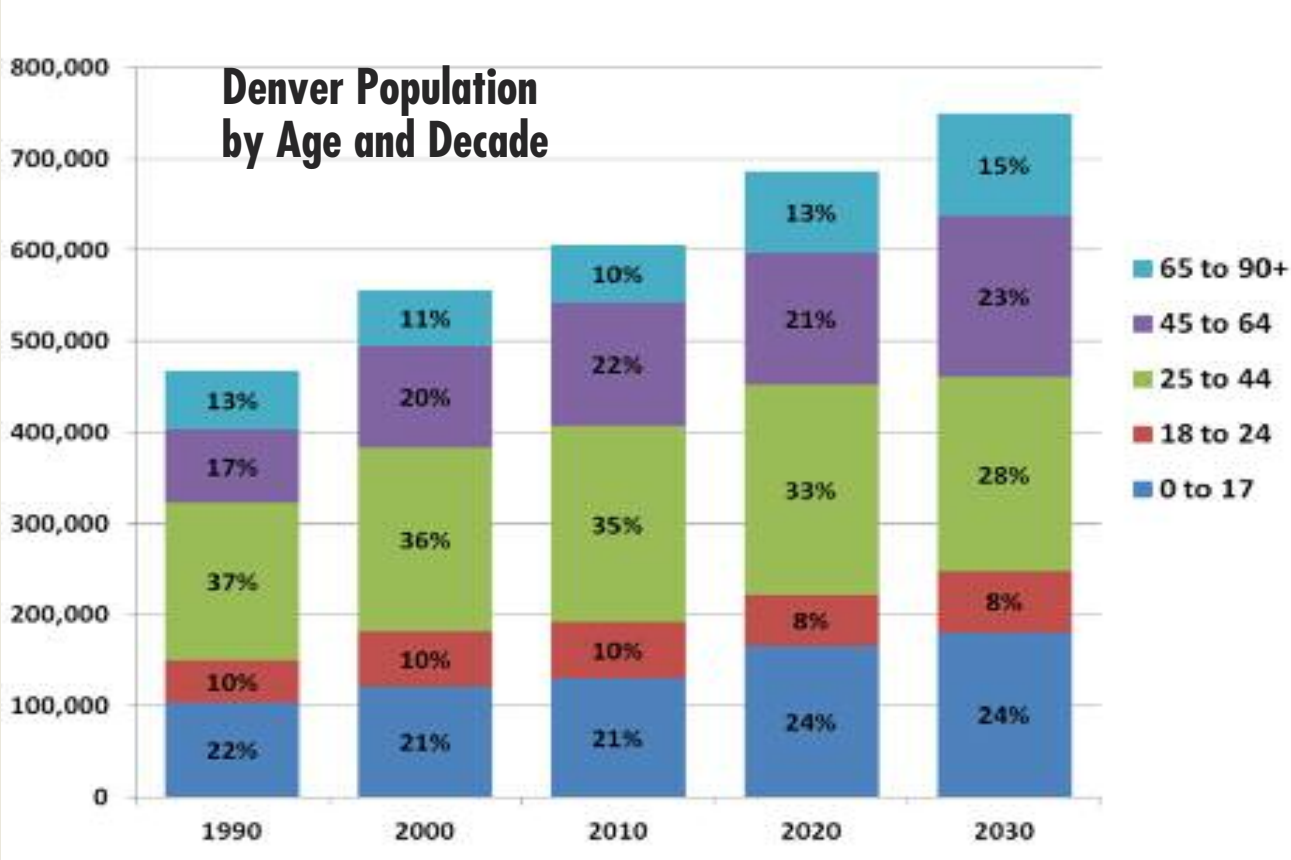


Chart and data provided by the State Demography Office

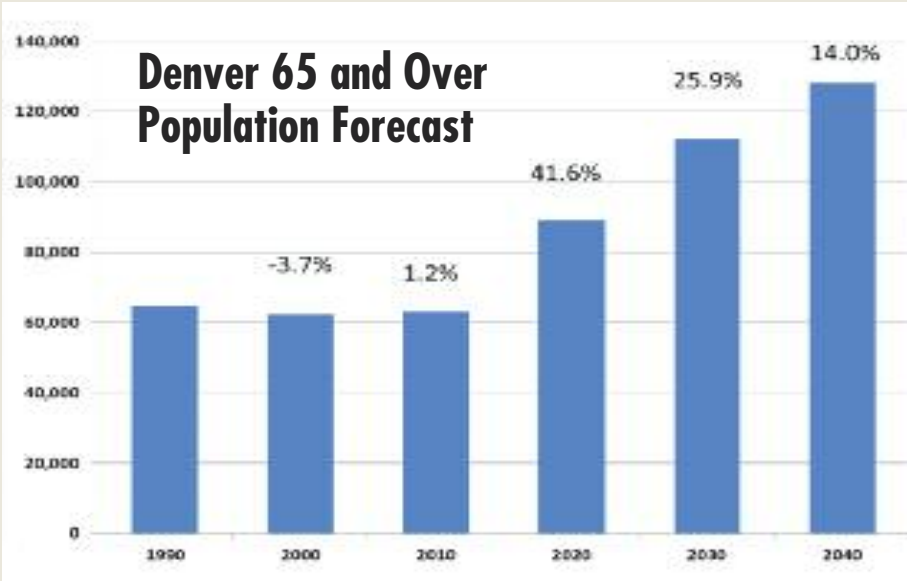
**BASH DASH 2012**

FINALLY A FAMILY ADVENTURE RACE!

...AND, IT BENEFITS LOCAL SCHOOLS!

**MAY 5, 2012, 8-11AM AT STAPLETON TOWN CENTER!**

**BASH DASH** is a family-friendly adventure race for elementary and middle school-aged children. Prizes for best team costumes and more! \$25 per team + \$150 in team fundraising to benefit the Young Philanthropists Foundation. Create a team of 4 or 5 members (only 2 adults per team) and register at [www.ypfoundation.org/bashdash](http://www.ypfoundation.org/bashdash).



## Open House Tour—Saturday, April 14th, 1-4pm

### npere

#### New Perspective REAL ESTATE

Since 2005, agents at NPRE have helped more than 150 families get comfortable in Stapleton.

**Jody E. Donley** Broker | CEO  
**Jaryd Takushi** Urban Market Advisor  
**Melinda S. Howlett** Realtor®  
**Susan Y. Ingle** Realtor®  
Leasing | Property Management  
**Danille Morgan** Realtor®

**303-394-4526**  
[www.NPREco.com](http://www.NPREco.com)

Get comfortable.

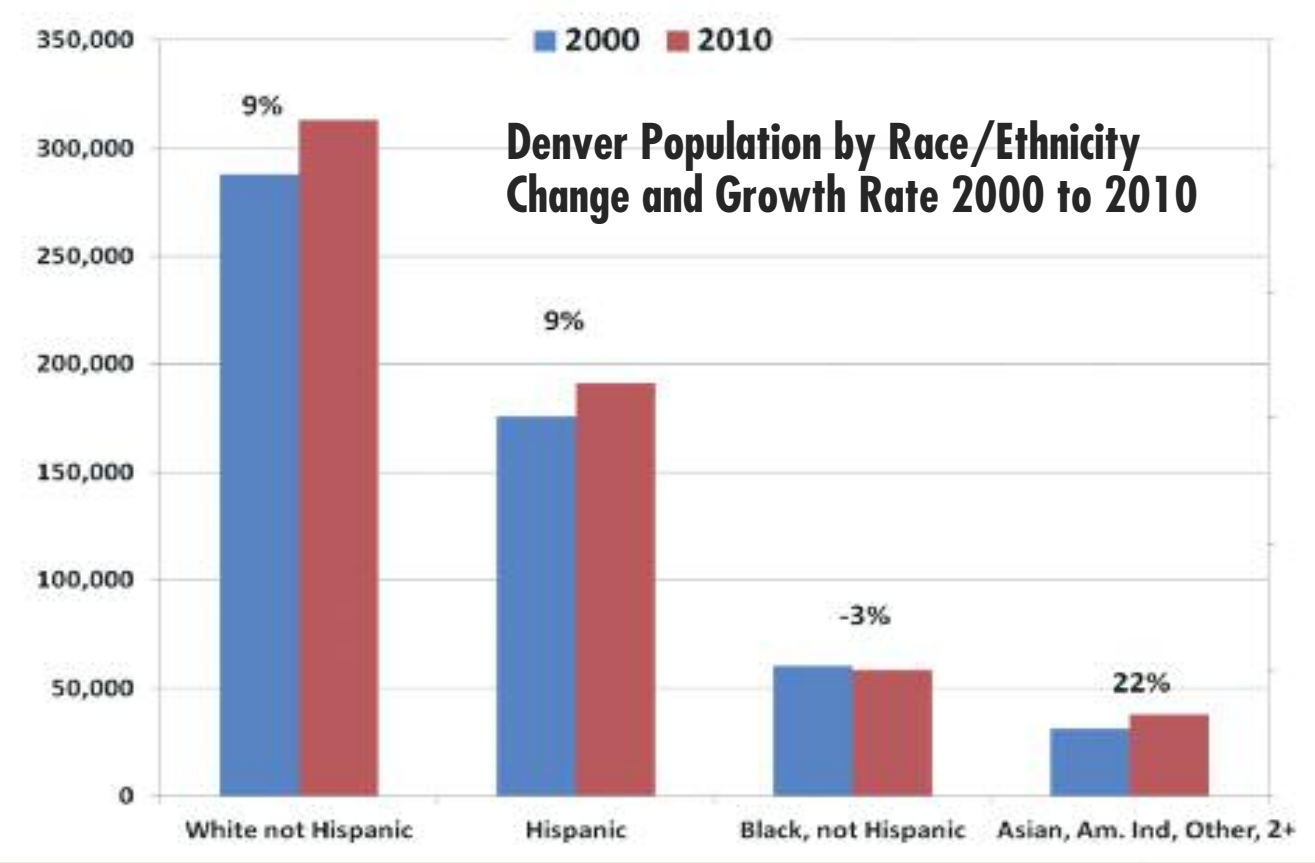
**Homes on Tour**

- 1 9057 E 31st Ave \$1,095,000
- 2 8735 28th Ave \$575,000
- 3 3364 Wabash St Call for price
- 4 3209 Florence Way \$329,000

**2012 Transaction Legend**

- Sale
- Leased or Managed
- Under Contract
- Coming Soon





## Diversity

Colorado is becoming more diverse racially and ethnically, especially at the young end—and Denver is more diverse than the state as a whole.

Denver’s growth by race and ethnicity remained fairly constant over the decade. There was a slight decline in the Black non-Hispanic population and slight increase in the Asian and “2 or more races” categories.

The Hispanic population is a larger share of Denver’s population than statewide, 32% versus 21%. However, the Hispanic population in Denver increased at a slower rate than the state as a whole, 9% in Denver compared to a 41% growth rate statewide.

## Households

Household type is changing, with a growing share of non-family households and people living alone. In Denver 40% of the households are living alone. This may be due to the larger share of young adults in the city. Additionally, almost 50% of households over 65 are living alone, compared to the state average of 38%.

(continued from page 5) groups mine the data to more accurately anticipate population growth or decline trends, and to plan and develop necessary programs and community resources for their residents or membership. The data is published and shared during regional and local community meetings, forums and conferences.

Numerous facts and statistics are posted on the State of Colorado’s Demography Office website. A sampling of demographic and economic data that is available includes:

- Births and Deaths
- Age, Gender, Race and Ethnic Groups
- Ancestry; Citizenship; Place of Birth
- Language Spoken at Home
- Migration
- Housing Units and Building Permits
- Household Data: Type, Age, Income, Families, Persons

- Employment Data
- Jobs by Industry
- Labor Force Status
- Place of Work; Journey to Work
- Veteran Status
- School Enrollment
- Educational Attainment
- Disability
- Geographic Areas & Maps
- Garner is out in the community frequently to communicate Colorado-related data that was generated by the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2010 survey, including current information, demographic changes and forecasts for specific cities, counties and neighborhoods.

*Elizabeth Garner lives in Stapleton with her husband Greg and children Taylor, 14, and Jackson, 11.*

Share your thoughts on Facebook at Front Porch Newspaper

**HOT PICKS**  
Hot Sub, Soup or Chili & Drink

**YOU PICK COMBO**  
Just \$6.99  
Make it a Medium Combo for \$1.50 more  
Make it a Large Combo for \$3.00 more  
\*Excludes subs with meat or cheese

**COLD PICKS**  
Cold Sub, Cookie or Brownie, Side & Drink

**FAMILY MEAL DEAL \$22.99**  
2 small subs, 2 medium subs, 4 sides, and a 2 liter bottle  
Not valid with other coupons or offers. \*Excludes subs with meat or cheese


**2 MEDIUM SUBS FOR \$9.99**  
Make them both Large Subs for just \$5.00 more  
Not valid with other coupons or offers. \*Excludes subs with meat or cheese

700 Colorado Blvd • (303) 388-3800  
Order Online @ [www.SilverMineSubs.com](http://www.SilverMineSubs.com)  
© SILVER MINE SUBS FRANCHISE INC.

Follow us:







# FIND YOUR EASTER ESSENTIALS...

You won't have to hunt long for Easter treats and treasures at Northfield Stapleton. Shop the new, colorful spring lines — in stores now!

The Shops at  
**NORTHFIELD**  
STAPLETON

**STAPLETON**

Macy's • JCPenney • The Children's Place • Justice • Old Navy • and more!  
NorthfieldStapleton.com • 303-375-5475

Access via Central Park Blvd is coming soon.  
Visit over 60 Northfield Stapleton Main Street shops and restaurants including:

## LING & LOUIE'S

### ASIAN BAR AND GRILL



# 15% off food

*Not valid with other coupons, discounts, or happy hour.*

**Northfield • 303.371.4644**



Check out our  
**NEW** Mini Sessions!

**KAREN RUBIN**  
*childhood everlasting*

[www.karenrubin.com](http://www.karenrubin.com) 303.755.5501

## Adopt a new friend at the Dumb Friends League adoption center at Northfield Stapleton.



**DUMB FRIENDS LEAGUE** since 1910 8316 Northfield Blvd., Suite 1660, Denver, CO 80230 | [ddfl.org](http://ddfl.org)



## Happy Hour

4-7 Mon-Fri 1/2 price

- \$3 Drafts
- \$4 Wines
- \$5 Martinis
- ALL Appetizers

Tuesday 5 Burger Night • Wednesday 5 Bud Buckets

8332 Northfield Blvd Denver, CO 80238 303.457.5900

\*All promotions are in-house specials only and cannot be used for take-out. Must be 21 and up after 5pm. ©2012 Bar Louie Inc. All rights reserved.



# ERGO

## AVEDA

### Salon & Spa

# \$30 Off

## Cut AND Color

Call 303-373-5455 for an appointment  
First time clients only. Offer good through 4/30/12.



People Who  
Make a Difference

# The King

John Owens, who has lived on the same block for 40 years and has a personality that is larger than life, is the “King of Park Hill.”

Jon Meredith: Your parents traveled from Okmulgee, Oklahoma to Safford, Arizona, during the Depression in a covered wagon. They sharecropped along the way. What was that like?

John Owens: They said sometimes it took forever to go just a few miles. They learned as blacks to blend in and compensate. They knew what the elements were going to be like and what people were going to be like. They learned to use personality and be extremely humble because you never knew what you were going to run into. There was a lot of prejudice back then so when they got to the little bitty small towns, they had a gift of being able to deal with people whose own lack of self-esteem made them difficult.

JM: How did sharecropping work?

Owens: My parents would make an agreement with the landowner at the beginning of the season. They would work on the farm for a whole year for x amount of dollars which included food and shelter. After the crops were harvested they would either agree to stay or move on. They kept moving until they reached Arizona after several years. There we stayed working on a farm for years. My father was good with mechanics and he soon became the foreman and our families were very close friends.

JM: Despite your racial differences your families became best friends?

Owens: His sons and I used to go hunting and fishing together. I had a wonderful time back in those days, much



“I wanted to fit into the community, I was here to make a difference and I wanted to be an asset to the community.” –John Owens

more than a lot of the others who did not have good relationships with the landowners they worked for. They really treated us well. We would go spend the night with his sons, we were like brothers. One of the sons was the same age as my brother. His mother had a problem when he was born because she couldn’t supply milk. My mother nursed both of them at the same time. At my mother’s funeral, he came and stood up and told people, with tears running down his face, “Most of you here don’t know me and you think I am a guest. I am no guest, that is my mother.” He is now a judge in Arizona.

JM: You served in the Navy during the Korean conflict. Why did you join the Navy?

Owens: Farm work is hot and hard. I wanted off of that farm so bad, the moment I had the opportunity, I volunteered for the service. I got three hot meals a day. I was pretty wise I think. I saw the whole world in the Navy, sometimes at sea for more than 40 days at a time.

JM: In 1973 were your neighbors upset because a black person moved in?  
Owens: Well, at first... (but) that changed quickly. I was riding a long chopper and I had hair out everywhere. I looked like the dark side of the Hell’s Angels. I did it just for show, I had a good job. My personality wasn’t like my appearance. Kids would always come and talk to me when I rode up. The parents would call them back to their houses. After a while the parents would come down with the kids to see what was so interesting. When they did, I had them. I won them over with love, I told them I am not what you probably assume. I wanted to fit into the community, I was here to make a difference and I wanted to be an asset to the community.

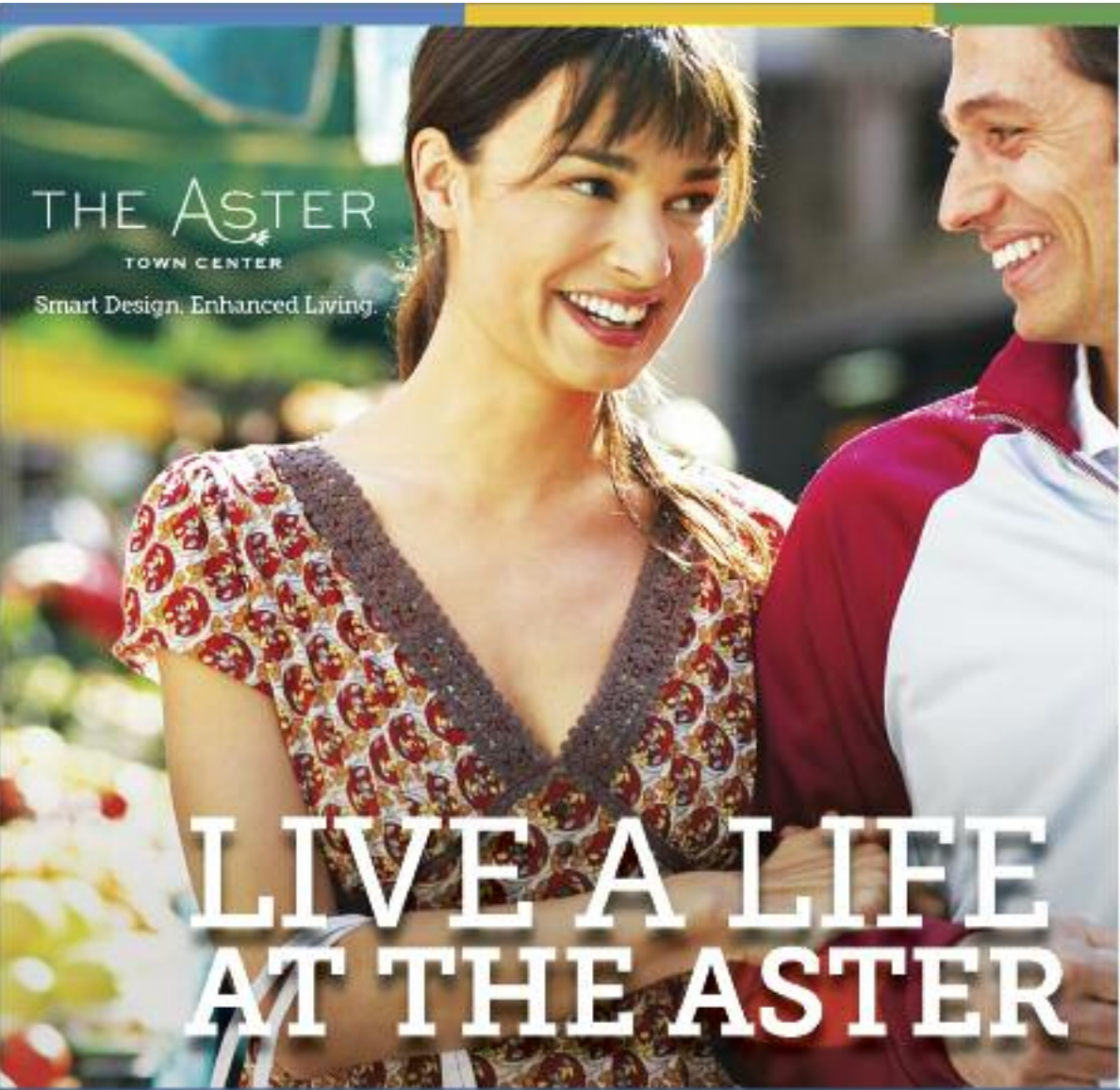
JM: To what do you attribute your wonderful personality?

Owens: To my mother. I grew up in areas where there was prejudice to a great extent. My mother always made us strong by believing in ourselves, knowing who we are and not holding other people accountable as to what we ourselves can do. Also, she made us able to recognize other people’s ignorance and count it to their ignorance. Don’t let it cause you to be like those who apply it to you.

JM: Being the King of Park Hill, do you ever pull rank on the governor?

Owens: I am the leader of the Park Hill parade every 4th of July. I ride a big lawn mower that I dress up and put a big chair on. I get the Hickenloopers’ son to ride with me and the governor marches behind. (The governor lives across the street from Owens.)

*Owens is retired now and spends his days fishing, riding his Harley-Davidson Gold Wing with a stuffed gorilla on the back and spreading the good word.*



Of course you want a brand new apartment with forward thinking design elements, lots of granite, wood, windows, storage space, and energy-efficient features in a community that blends beautifully with its surroundings. But you don’t spend your life inside. You want a central location - two blocks to the E. 29th Ave. Town Center; one block to the Farmers’ Market and the new Denver Public Library; near Central Park hiking and biking trails; close to all transportation options and just 15 minutes to downtown Denver. Life is how you live; life is where you live. Get all of the options at The Aster Town Center. Contact us today to learn more!



Now Leasing.  
1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments  
(303) 388-1414





# BLADIUM: GET FIT. HAVE FUN.



**JOIN NOW FOR ONLY \$29**



## Les Mills Classes

**Get the Results You Want. Fast.**

Bladium is proud to offer the renowned Les Mills exercise classes. Burn serious calories while you have serious fun.

**CROSSFIT IS HERE! GET 2 WEEKS FREE**


Over 60 GX classes every week!

- BodyPUMP
- BodyATTACK
- BodySTEP
- RPM (cycling)
- BodyCOMBAT
- BodyFLOW
- Yoga, Bootcamp, Dance & more!
- Zumba coming in April!

For Group X class descriptions and schedule, visit [bladiumdenver.com/lesmills](http://bladiumdenver.com/lesmills)

## KIDS FEST-APRIL 21

Carnival Fun for the whole family. Free for everyone—open to the public.  
April 21, 11a.m.-2:00p.m.



### KIDS CAMPS

**Register Now for Kids Summer Camps** Ages 5-14

**All-Star Sports Camp**—wide variety of sports activities including soccer, basketball, flag football, dodge ball, frisbee, kickball, arts and crafts and more!

**NEW-Soccer Academy**—focuses on the individual technical development of each player through a series of fun and challenging skill-intensive games. Ages 6-12

**Register for 3 or more Camps (days/weeks) and Receive 10% OFF**

To sign up for camps or to get more information call (303) 320-3033 or email [denvercamps@bladium.com](mailto:denvercamps@bladium.com)

**BLADIUM<sup>®</sup>**  
SPORTS & FITNESS CLUB

2400 Central Park Boulevard • Denver • Located in Stapleton  
Call today for more information or to reserve your space.

**(303) 320-3033 Bladium.com**  
**DenverMemberships@Bladium.com**



## Making History Relevant

By Carol Roberts

“History is boring.” “History isn’t meaningful in my life.” Such comments are not unusual

among students at many middle and high schools.

Facing History and Ourselves is a non-profit organization started in the Boston area 35 years ago that took on the issue of making history relevant in students’ lives by developing teaching strategies and classroom materials that engage the students. It now has offices in eight U.S. cities and has educational partnerships with numerous countries around the world.

Stapleton resident David Fulton is the director of the Facing History office for Denver and the Rocky Mountain states, located on the campus of Johnson & Wales. “We look at the choices people in history have made in events like the Holocaust or the civil rights movements, both tragic choices and heroic choices, and link them to choices students and teachers make today.”

“Teachers deserve intellectually rigorous and morally compelling professional development that treats them like the intellectuals

they are,” says Fulton. “We assume teachers are both smart people and the most important people in shaping our democracy and shaping the kind of future citizens we are going to have.”



David Fulton, director, Facing History and Ourselves for Denver and the Rocky Mountain states.

Teachers who attend Facing History classes can get credit, but Fulton believes what teachers are really looking for is “intellectual nourishment” and practical tools to do their job better. He says once teachers have taken a Facing History course, they have access to the program’s lending library of about 5,000 documents, many of which are primary source documents.

Chicago and Boston have adopted the Facing History curriculum district wide. Fulton says the DPS social studies curriculum director is “a big fan” of Facing History and a number of DPS teachers use Facing History, but it has not been adopted district wide in DPS.

Fulton, who has a PhD in moral development and co-authored a book on school culture with Park Hill resident Charles Elbot, points out that teaching character matters as much in Facing History as teaching academics. “What’s powerful is when students get in the habit of noticing injustice and standing up to it and telling other



**FREE Exam for Children  
Under 24 Months**

Alfaiyaz Ibrahim, DDS  
Board-certified Pediatric Dentist  
2373 Central Park Blvd. in Stapleton  
303.399.KIDS – [www.stapletonkids.com](http://www.stapletonkids.com)  
We accept all major dental plans & offer flexible hours for appointments.





Left: Facing History recently sponsored a free community event at Johnson & Wales that featured Peter Balakian, author and professor of humanities at Colgate University, speaking about the Armenian Genocide. Above: Kelly Miller, a sophomore studying AP European history at St. Mary's Academy, asks a question of Professor Balakian.

kids, 'We don't do that here.' A value added through Facing History is getting kids in the habit of taking the perspective of other people."

In an evaluation of the Facing History program at an urban school in New Mexico, students responded to the question, "Tell about any changes in your school or in your classmates that you have observed and think may be due to studying Facing History or using Facing History materials."

A female sophomore's response echoed the sentiments of numerous students, "Things like the understanding of other races and cultures have, I think, not only impacted me, but my peers as well. People are more willing to try and understand each other now, and see everyone's perspectives."

Photos on this page were taken at a recent free community event sponsored by Facing History, a lecture on the Armenian Genocide by noted scholar Peter Balakian. Following the lecture, Balakian asked teachers in the audience to talk about their experiences using Facing History's strategies and resources. The teachers universally had high praise for the curriculum.

"The reading is so compelling that even my very reluctant readers will take the time to pull through it. One of my classes is a pretty tough group of kiddos and they are spell-bound. It's a horrible thing to say

that I'm an Armenian Genocide groupie, but it really has worked so well in my classroom." (10th grade world history)

## Upcoming Events

*Bully*, directed by Lee Hirsch, will start playing in Denver on April 13 at the Mayan Theater. Facing History developed a manual to guide discussion about the film. The manual, *A Guide to the Film BULLY—Fostering Empathy and Action in Schools*, can be downloaded free at [FacingHistory.org](http://FacingHistory.org).

The movie, *The Minister's War: The Story of Martha & Waitstill Sharp*, will be shown by Facing History on April 18 at 6:30pm at the First Unitarian Society of Denver. The movie is about a Unitarian minister and his wife Martha, who helped feed and shelter thousands of refugees and assisted anti-Nazi dissidents and Jews as they escaped to safety. The movie is free and open to the public. RSVP at [www.facinghistory.org/denverevents](http://www.facinghistory.org/denverevents).

A free educator workshop will precede the movie, *The Minister's War*. The workshop, which includes dinner and the movie, will be held from 4:30 - 8:15pm. RSVP for the workshop at [www.facinghistory.org/denverevents](http://www.facinghistory.org/denverevents).

"Students really do seem to be very engaged and they come alive and there seems to be a lot of discussion that happens in that unit (the Armenian genocide). It's so important that students can make the connection to what we do in our society to alienate certain people." (11th grade world history)

"People just like us were in Germany in the 1930s and 40s... they went to church, loved their families, were terrific neighbors... how did the Holocaust happen? Not only is the history very solid, but it's trying to encourage civic participation and moral engagement. We talk about it in the context of bullying incidents in our own school. How many of you

have intervened in these types of situations... and now let's look at a society. What was happening in Germany?"

"In history I can't think of anything that would just ruin their lives if they didn't know it. That's why this is so compelling."

"Facing History materials are so rich and complex and yet they provide students an entry into these difficult moral dilemmas that are so important for us to keep having conversations about."

The Facing History website ([FacingHistory.org](http://FacingHistory.org)) offers resource materials that can be downloaded by educators or parents, as well as a list of their periodic community events.



montVIEW } question  
CHURCH } think  
Montview Blvd. & Dahlia St. } serve  
grow

At Montview Church, we understand that questions about God start early. That's why we offer engaging children's programs that help kids develop spiritually. Sunday School, mission trips, plays, children's choir – Montview is brimming with ways for children to grow in God's love.

Discover more at [montview.org](http://montview.org)

## From Baptism to Beethoven



## SHOULD YOU REALLY BE EATING FOR TWO?

by Valerie B. Ginsburg, MD



**Stapleton OB-GYN**

Valerie B. Ginsburg, MD  
2807 Roslyn Street (behind King Soopers)  
303-403-6333  
Open Mon - Fri, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



**Stapleton Family & Occupational Medicine**

Rick Artist, MD  
Kristine Walsh, MD, MPH  
Jennifer Watts, MD  
2803 Roslyn Street (behind King Soopers)  
303-403-6300  
Open Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Wed, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sat, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



**Congratulations, you're pregnant!** And now that you are, you can eat anything you want, right? Not so fast. While it is true that pregnancy is a time of weight gain and some weird food cravings, it doesn't mean that it's time for an anything goes diet.

It is an outdated misconception that pregnant women should be eating twice as much. In reality, growing a new baby uses up only an extra 300 to 350 calories a day. What is more important is consuming quality foods, those that are high in nutrients but low in calories.

Excessive weight gain during pregnancy can increase your risk of gestational diabetes, high blood pressure, and possibly needing a cesarean birth due to a large baby size.

Conversely, gaining too little weight during pregnancy is also of concern. It can lead to low-birth weight, premature delivery and potential chronic health problems for your baby.

So how much weight should you gain? Gaining between 20 and 25 pounds is typically a safe range during pregnancy, but this also depends on your pre-pregnancy weight. Discuss your appropriate weight gain with your doctor.

If you would like to make an appointment with Dr. Ginsburg, please contact the Stapleton OB-GYN office directly.



Like us on Facebook





As director of the Department of Environmental Health, Doug Linkhart is responsible for more than 100 city services, including health inspections in restaurants, community health, animal control and environmental quality.

By Jon Meredith

Doug Linkhart, who has had a long career in city and state politics, was appointed by Mayor Hancock to be Denver's director of the Department of Environmental Health (DEH). Although the number of employees at DEH is only about 150, they are in charge of more than 100 different city services that include health inspections in restaurants, community health, animal control and environmental quality.

ronmental Health (DEH). Although the number of employees at DEH is only about 150, they are in charge of more than 100 different city services that include health inspections in restaurants, community health, animal control and environmental quality.

## Denver Dept. of Environmental Health Linkhart Sets Priorities

Linkhart wants to manage these services in a manner that encourages citizens to comply with regulations by knowing why the rules are in place rather than simply enforcing rules and collecting fines. "There is a connection between people's behavior and effective results if they understand why regulations are in place."

Linkhart says he loves his new job and feels it suits him well—in his past roles as a legislator and city council member, he has learned the art of working with divergent groups by building consensus. His mission as director of DEH, he says, is to "help Denverites live healthy lives and make the city greener—both of which are my passions."

Linkhart says he will propose some innovative ideas to city council, such as having off-leash hours for dogs in certain areas of various city parks. He wants to revise the city code for animals by redefining animal cruelty and imposing larger fines for those offenses. He would like to hire an officer specifically to investigate cruelty complaints. Linkhart believes he can get citizens to help identify potentially dangerous dogs through an effort to educate citizens about the warning signs of dangerous dogs. His foremost goal regarding animal

control is "to vastly reduce the number of animals that are euthanized while in city possession. With our new facility, I hope we can run it more like the Denver Dumb Friends League, where it becomes more of a shelter."

As far as restaurant inspections are concerned, Linkhart will meet with restaurant owners in March to find consensus on exactly how best to promote public health in all of the restaurants in Denver. He says, "Last year the department issued 1300 fines to noncompliant restaurants. However, 35 percent of restaurants had no fine and some that have been in business for years have never had a fine."

The Community Health and Decision Support area of the department is largely responsible for promoting good health in the city and overseeing the city's contract with Denver Health. Linkhart firmly believes, "Our big priority in community health is education and prevention—how the uninsured can get care before it becomes an emergency room problem." His mandate will be for the health area of his department to design and implement educational materials that will promote and improve citizens' health.

Linkhart was elected to the Colorado House in 1993 and remained on the Denver City Council as an at-large member until his term expired last year, when he ran for mayor of Denver. During a portion of his time on city council he lived in Stapleton and he now resides in the East Colfax neighborhood.

Everyone deserves a healthy, beautiful smile!  
"beautiful smiles begin here"

- Comprehensive Care Adults & Children
- Your Comfort is our Priority
- General & Cosmetic Dentistry
- Aesthetic Treatments
- State of the Art Dental Technology
- Dental Care for Every Need

LOWRY FAMILY DENTISTRY

Voted Top Dentist  
**5280**  
Denver's Magazine  
2008 • 2009 • 2010 • 2011

Lowry Family Dentistry • 303.366.3000 • [www.lowryfamilydentistry.com](http://www.lowryfamilydentistry.com)

**OPENING A FREE**  
**Montessori Elementary School**  
**Monarch Montessori of Denver Charter**  
**August 14, 2012**  
**Kindergarten-2nd Grade**

- April 16th - "Intent to Enroll" form due (can be found on the website)
- April 17th - Run Lottery (if needed)
- April 20th - Letter of Acceptance
- April 30th - Formal Application Due

**Open Tour Dates:**  
April 3rd from 1pm-3pm  
April 12th from 8am-10am  
April 17th from 1pm-3pm

**www.MonarchM.com**  
**720.746.2140**  
11200 E 45th Ave. Denver CO 80239

**SOLD**

Need to **MAXIMIZE** the **INVESTMENT** on your house? (303) 717- 4216  
[www.RootRealty.com](http://www.RootRealty.com)

Choose Root Realty  
*Where Brain Meets Heart*  
Emily Roet REALTOR

- ✓ Expert market analysis and property assessment.
- ✓ Pre-listing strategy, advice and home staging included.
- ✓ Honest, smart & savvy; a genuine people person who cares.
- ✓ 12+ years of representing metro Denver sellers and buyers.

Get the Attention  
You & Your House Deserve.

**SHUTTERS \$18.99 sq. ft. INSTALLED!**  
**FREE IN-HOME ESTIMATES**  
**303-895-8282**

**HUNTER DOUGLAS SALE**  
**Free Estimates & Cash Rebates Available**  
**Blinds of all kinds...and more!**  
[www.flatironwindowfashions.com](http://www.flatironwindowfashions.com)  
**SAVE MONEY • SAVE ENERGY • BUILD GREEN**



# CPB Bridge Opens Soon

*Will you miss the Quebec intersection?*



**Above:** Although only two lanes are being completed at this time, bridge supports are in place for four lanes. The construction of the additional lanes will be a decision made by the City of Denver based on future traffic volumes.  
**Right:** Brett Price of Mortenson Construction, which built the bridge, points out the 13.5-foot-wide sidewalk to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists.  
**Below:** Multiple types of fencing were used in order to meet the requirements of Union Pacific Railroad, RTD and Colorado Department of Transportation.

By Carol Roberts

The new Central Park Boulevard (CPB) Bridge that connects to I-70 and Northfield may look like half a bridge, but many drivers think it's a whole lot better than the crowded I-70 Quebec intersection.

Bridge supports are in place for a four-lane bridge, which will be completed at some time in the future when traffic volume warrants the wider bridge. That decision will be made by the City of Denver. No timetable or cost for the remaining work is available at this time.

Weather permitting, the Central Park Bridge is expected to open one lane of traffic in each direction in late April or early May. Work remaining to be done before opening includes:

- Asphalt paving overlay
- Painting of the bridge
- Completion of the guardrails

### Central Park Boulevard Bridge Specifications

Bridge Length	803'
Bridge Height	48' (highest pt.)
Roadway Width	28'
Sidewalk Width	13.5'
Construction time	14 Months

- Installation of landscaping on the south side of the bridge near the pond
- Installation of street lights and signs for Central Park Blvd

The project was complex in that it required coordination with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and RTD. Planning and arrangements with these entities included:

- A bridge design that met Union Pacific Railroad standards and exceeded minimum clearances over the railroad
- A bridge design that would accommodate two future Union Pacific railways as well as the RTD light rail
- Different types of fences along the sidewalk of the bridge to meet construction specifications for each of the three jurisdictions

- Construction work had to be coordinated with Union Pacific Railroad traffic in the work area
- A Union Pacific flagger monitored all construction activities within the railroad right of way

One of the challenges for the construction manager, Mortenson Construction, was erecting the girders. The 160' concrete girders that support the bridge were too large to be transported to the north side of the creek where they were to be installed. To solve the problem, the girders were delivered to the south side of Sand Creek, along Smith Road, and were passed over the creek from one crane to another to be set in place.

The CPB bridge was part of a larger roadway construction project that included:

- Two lanes from 36th to I-70
- Four lanes from I-70 to 46th
- Two lanes from 46th to Northfield Blvd.

The cost of the entire project was \$19 million which included: a \$12 million non-reimbursed contribution from Forest City, \$2 million in DURA TIF funds, a \$5 million reimbursable advance from Forest City to Park Creek Metro District.

*Information provided by Tom Gleason, Forest City Vice President-PR.*



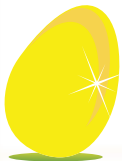
## Swine, Wine and a Good Time

Happening At The Berk!



**Make your reservations for Easter Brunch!**

Spaces are filling up fast, so reserve your spot for Swine, Wine and a Good Time!



**Easter Special:**  
**\$5 Bloody Mary's**



Happening At The Berk!



**TGIF! 10% off your entire lunch tab on Fridays!**

Only good during lunch (11am-3:45pm.)  
Not Valid with any other offers. Must present coupon.

Happening At The Berk!



**FREE GLASS OF WINE**  
Glass of house wine w/purchase of any ENTREE. Only valid during dinner. Must present coupon. Not valid with other offers. Only valid with selections from the ENTREE section of the menu. Not valid on Half-Priced Wednesdays.

Happening At The Berk!



**FREE BOTTLE OF WINE**

When you order any 4 ENTREES during dinner. Must present coupon. Not valid with other offers. Only valid with selections from the ENTREE section of the menu. Not valid on Half-Priced Wednesdays.

Happening At The Berk!



**\$3<sup>50</sup> MARGARITAS EVERY DAY!**  
Enjoy our beautiful patio dining! Spring has finally sprung, so come celebrate at your favorite neighborhood restaurant.

7352 E. 29th Ave.

[www.TheBerkshireRestaurant.com](http://www.TheBerkshireRestaurant.com)

p: 303.321.4010



# Good News for Do-It-Yourselfers

By Nancy Burkhart

Ace Hardware stores are known for being a neighborhood resource for appliances, plants and parts for the home. Now Northeast Denver has Ace on the FAX, located at 7100 E. Colfax Ave., just one block west of Quebec Street.

Mike and Mary Cottrell did a lot of research before they bought the building, built in 1947, for Ace on the FAX.

“We thought that at that location, we’re right smack in the middle of everything, all the great avenues of Denver that are just outside of downtown and near Aurora, Montclair, Lowry, Stapleton and Park Hill,” Mary said. “The area has a lot of character.

“The building really was a mess when we saw it,” she added. “My husband is gifted with great vision. We felt the structure was very sound and that all the other things could be renovated: plumbing, electrical, heating, air con-



Mike and Mary Cottrell saw a new life for the 1947-vintage building with a vaulted wood ceiling near Colfax and Quebec. Their work included restoring the original glass block (shown below) and tile façade. Department managers Aaron Ziesch (black shirt) and Tyson Fausone look forward to sharing their expertise with the customers. The store opened on March 28.

ditioning, and the floor. The walls, roof and ceiling are very sound. Now it has great color and great character. I think people are going to be surprised to see a hardware store housed in such a great building.”

The building has a barrel-vaulted wood ceiling with huge, exposed steel trusses made of Pueblo steel. The original glass block and tile façade has been restored while retaining the 1940s style. Skylights and two glass garage doors were installed for natural light and fresh air.

The neighborhood’s history is reflected in the new Ace on the FAX building. In its previous lives, it has been Miller’s Supermarket in the 1950s, Skyline Dodge in the 1960s, Crest Motors from about 1975 to 1980, and St. Vincent de Paul thrift store from 1987 to 2006. The building has been abandoned since 2006, Mary said.

“Everything is wide open, with no pillars, and the merchandise is easily available on the floor,” she said. “The finished product is stunning.”

ACE on the FAX features Benjamin Moore paints, a full Craftsman line, Stihl power tools, and a garden center. Rental equipment including carpet cleaners, lawn aerators, power rakes and power washers is available.

Neighborhood gardeners will find that the Lawn & Garden Department manager, Tyson Fausone, has more than enough horticulture experience and education to advise them. He has a degree in business from the University of Colorado and is working on a degree in horticulture at Front Range Community College.

“My passion lies in urban farming,” Fausone said. “It’s about food security for people without access to quality food. It’s also about people who want to source their produce locally for environmental reasons.

“Ace on the FAX has standard products that people have been using for 20 or 25 years. So we’ll have the expected lawn and garden products, and we’ll actively fill out what is going to be a sustainable gardening approach. I

want to provide both avenues so that all local citizens will feel comfortable coming in. We’re paying a lot of attention to what our community wants.”

As a Stapleton resident who often walks the neighborhood with Shannon Reiswig and their two dogs, Sasha and Hooper, Fausone knows the challenges of gardening in the Stapleton/Montclair/Mayfair/Park Hill/Lowry area.

“I’ve lived in different soil types in the area,” he said. “We will be working with the individual client, getting feedback from them as to what their difficulties are and tweaking their environment so that they can have success.”

An unusual spring in Denver has given everyone the urge to start planting, but Fausone warns against it.

“Those of us who know the weather patterns know there may be something around the corner, like a snowstorm,” he said. “We need to give existing plants a little more water, but don’t add fertilizer. Be a little reserved. Don’t put in early summer or late spring plants now.

“You can start tomatoes, cucumbers and watermelons in the garage if you have a spring ‘itch,’” he added. “Now is the perfect time for those who want to get a seed starting kit. You could start almost all of your spring/summer (continued on page 16)



## ELEVATE CHURCH

Elevate Church meets each Sunday at 10:30am



Enter the school on the west side located in the media room

*"Life is Good" is a popular phrase, but that is not always reality. Sadness and loneliness can live just below the surface, and those emotions can bring feelings of hopelessness. God understands this and wants to help you. Don't miss a new, creative series of messages that will bring you renewed hope and meaning to your life.*

**OVERCOMING DEPRESSION  
DEALING WITH LONELINESS  
SURVIVING BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS  
RUNNING FAST ROAD**

### HOUSE OF BLUES

**You're Invited  
Easter Sunday  
April 8th @ 10:30am**

**We meet at  
Swigert-McAuliffe Intl School  
3480 Syracuse St.  
Denver 80207**

Visit us on Facebook @ Elevate Church  
or call: 720-412-7000



[www.elevatechurchdenver.com](http://www.elevatechurchdenver.com)

**Wait lists making you CRAZY?**

**TIRED** of getting your third, fourth or FIFTH choice in public school?

**NEVER** thought "Saint Anything" would be your **school of choice?**

**Give private education another thought**



**Now enrolling K-5 for 2012  
Middle School Enrollment opens 2013**

## St. Elizabeth's School

**A private school with a public purpose**

[www.stelizabethsdenver.org](http://www.stelizabethsdenver.org) • 303-322-4209  
3605 Martin Luther King Blvd • Denver, CO 80205



# Countertop Specialists

Natural Stone, Engineered & Solid Surfaces Fabrications, LLC • 3710 Revere St., Denver, CO 80239  
303-356-2310 or 303-574-9265 ~ Ask for Glenda Lee  
[www.thinkcountertops.com](http://www.thinkcountertops.com) • Your Neighborhood Fabricator!  
*Ask about our STOCK GRANITE PROGRAM/Pay per sq. ft. rather than full SLAB pricing!*



Get Some Tax Relief at The Egg!



**25% Off entire ticket!**

**Lowry Town Center**  
2nd & Quebec 720.859.9933  
Mon-Fri: 6:30-2:00 Sat & Sun: 7:00-2:00

**DelectableEgg.com**



DelectableEgg

Must present this coupon. Valid Mon-Sat, 12pm-2pm only. One coupon per table. Not valid with any other offers. Discount available with a minimum purchase of \$18.00. Valid at all Delectable Egg locations. Expires 3/31/12.



# Mobile Doctor Treats iPhones



Stapleton resident Benjamin Head, a former airline pilot, started a new business that offers quick and convenient repair of iPhones and iPads.

By Nancy Burkhart

More and more people are making iPhones part of their lives. And, like all pieces of technology, there are times when iPhones, too, need repair. That is when Stapleton resident and owner of iRepairDoc Benjamin Head makes a house call.

“One in four Americans between the ages of 18 and 50ish has an iPhone,” according to Head. “The iPhone is an extension of us. We make sure we treat it like it’s something important to you. We bring the business right to you. We go all the way from Boulder to Colorado Springs.”

Head was an airline pilot who took international flights and was away from home for two weeks at a time. When he and his wife, OB/GYN physician Kristin Head, started having children, Head’s time away became difficult. Five-year-old Benjamin and 18-month-old William needed to see their father more often.

“I decided to quit, and was going to return to school,” he said. But one day he had a broken iPhone and sorted out how to fix it. He continued to learn all about iPhones and came up with the idea for iRepairDoc. The Apple product, iPhone, comes under contracts with Verizon, Sprint or AT&T. Repairs at the carrier’s offices often involve lengthy lines and leaving the iPhone for repair. When an iPhone user requests repair on Head’s website, [www.iRepairDoc.com](http://www.iRepairDoc.com), an iPhone technician arrives at the client’s home, office or local Starbucks within a couple of hours to perform the repair. “Most repairs take 20 minutes or so,” Head said. “The only time we have to take it away is when there is water damage. That requires us to take it for 24 to 48 hours. The lion’s share of damage is a cracked screen. When we’re getting in our cars in the morning, we set our iPhone on top of the car and

drive away. Then we hear a big clank and realize that the iPhone is now in the alley.” Having a company outside one’s iPhone contract won’t affect your contract, according to Head. “We try to go into your phone and not leave a footprint,” he explained. We leave all the warranty systems inside. If the iPhone is cracked or in water, your warranty doesn’t cover it anyway. Water damage voids the warranty. Cracking is not warranted either.” To schedule an iPhone repair, go to [www.iRepairDoc.com](http://www.iRepairDoc.com) or call 720.308.2145. For information, email [info@iRepairDoc.com](mailto:info@iRepairDoc.com).

Denver Center Theatre Academy

Get into the Act!

Spring acting classes for all ages

Now Enrolling!

303.446.4892 • [denvercenter.org/education](http://denvercenter.org/education)

 New Price! 1143 Auraria Pkwy. \$1,150,000	 On F-15 pool! 10361 E. 28th Place \$715,000	 New Price! 1231 S. Clayton \$579,900
 New Price! 2511 Bryant St. \$519,000	 Only 1 home left! 1022 31st St \$482,905	 Under Contract! 940 Wright Court. \$429,900
 Under Contract! 7841 E. 29th Avenue \$425,000	 Just Listed! 3278 Newton \$399,900	 Under Contract! 4038 Lowell Blvd. \$275,000

Stacy Neir  
The Neir Team  
720-280-3004  
[www.neirteam.com](http://www.neirteam.com)

Come Home to Lowry

In the stunning community of Lowry, you'll enjoy exciting amenities and the conveniences of nearby Denver, as well as our low maintenance EnergySaver™ Homes! You'll also enjoy:

- Homes ready for move-in now!
- Final opportunities in the Greens at Lowry – from the low \$300s
- NEW Park Lane at Lowry - from the \$430s
- EnergySaver™ Homes built and backed by the *Environments for Living*® Diamond Level Program and a heating and cooling energy usage guarantee

Visit our New model at Park Lane in Lowry!

Lowry

811 Uinta Way  
Denver, CO 80230  
720-838-2202

DavidWeekleyHomes.com

ASK ABOUT OUR REFERRAL PROGRAM!

"David Weekley EnergySaver™ Homes" is a trademark of David Weekley Homes, LLC, which describes certain features and efforts designed to reduce energy consumption and the resulting environmental impact. It does not imply sponsorship, approval, or affiliation with any other program or group building certification other than those specifically stated in the product name, warranty or contract. Environments for Living is a registered service mark of Michael Baker Corporation. The Michael Baker Corporation is a member of the Environments for Living partnership of the building and construction industry. U.S. Department of Energy, ENERGY STAR and the ENERGY STAR mark are registered U.S. marks. ENERGY STAR is a registered mark owned by the U.S. government. See [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for details. Design, plans, dimensions, features, specifications, materials, and availability of homes or communities are subject to change without notice or obligation. Illustrations are artist's depictions only and may differ from completed improvements. Copyright © 2012 David Weekley Homes. All Rights Reserved. Denver, CO DENA44702

Stapleton Front Porch

15

April 2012



History Colorado

(continued from page 3) be part of the Japanese American community interned at Amache during World War II and learn about Governor Ralph Carr's leadership on civil rights for American citizens. Visit Lincoln Hills, a mountain summer vacation retreat for African Americans in the early 20th century. Try the virtual ski jump on Howelsen Hill in Steamboat Springs. In the Borderlands exhibit, understand how early Spanish-speaking communities fared de-

pending on whether the land they inhabited was governed by Spain, Mexico or Colorado. The Sand Creek Massacre exhibit relates the tragic clash of opposing communities and the Ute exhibit shows contributions of these native peoples historically and today. In the fall of 2012, the stories of a ninth community will be added. Denver and its quirks will be featured in an exhibit, Denver A to Z. And there's more to come. Summer highlights at the museum will include daily performances in the atrium from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Look for LEGOrodo from

May 30 to August 1, an interpretation of Colorado in LEGOS. There will also be opportunities for parents and children to sign up for volunteer work with the exhibits. The \$110.8 million History Colorado Center, designed by David Tryba of Tryba Architects, has many sustainability features that are expected to earn the building a

LEED gold certification. Visitor amenities include a restaurant and museum store and proximity to public transportation and bike racks. Visit [www.HistoryColoradoCenter.org](http://www.HistoryColoradoCenter.org) for information about special events scheduled for April 28, membership or to order tickets or plan an event.

New Hardware Store

(continued from page 14) crops indoors. Most of your warm season crops can take four to 12 weeks inside. Just add supplemental lighting that could be a bright, sunny window or fluorescent light. We can provide the larger pots so that by mid-May or early June someone could have a tomato plant started by seed that has become the size of a \$20 plant."

Faussone noted that his department personnel also can advise as to plants for pots that will reside on patios or indoors.

Ace on the FAX has knowledgeable people in all its departments, according to Mary. Another experienced manager is the Plumbing/Electrical manager, Aaron Ziesch, a resident of Northeast Denver.

Ziesch believes that his customers will be professionals as well as homeowners with small projects, although he believes that the homeowners can best avail themselves of his expertise and knowledge. He and his family have worked in plumbing and construction since he was 13 years old. He had part-time jobs with family members throughout his high school years. He, himself, has owned a plumbing business.

"There isn't anything in the plumbing and electrical area that I haven't seen," Ziesch said. "I have replumbed and redone the electrical in many homes in this area. If a person has a problem, they might bring in a broken piece, a photo on their phone or a little drawing. Then I will be able to walk them through the process. I can tell them what to do in the whole process of fixing it so that it comes out correctly and in the easiest way.

"Plumbing parts have come a long way and are easier to use now," he added. "It's a lot friendlier material to use than it was five years ago. People can save themselves a lot of money by doing it themselves. There are a lot of things that are easier to have a professional do, but at Ace we can determine

whether it's a small problem or a big problem for them. Ace can help them decide whether they can do it or not, and I'll be able to diagnose the problem for them." Ace on the FAX is working to be an asset to the neighborhood, Mary said. "We're looking to plug in and make a difference," she said. "We are making Colfax safer and nicer for everyone. We want to continue that mission and be a part of that neighborhood." Visit Ace on the FAX at 7100 E. Colfax Ave. or phone 720.484.8585.



The store carries items they have found to be of local interest, such as custom birdhouses. Ace Hardware is hosting a wine tasting fundraiser on April 26 from 5:30 - 7:30pm. Proceeds will provide matching funds for FAX business owners to spruce their storefronts. \$25/person or \$40/couple (see [www.TheFaxDenver.com](http://www.TheFaxDenver.com))

# Complete Skin Care as unique as you are

**MEDICAL**

Skin cancer | Skin checks  
Acne | Eczema | Psoriasis  
Warts | Rash | Phototherapy  
Photodynamic therapy

**COSMETIC**

Physician-administered  
Botox, Fillers, and  
Laser Treatments  
Intense Pulsed Light  
Resurfacing | Pigment  
Hair and Vascular Lasers  
Chemical Peels  
Microdermabrasion  
Sclerotherapy

**SURGICAL**

Mohs Micrographic Surgery  
Skin cancer treatment  
Cosmetic excision and  
repair

Erin Welch, M.D. Joe Simodynes, M.D. Carrie Cera Hill, M.D. Jin Lee, M.D.

**Denver Dermatology Consultants, P.C.**  
**Stapleton Laser Center**

[www.denverderm.com](http://www.denverderm.com) | 303-426-4525

2970 Quebec St Suite 200 - above Bank of the West

## New Homes presented by Wolfe & Epperson

**2851 Willow St**  
**\$434,500 New Listing**  
Remodeled and updated \* 3 bedrooms + loft \* 3 baths \* Open floor plan \* Custom Study \* Custom floors \* 2080 sq ft + basement finish \* Great lot and location

**8199 E 26th Pl**  
**\$485,000 New Listing**  
Remodeled and updated house in perfect location 4 bedrooms \* 4 baths \* Terrific open floor plan \* Slab Granite \* SS Appliances \* POCKET PARK location \* 2972 tot fin sq ft

**2840 Clinton St**  
**\$970,000**  
WEST FACING URBAN ESTATE \* Master suite w/terrace has best views in City \* 4 second level bdms \* Chef's Kitchen \* Open floor plan is perfect for entertaining \* 3673 sq ft \* 8400 sq ft lot \* 3 car garage

**2269 Krameria St**  
**\$399,950**  
**Sale Pending in 1 day**  
Results matter, call us to help you sell your home!

**2236 Clermont St**  
**\$429,950**  
**Sale Pending**  
Results matter, call us to help you sell your home!

**9054 E 37th Ave**  
**\$459,000**  
**SOLD in 9 days**  
Results matter, call us to help you sell your home!

**8057 E 24th Ave**  
**\$985,000**  
**SOLD in 1 day**  
Results matter, call us to help you sell your home!

New Constuction Under Contact-New Neighbors Landing Soon!  
8026 E 35th \* 7943 E 34th Ave \* 3253 Ulster \* 3091 Trenton \* 833 Unita

**Selling Stapleton since take-off!**

**Judy Wolfe & Jay Epperson**  
303.886.6606 | [www.wolfe-epperson.com](http://www.wolfe-epperson.com)

## Venture Prep—Success Starts Here

*I Am...*  
*in 11th grade.*  
*going to college*  
*after I graduate.*  
*going to succeed.*  
*going to make*  
*a difference.*  
*I am Venture*  
*Prep. Are you?*

Venture Prep at Park Hill offers an exceptional alternative for DPS students to gain a 6-12 education in a small, safe, college-prep environment. Apply today for a brighter future tomorrow.

**VENTURE PREP**

**PARK HILL**

2540 Holly Street, Denver, CO 80207  
303.893.0805 • [www.ventureprep.org](http://www.ventureprep.org)





# Take a Hike by Marko and John Babiak

## Ancient Tiger Salamander Fossils Come to Light

When students from Operation Tiger Salamander began surveying suitable candidates to become our state amphibian, several criteria were used including: 1. Is the creature native to Colorado and, 2. How long has the amphibian lived in Colorado? For these answers they turned to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Quick research revealed that yes, this amphibian is indeed native to Colorado, and as recent as 2010, Ice Age era tiger salamander fossils were exhumed from the Ziegler Reservoir in Snowmass. The added bonus was that two passionate paleontologists from the museum emerged to lend their support to the students, their campaign and the amphibian.

These two neighbors from the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Drs. Richard Stucky and Joseph Sertich, heeded the students' call to action and came to the Capitol with a breadth of scientific knowledge and their own unique personal experiences with salamanders. They teamed up to testify and advocate not only for the modern day western tiger salamanders that call Colorado home, but more so for their ancestors who lived in our alpine region during the Ice Age. Both men participated in the 2010 Snowmass Ziegler Reservoir Ice Age dig. Since then, they, along with many of their colleagues at the museum, have been painstakingly sifting through 400 bags, or roughly 7,000 cubic yards, of excavated sediment in search of more remains from the Colorado Rockies' prehistoric past.

The Snowmass dig gained international notoriety when large fossils and skeletons, including mastodons, mammoths, bison and sloths were unearthed. However, it is the tiniest of creatures from the site that have proven to outnumber these giants. And by far the most common discovery made at the site has been the tiger salamander.

Dr. Sertich, the museum's curator of vertebrate paleontology spoke in support of the tiger salamander before the Colorado Senate Agricultural, Natural Resources and Energy Committee. Coincidentally, his testimony took place in the Capitol's most impressive and historic room, the Old Supreme Court Chambers. His compelling presentation included displaying tiger salamander bones that were found inside a hollow mastodon tusk that was submerged in the reservoir. He informed the committee and audience of over 200 that some of our state's first tiger salamander fossils are dated at almost one million years old. Sertich said "By far the most common animal that we collected in Snowmass over the last one and a half years are tiger salamanders. We now have over 10,000 individual bones from salamanders, which means that we have more salamander bones than all of the other animals from the site combined." He added: "So rather than thinking of the Snowmass site as a mastodon dig site, maybe we should think of it as a tiger salamander dig site!" Sertich even held live salamanders that came out of their burrows during the dig.



Left: Tiger salamander leg bones that were separated from excavated silt and dirt are shown on top of a penny.  
Above: Dr. Joseph Sertich, holds a live tiger salamander found during an Ice Age era dig at the Ziegler Reservoir near Snowmass.  
Photo by Dr. Kirk Johnson, DMNS



For Park Hill resident Dr. Stucky, museum curator of paleoecology and evolution, the discovery of tiger salamanders at Snowmass is "intellectually very interesting" to him. It also reminds him of his early ties to our state. The Kansas native never saw a tiger salamander in his home state, even though the salamander is his home state's official amphibian too. It was not until he arrived in Denver that he had his first encounter. He found one in a window well. "Sally" the tiger salamander became his graduate school pet at UC Boulder. She also helped create his special, lifelong connection with this amphibian species.

The salamander bones from Snowmass will allow Stucky to better appreciate the salamanders' life in the reservoir's protected habitat, its paleobiology, and enable him to tie evolutionary changes to environmental changes that



A collection of bones from ancient amphibians, including tiger salamanders, includes teeth, jaws, ribs, vertebrae, shoulder blades and limbs. All photos courtesy of Bailey Archive, Denver Museum of Nature & Science. All rights reserved.

occurred over the centuries. "To study the Ice Age salamanders' life stages, from young to old, aquatic to terrestrial, and even those that might have been cannibals, and to be able to compare them to those who live in Colorado today—now that is extraordinary," said Stucky.

Marko and John Babiak are Stapleton residents. Marko, 10, is an avid wildlife photographer. John is an enrichment teacher. Weekly he teaches his popular Nature Rangers ecology classes to students at Steck, Roberts Westerly Creek and Odyssey. He can be reached at Nature RangerJohn@aol.com.

# DENTISTRY FOR YOUR WHOLE FAMILY

**Offering  
IV Sedation,  
Wisdom Tooth Extractions,  
Implant Dentistry  
and Invisalign**

3545 Quebec St, Ste 110  
Denver, CO 80238  
Behind Sonic on Quebec  
**303-278-3353**  
All PPO Insurance Plans Accepted.

*Steele*  
DENTISTRY of STAPLETON

Refer a New Patient & receive a FREE Custom Bleaching Kit or \$100 credit towards future treatment (cleanings excluded.)  
NEW PATIENT SPECIAL \$135 Adult/\$79 Child - Prophylaxis, Exam, X-Rays and Fluoride.

COMFORT  
DESIGN  
INTERIORS

Sharron Comfort • ASID  
303.322.4613

Visit  
comfortdesigninteriors.com  
for This Month's Special

**Budget Blinds – custom window coverings that fit your style and budget!**

- Personal Style Consultants
- Thousands of samples from the best brands
- "Expert Fit" measuring and installation

**FREE In-Home Consultation & Estimate**

**25% OFF**  
Home or Office  
Window Treatments

Call today for details!  
**303-321-4404**  
or visit us online at [www.budgetblinds.com](http://www.budgetblinds.com)

**Budget Blinds**  
a style for every point of view™

We have the styles you love.  
Shutters • Draperies  
Wood Blinds • Honeycomb Shades  
Roller Shades • Vertical Blinds  
Silhouette® • Woven Wood  
and more!

Excludes shutters. Must present at initial estimate. Lifetime limited warranties. Not valid with any other offers. Offer expires 4/30/12.



**DISCLAIMER:** The Front Porch obtains event information through websites and press releases and cannot guarantee that events will occur as listed. Please use contact information to check for updates.

#### EARTH DAY EVENTS

**4/18 Wednesday- Denver Earth Day Fair.** FREE Denver Earth Day Fair to highlight actions/ investments residents/businesses can make to save money and reduce environmental impact. 10am-2pm. City and County Building Plaza, 1437 Bannock. [www.denvergov.org/HomePage/EarthDayFair/](http://www.denvergov.org/HomePage/EarthDayFair/)

**4/20 Friday- Party for the Planet.** Celebrate Earth Day at Denver Zoo. 10am-1pm. [www.denverzoo.org](http://www.denverzoo.org)

**4/21 Saturday- Stapleton Recycling Event 2012.** 10am-2pm. Sam's Club Parking Lot in Quebec Square. More info in "The SUN Spot" article on page 28

**4/21 Saturday- Earth Day Extravaganza.** Denver Botanic Gardens. 5:30-8:30pm. \$20/family of 4, \$3 each addl person. [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org)

**4/22 Sunday- Earth Day at Four Mile Historic Park.** Living Local. Organic vendors, composting demos, historic interpretation of conservation, etc. General admission applies. [www.fourmilepark.org](http://www.fourmilepark.org)

**4/22 Sunday- Earth Day at Denver Botanic Gardens.** FREE day at the Gardens, Earth Day activities. [www.botanicgardens.com](http://www.botanicgardens.com)

**4/22 Sunday- Earth Day at Denver Museum of Nature and Science.** FREE day at museum; Earth Day activities. [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org)

**4/22 Sunday- Bluff Lake Nature Center's Earth Day 2012 Family Fun Celebration.** Live raptors, kids' activities, presentations, music, info, food, etc. 1-5pm. FREE. Bluff Lake Nature Center, 10900 Havana Way. [Ichickos@blufflake.org](mailto:Ichickos@blufflake.org), [www.blufflakenaturecenter.org](http://www.blufflakenaturecenter.org)

**4/22 Sunday- Denver Ultra Dash to Benefit Green Up Denver.** Team scavenger hunt through downtown Denver to make a "greener" city. [www.denverultradash.com](http://www.denverultradash.com)

**April is Planet Earth Month at Children's Museum.** Discover what makes our planet spectacular and how to keep it that way. [www.my-childsmuseum.org](http://www.my-childsmuseum.org)

#### DENVER METRO EVENTS

##### Art Walks and Exhibits:

**4/6 Friday- Santa Fe Arts District.** Santa Fe Dr. between 10th and 6th. [www.artdistrict-santafe.com](http://www.artdistrict-santafe.com)

**4/6 Friday- North Denver's Tennyson Art Walk.** Tennyson St. and 44th Ave. [www.denverartwalk.squarespace.com](http://www.denverartwalk.squarespace.com)

**4/6 Friday- Old South Pearl Art Walk.** [www.oldsouthpearlstreet.com](http://www.oldsouthpearlstreet.com)

**4/6 Friday- Cherry Creek Arts District.** [www.cherrycreeknorth.com](http://www.cherrycreeknorth.com)

**4/6 Friday- Highlands Square First Friday.** 32nd and Lowell, North Denver. [www.highlands-square.com](http://www.highlands-square.com)

**4/15 Friday- Aurora's East End Second Friday Art Walk.** Gallery openings, music, theater, food and more. 5-8pm. Venues map at Fletcher Plaza/MLK Library (E Colfax at Elmira).

**4/27 Friday- Final Friday at Denver Art Museum.** 6-10pm. *Untitled* for April looks at artists' hidden meanings, codes, puzzles. General admission applies; members free. Bands, munchies, cash bar. [www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org)

**What to do in Denver?** Visit [www.denver.org/what-to-do](http://www.denver.org/what-to-do) or [www.GalleryGuideDenver.com](http://www.GalleryGuideDenver.com). Search art galleries by district, medium and style; info on nearby points of interest, Art Walks, exhibition openings, maps of Denver's Public Art collection, links to recommended cultural itineraries.

**FREE Wednesday Activities for Seniors.** 1st Wed., 10am, crafts/light lunch; 2nd Wed., 12pm, big lunch/entertainment; 4th Wed., 12pm, light lunch/ bingo. RSVP: 303.439.7554 for big luncheon, 303.807.0619 for other services. Bosworth House, 1400 Josephine St. Sponsor: Assistance League of Denver

**4/1 Sunday and 4/3 Tuesday- NCAA Women's Final Four.** Pepsi Center. Tickets: [www.ncaa.com/sports/women-d1](http://www.ncaa.com/sports/women-d1)

**4/14 Saturday- Denver's Depression-Era Architecture by Bus.** For Colorado Architecture Month, take bus tour of this era's architecture. Learn about Art Deco, Art Moderne and International Style as you view iconic 1930s' buildings. 10am-3pm. \$36, History Colorado members; \$46 nonmembers. 303.866.4686

**4/14 Saturday and 4/15 Sunday- 2012 Doors Open Denver (DOD): Denver Landmarks.** FREE annual two-day event celebrating architecture and design. Over 70 sites open to the public through self-guided tours, expert guided tours (must preregister) and urban adventure tours. DOD headquarters at Ellie Caulkins Opera House. [www.denvergov.org/doors-openddenver](http://www.denvergov.org/doors-openddenver). For more, see p. 21.

**4/15 Saturday- Sinking of the Titanic.** Molly Brown House. 4pm. \$30. [www.mollybrown.org](http://www.mollybrown.org)

**4/15 Saturday to 6/17 Sunday- Read My Pins, Madeleine Albright Collection.** She wore elaborate brooches to broadcast messages to colleagues and the press during her diplomatic career. Denver Art Museum. FREE with museum admission. [www.dam.org](http://www.dam.org)

**4/17 Tuesday- Lecture, Unsinkable: The Titanic in American Culture 1912-2012.** Presented by Colorado History Museum. Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 1370 Grant St. 1pm and 7pm. Cost: \$8.50 general public, \$7 members. Reservations required. 303.866.4686, [www.historycolorado.org](http://www.historycolorado.org)

**4/19 Thursday- Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs.** For all gardeners, 3rd Thursdays. Contact: Grace at 303.455.0839.

**4/19 Thursday to 4/22 Sunday- Just Between Friends Kids' Gear & Clothing Sale.** 90,000 items at 50-90% below retail. National Western Complex, 1-70 & Brighton Blvd. Thurs. 10am-7pm. \$2 adult admission; Free with this listing. Friday 10am-5pm. new merchandise Saturday 10am-3pm, 25% off most items; Sunday 9am-3pm, 50% off most items

**4/22 Sunday- Forgotten Denver Bus Tours: NW Denver.** Stories, hidden corners and rare gems that make NW Denver great: flour mills, lumber barons and amusement parks lost to history! 10am-3pm. \$36 History Colorado members; \$46 nonmembers. 303.866.4686

**4/22 Sunday- Living History Day at Four Mile Park.** 10am-4pm. General park admission applies. [www.fourmilepark.org](http://www.fourmilepark.org)

**4/25 Wednesday- History Colorado Center Grand Opening Gala.** Dinner, drinks, dancing. Tickets \$75-\$150. Opens to public Saturday 4/28. 1200 Broadway. 303.866.4686. [www.historycolorado.org](http://www.historycolorado.org)

**5/5 Saturday- Jockeys, Juleps and Jazz.** Denver's

Premier Kentucky Derby Event and fundraiser for mylifeline.org Cancer Foundation. Hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, mint juleps. Live/silent auction, band, hat contest, etc. Derby Attire. 3-7pm. Four Seasons Hotel, 1111 14th St. \$100/person. [www.mylifeline.org](http://www.mylifeline.org)

**5/5 Saturday and 5/6 Sunday- Cinco de Mayo Festival and Parade.** Civic Center Park, FREE.

Largest Cinco de Mayo Hispanic culture celebration in America at Civic Center Park. Latino music, food, low- rider parade, and some of Mexico's top recording stars. culture. [www.cincodemayodenver.com](http://www.cincodemayodenver.com)

**5/6 Sunday- Seedlings for Peace.** Delaney Farms, 170 S Chambers Road. Aurora. People of all faiths invited to help restore our earth and foster community by planting 100 trees. FREE. Contact: Heather Oginsky, [serendipity75@comcast.net](mailto:serendipity75@comcast.net) to register. Donations for trees needed.

**Denver Urban Homesteading Farmers Market.** Indoor, year-round farmers market and homesteading school with local/organic foods. Thursdays and Fridays 3-7pm, Saturday 9am-3pm. 200 Santa Fe Dr. FREE. [www.denverurbanhomesteading.com](http://www.denverurbanhomesteading.com) for classes/ seminars.

**Denver IDEA Café.** FREE. Startup workshop and speakers presented by Small Business Chamber of Commerce. 2-3:30pm. Fridays. Panera Bread, 13th and Grant. 303.861.1447 or [www.SmallBizChamber.org](http://www.SmallBizChamber.org)

**Single Volunteers of Greater Denver.** Visit [www.svgd.org](http://www.svgd.org) for volunteer opportunities for singles: local projects, charitable social events and working vacations abroad.

**Volunteers of America Foster Grandparent Program.** Seeking adults 55+ with lower incomes who love working with kids and can give 15/more hours/week. Small stipend given; transportation reimbursed. [www.voacolorado.org](http://www.voacolorado.org), 303.297.0408 (Naomi Taggart)

**Assistance League of Denver.** Seeking members to help underserved in metropolitan Denver. Variety of programs for victims, students, children, seniors. [www.denver.assistanceleague.org](http://www.denver.assistanceleague.org), 303.322.5205

**Live Music at The Soiled Dove.** 7401 E 1st Ave, Lowry. Tickets: [www.soileddove.com](http://www.soileddove.com)

**Denver Public Art Tours.** FREE Public Art Tours by foot, bike, scooter, for art and architecture lovers. Reservations required. Schedule/signup: [www.denvergov.org/publicart](http://www.denvergov.org/publicart). Also download PDF of Denver's Public Art Guide.

**Denver 2 for 1 Tix** provides weekly 2 for 1 ticket and admission discounts for metro Denver arts and entertainment. [www.denver2for1tix.com](http://www.denver2for1tix.com)

#### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**Throughout April- 9News Health Fairs.** Free and low-cost health screenings at various metro-area locations. [www.9healthfair.org](http://www.9healthfair.org)

**4/19 Thursday- HIV testing at Rocky Mountain Cares nonprofit for holistic HIV care.** FREE. 1-5pm. 3rd Thursday monthly. 4545 E 9th Ave, #120. 303.393.8050, Adrian Pilarski



#### 2547 Xanthia Ct • Stapleton

4 bed/2.5 baths • 2651 sq. ft. + 931 sq. ft. fin. basement • 2-car detached garage features a Carriage House w/524 sq. ft., attached carport, and large Trex deck



#### 462 Oswego St • Del Mar Park

4 bed/2.5 baths • 4006 sq. ft. Oversized 4 car garage on 14,331 sq. ft lot Walk to Del Mar Park \*Represented buyer



#### 2826 Xanthia St • Stapleton

3 bed/2.5 baths • 1643 sq. ft. + 822 sq. ft. unfin. bsmt. • New kitchen w/granite counters, SS appliances & 42" espresso stained maple cabinets • White oak hrd flrs.



#### 9380 E 4th Pl • Lowry

5 bed/4.5 baths • 4557 sq. ft. • Slab granite countertops • Stainless steel appliances Custom home site • Park, city & mountain views • \*Represented buyer



#### Jim DeCesaro • 720-934-5474

Broker Associate

[jim@iDenverHomes.com](mailto:jim@iDenverHomes.com)

Your Stapleton Neighbor & Neighborhood Expert



# Maid Service

Recurring, move-out & one-time

# Service

## STAPLETON HOME SERVICES

303-320-1297

.com

## WE BELIEVE THERE'S A NEW STANDARD IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY. ZERO ENERGY.

## WE ARE NEW TOWN BUILDERS.

**Energy Star is good, but we're better.**

Our homes are almost 50% more efficient than Energy Star requires. But we didn't stop there. We now offer a 100% energy efficient home. It's called a ZERO ENERGY HOME. *It costs zero per month for energy...really!*

This ZERO ENERGY feature is **NOW AVAILABLE** for all our single family homes in Stapleton.

Talk to us about building your Zero Energy home. Solar Included.

THE SOLARIS COLLECTION  
From the high \$300's

CENTRAL PARK ROWS  
From the high \$100's

[newtownbuilders.com](http://newtownbuilders.com)  
303.707.4444



## LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

**Active Minds** – Listings on all sessions: [www.ActiveMinds.com](http://www.ActiveMinds.com). FREE.

**4/3 Tuesday- Afghanistan.** 10:15-11:15am. Jewish Community Center, 350 S. Dahlia St. Lil Shaw: 303.316.6359

**4/12 Thursday- The CIA.** 7pm. Stapleton Master Community Assoc., 2823 Roslyn St. RSVP: 303.388.0724

**4/17 Tuesday- Music of Spain: A Woven Tapestry.** 11am-12pm (10:45 refreshments). Temple Emanuel, 51 Grape St. RSVP: Jodi, 303.388.4013 x307

## LIBRARIES

For all programs, check events calendar at [denverlibrary.org](http://denverlibrary.org). All branches closed April 8, Easter Sunday.

**Park Hill Library**, 4705 Montview Blvd. 720.865.0250. Closed Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays.

**4/21 Saturday- Early Literacy Fair.** 9:30-11am. For caregivers/children ages 0-3. Make-and-take literacy crafts; learn to turn ordinary moments into literacy activities. Every Child Ready to Read presentation. Reservations required: 720.865.0250 or [tbannon@denverlibrary.org](mailto:tbannon@denverlibrary.org).

**4/24 Tuesday- Teen Advisory Council Meeting.** 6-7:30pm. Students grades 6th-12th invited to join Park Hill TAC. Help plan library events/projects at Park Hill Library.

**Thursdays- All ages storytime.** For kids who can sit, listen to stories and participate in songs. 10:30am.

**Thursdays and Fridays- Book Babies.** Babies 6-23 months with parent/caregiver. Share books, songs, finger plays. 11:15am. Please attend only ONE session/week.

**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 Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Tuesdays- Tales for Twos.** 10:15am through May 8.

**Tuesdays- Preschool Story Time.** 11:30am through May 8.

**Thursdays- Bookbabies.** 3pm through May 10.

**4/14 Saturday- Acrylic Painting with My Art Workshop.** Learn acrylic canvas painting basics to create a cherry blossom masterpiece. 10am. Regis-

ter: 720.865.0000 or [fclmybranch@denverlibrary.org](mailto:fclmybranch@denverlibrary.org).

**4/16 Monday- Feng Shui in the Garden.** Feng Shui practitioner Lorrie Webb Grillo, owner of Thriving Spaces, guides you through tools to create a personal paradise. 6:30pm.

**4/21 Saturday- Geeks Who Read.** Do you love science fiction, graphic novels, horror or fantasy? Talk geek books the 3rd Saturday each month. 2pm.

**Saturdays April 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19- Writing Our Lives: Writing Workshop for Women.** Exercises to give your personal history clarity/shape. Women from countries outside U.S. encouraged to attend, including ESL speakers. 10am-12pm. Register: 720.865.0000 or [fclmybranch@denverlibrary.org](mailto:fclmybranch@denverlibrary.org).

## KIDS AND FAMILIES

**4/2 Monday- Gurian Parent Workshop.** West-erly Creek Elementary. 8800 E. 28th Ave. Check if available space at [wceparentforum@gmail.com](mailto:wceparentforum@gmail.com). Suggested donation \$5. Childcare available: \$3/child. [www.gurianinstitute.com](http://www.gurianinstitute.com)

**Thursdays in April- Star K Kids.** Puppets, stories, activities, outdoor explore for ages 5 and under. 9:30 & 11am. Morrison Nature Center, 16002 E Smith Rd, Aurora. 303.739.2428, [www.auroragov.org/nature](http://www.auroragov.org/nature)

**4/7 Saturday- Home Depot Kids Workshop.** 9am-12pm. FREE how-to clinics first Saturday of month for ages 5-12. Each gets Home Depot apron, wooden project and project pin. Metro-area Home Depot stores. [www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com)

**4/7 Saturday- Bunny Trail Egg Venture at Children's Museum.** 10am-5pm. At "egg exploration stations" meet animal friends, gather treats, hear stories with Big Bunny, craft springtime artwork and explore Instrument Petting Zoo with Swallow Hill Music. [www.mychildsmuseum.org](http://www.mychildsmuseum.org)

**4/7 Saturday- Denver Botanic Gardens Family Fun Night.** 4th Friday each month explore nature at night in Mordecai Children's Garden. Monthly themes with performers in Sagebrush Stage, snacks by campfire, other fun activities. \$20 member/family of 4, \$3 each additional. \$25 nonmember/family of 4, \$4 each additional. Children 2 and under free. [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org)

**4/8 Sunday- Junior Rangers.** 1:30-3:30pm. Ages 6-12. Morrison Nature Center, 16002 E Smith Rd, Aurora. Reservations required. 303.739.9428, [www.auroragov.org/nature](http://www.auroragov.org/nature)

**4/14 Saturday and 4/28 Saturday- Lowe's Build and Grow Kids Clinics.** Bring kids to a Lowe's store to build FREE wood project: free apron, goggles, project-themed patch, certificate of merit on completion. 10am. [www.lowesbuildandgrow.com](http://www.lowesbuildandgrow.com)

**4/11 Wednesday- "Create Playdates" at Denver Art Museum.** Kids 3-5 roar, bang, stomp 2nd Wed./month. 10am. Art making, story times, scavenger hunts. Included in museum admission; 5 and under free. 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy. [www.denverart-museum.org](http://www.denverart-museum.org), 720.865.5000

**4/20 Friday- Nature at Night.** 6:30pm. All ages. FREE. Morrison Nature Center, 16002 E Smith Rd, Aurora. [www.auroragov.org/nature](http://www.auroragov.org/nature)

**4/27 Friday-4/29 Sunday- LEGO KidsFest.** Dozens of large-scale LEGO structures, construction zones, Master Builders, Creation Nation, LEGO games. Colorado Convention Center, \$20 adults/\$18 /kids. [www.legokidsfest.com/denver](http://www.legokidsfest.com/denver)

**Through 4/29 Sunday- Cinderella, Mexican Style.** Denver Puppet Theatre, 3156 W 38th Ave. Tickets: \$7 ages 3 and up. 303.458.6446, [www.denverpuppettheater.com](http://www.denverpuppettheater.com)

**Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys Workshops.** Ages 4 and up. Cost from \$5. Museum adm: \$6 adults, \$4 children 5-16, under 5 free. 1880 Gaylord St. [www.dmmtd.org](http://www.dmmtd.org)

**Tiny Tots Love Music, Denver Brass.** Special concert for tiny tots and parents; introduce little ones to magic of live music. Various dates/locations. Tickets: [www.denverbrass.org](http://www.denverbrass.org)

## To submit information for the Front Porch "Local Event" Listings

Email information in the following format by the 15th of the month to [FrontPorchEvents@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:FrontPorchStapleton@gmail.com)

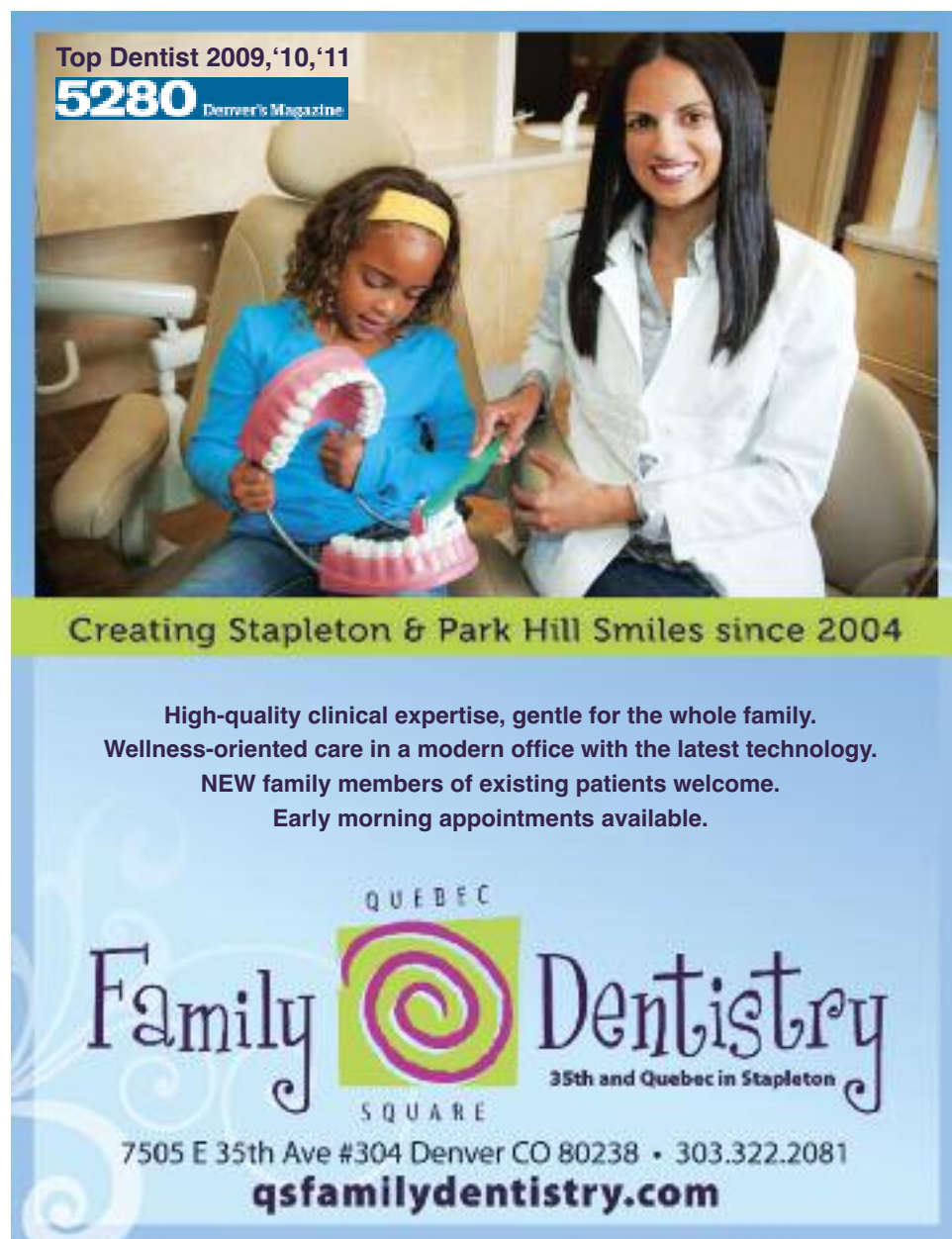
**Opening in April: Mile Into The Wild Walkway at the Wild Animal Sanctuary.** \$10/adult, \$5/children. With 300 lions and tigers and bears, the Wild Animal Sanctuary is largest carnivore sanctuary in Western Hemisphere. (continued on page 20)



Hop on in for heartworm testing & preventive before May 1st!

**Park Hill Veterinary Medical Center**  
2255 Oneida Street  
[www.parkhillvet.com](http://www.parkhillvet.com)  
303.388.2255

**AAHA** ACCREDITED



**Top Dentist 2009, '10, '11**  
**5280** Denver's Magazine

Creating Stapleton & Park Hill Smiles since 2004

High-quality clinical expertise, gentle for the whole family.  
Wellness-oriented care in a modern office with the latest technology.  
NEW family members of existing patients welcome.  
Early morning appointments available.

**Family Dentistry**  
35th and Quebec in Stapleton

7505 E 35th Ave #304 Denver CO 80238 • 303.322.2081  
[qsfamilydentistry.com](http://qsfamilydentistry.com)

## RECURRING EVENTS

### 1st Mon. after 1st Tues.

House District 7 Republicans, 7pm. Islamorada Fish Co. (inside Bass Pro) [chrismaj@gmail.com](mailto:chrismaj@gmail.com)

### 4th Monday

SUN Board Mtg. 7:30pm, MCA, 2823 Roslyn St. [stapletonunitedneighbors@gmail.com](mailto:stapletonunitedneighbors@gmail.com)

### Every Tuesday

Stapleton Rotary Club – 7:30am  
Stapleton Community Room  
2823 Roslyn St.  
[www.denverstapletonrotary.org](http://www.denverstapletonrotary.org)

AA Open Discussion Mtg. 7:30pm. MCA, 2823 Roslyn St. 303-912-7075

AA Open Meeting 6:00pm  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
22nd and Dexter. For info call Shirley at 303-726-2998

### 1st Tuesday

Breast Cancer Support Group 5-6:30pm AFWilliams Family Medicine Clinic, Conf Rm. (west entrance) 3055 Roslyn (at MLK) 720-848-9000

### 2nd Tuesday

Parks Advisory Group, 7:30am, 7350 E. 29th Av, 3rd fl. [Lcorrell@dotnet.net](mailto:Lcorrell@dotnet.net)

### 3rd Tuesday

Greater Stapleton Business Assoc. 8am MCA, 2823 Roslyn St [www.stapletonbusiness.com](http://www.stapletonbusiness.com) 303-393-7700

### 4th Tuesday

Adoptees in Search General Meeting, 7:30 - 9pm; Montview Presby. Church, Study Group Room. AISCTC.org 303-232-6302

### Every Wednesday

Weekly Weeders, Bluff Lake Nature Center 9am-12pm, 303-945-6717

### 2nd Wednesday

Adoptees in Search Support Group, 7-8:30pm; Montview Presby. Church, Robinson Rm. AISCTC.org 303-232-6302

### 2nd Wed.

(Odd-numbered mos.) SUN Transportation Committee 6:30pm MCA 2823 Roslyn St. [stapletonneighbors@msn.com](mailto:stapletonneighbors@msn.com)

### 2nd & 3rd Wednesday

Lowry Peak Speakers Toastmaster Club. Noon-1pm, Pinnacle Assurance: 7501 E. Lowry Blvd, [lowrypeak.freetoasthost.org](mailto:lowrypeak.freetoasthost.org) [lptoastmasters@gmail.com](mailto:lptoastmasters@gmail.com)

### 3rd Thursday

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

### Last Thursday

Stapleton Power Partners Small business networking group 2:30-4:00pm. The Berkshire. Rich Ouellette 303- 488-3975 [rich.ouellette@ubs.com](mailto:rich.ouellette@ubs.com)

### 1st Saturday

Bluff Lake Birders, Bluff Lake NatureCenter 7-9am. BluffLakeNatureCenter.org.

Neighborhood Partners Environmental Team, 9am-noon [Lcorrell@dotnet.net](mailto:Lcorrell@dotnet.net) for info.

### 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

### 3rd Saturday

Daughters of the American Revolution at Adagio Bed and Breakfast, 1430 Race St. Prospective members welcome-rsvp to Helen Strader, 303-997-6788

### Periodically

Stapleton Wine Appreciation Group. [meighanm@aim.com](mailto:meighanm@aim.com)



Mail Collection  
Prestigious Address  
Professional Receptionist  
Office/Meeting Room Usage  
Building Lobby Signage  
Phone Answering

**OFFICE VIRTUAL**

**smartspace**  
[www.SmartSpaceCo.com](http://www.SmartSpaceCo.com)

2373 Central Park Blvd. Suite 100  
Denver, CO 80238  
303.603.1500



Fitness & Fun, All in One:  
**Gymnastics!**

Keeping Denver Fit for 29 years!

All Ages & Levels  
Boys Program  
Birthday Parties

303-355-0080 • DARDANO'S • 2250 KEARNEY ST.

**One FREE Month or FREE Leotard**  
With Paid 4 Week Session. Good for One Session Only.  
New customers only. Must present coupon. Not valid for Team Athletes. Not valid with any other offers. Expires 12/31/2012



(continued from page 19) New mile long, 30-foot-high walkway curls over the plains, letting visitors get up close and personal with all the incredible animals. Keenesburg, CO. April hours: 9am-4pm. [www.wildanimalsanctuary.org](http://www.wildanimalsanctuary.org)

#### KIDS CAMPS AND CLASSES

**Aurora Fox Theater-** Drama classes ages 4 and up. Lisa Mumpton: 303.739.1573 or [www.aurorafox.org](http://www.aurorafox.org)

**Art Students League of Denver-** Programs for kids and teens. 303.778.6990, [www.ASLD.org](http://www.ASLD.org)

**Small Hands Art Studio-** Art classes. Stapleton location. [www.smallhandsart.com](http://www.smallhandsart.com)

**Start Art-** Art classes. [Startartkids.com](http://Startartkids.com)

**The Art Garage-** Classes ages 4 and up. 6100 E 23rd Ave, Park Hill. [www.artgaragedenver.com](http://www.artgaragedenver.com)

**The Urban Farm: Embracing Horses-** [info@theurbanfarm.org](mailto:info@theurbanfarm.org)

**Club J-** After-school programs at Jewish Community Center for kids grades K-5. [www.jcc.org](http://www.jcc.org)

**Stapleton All Sports-** Now registering for spring sports. [www.stapletonallsports.com](http://www.stapletonallsports.com)

#### DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE

**Montview and Colorado Blvd.** [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org)  
**Through 7/8 Sunday- Lizards and Snakes.** More

than 60 live snakes and lizards on display.

**4/19 Thursday- Science Lounge.** Cocktails/entertainment every 3rd Thurs. of month. 6:30-9:30pm. \$8/members; \$10/non-members

**Planetarium-** *Wildest Weather in the Solar System; Black Holes; Cosmic Journey; One World, One Sky.* [www.dmns.org/planetarium/current-shows](http://www.dmns.org/planetarium/current-shows)

**IMAX Movies-** *Tornado Alley 3D, Flying Monsters 3D.* Various times. Tickets: \$8/3-18; \$10/adult

#### NORTHFIELD EVENTS

**Events at The Shops at Northfield Stapleton-** 303.375.5475

[www.NorthfieldStapleton.com](http://www.NorthfieldStapleton.com)

**Bass Pro Events-** 720.385.3600, [www.BassPro.com](http://www.BassPro.com)

Hunting, fishing and marine seminars offered throughout the month.

**Harkins Theatres 18-** 720.374.3118, [www.HarkinsTheatres.com](http://www.HarkinsTheatres.com)

**Improv Comedy Club and Dinner Theatre-** Tickets: 303.307.1777, [www.Improv-Denver.com](http://www.Improv-Denver.com) Ticket prices based on comedian and show time.

**Toby Keith's I Love This Bar and Grill-** 303.728.9468, [www.countrybarco.com](http://www.countrybarco.com)  
Local and regional live music acts Wed.-Sat.

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

**Reservations required if marked\* at 303.289.0930. Free unless noted. Hours:** Tues.-Sun., 7am-5pm. **Visitor Center:** Tues.-Sun., 9am-4pm. Refuge closed all federal holidays.

**Directions to Refuge:** [www.fws.gov/rocky-mountainarsenal/](http://www.fws.gov/rocky-mountainarsenal/)

**Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays- Wild Rides.\*** 9:30-11:30am, Wed and Sat; 1-3 pm Sun. 2-hour guided viewing tour.

**Saturdays- "Wild" Talks.** 1pm. Join a naturalist every Saturday for 10-minute mystery "wild" talk.

**Sunday Matinees.** Nature movie every Sunday at 1:30 pm. Families welcome.

#### SPORTS AND FITNESS

**4/15 Sunday- Platte River 1/2 Marathon.** [www.platteriverhalf.com](http://www.platteriverhalf.com)

**4/29 Sunday- Cherry Creek Sneak.** 5 Mile, 5K, 1.5 mile sneak sprint and 1/2 mile kids' fun run in Cherry Creek North. Benefits Kempe Foundation for prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. Register: [www.cherrycreeksneak.com](http://www.cherrycreeksneak.com)

**5/5 Saturday- Wells Fargo Walk MS.** Denver City Park, registration 7:30, 9:30am walk. [www.walkMScolorado.org](http://www.walkMScolorado.org). FREE; \$50 minimum fundraising encouraged.

**5/5 Saturday- Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry.** 2-mile walk at Denver's Washington Park benefits Denver Dumb Friends League. \$50/person. 9am. [www.ddfl.org](http://www.ddfl.org)

**Fridays- i Play.** 5:30-7pm. Open yoga; instructor present. Kids welcome. Donation only. 2212 Kearney St. [www.mysacredi.com](http://www.mysacredi.com)

**Registration now open- Mother's Day 5K.** City Park. 9am. May 13. [www.mothersday5K.com](http://www.mothersday5K.com) \$30/individual, \$90/family.

**5/19- Saturday, Bellco Colfax 5K.** Family-friendly 5K through Denver City Park kicks off the Kaiser Permanente Colfax Marathon weekend. [www.run-colfax.org](http://www.run-colfax.org).

**5/20- Sunday, 2012 Kaiser Permanente Colfax Marathon, Half Marathon, Marathon Relay and Urban 10 Miler.** Springtime marathon has lots of new features for 2012: stadium run-through, 7 miles of water, new 10-mile race! Starts and finishes at City Park. Register: [www.runcolfax.org](http://www.runcolfax.org)

#### NORTHEAST DENVER EVENTS

**Tuesdays- Introduction to Meditation and Christian Mysticism.** 6-week free course. 7:30pm. Center of Light, 2300 Forest St. Denver@CentersOfLight.org or 720.308.9944

**4/18- Parenting Safe Children Workshop with Feather Berkower, sponsored by Altogether Outdoors Summer Camps.** AO families save 40%. 5:30-9pm. MCA Community Room. Space limited. Register: [aocamps.com](http://aocamps.com)

**4/20 Friday- Supper and Movie.** Potluck, 6 pm; showing of *What the Bleep?*, 7 pm. Love offering. Unity on the Avenue, 4670 E. 17th Ave. 303.322.3901, [www.unityontheavenue.org](http://www.unityontheavenue.org)

**4/23 Monday- Denver Meditation Meetup.** Discuss and practice ways to still your mind, enter into meditation upon deep stillness within. 7:30pm. Free. Center of Light, 2300 Forest St. Denver@CentersOfLight.org or 720.308.9944

**4/29 Sunday- Free Movie: Thrive: What on Earth Will It Take?** 7:30pm. Center of Light, 2300 Forest St. Denver@CentersOfLight.org, 720.308.9944

**4/25 Thursday-4/28 Saturday- DSST Stapleton High School presents Mary Shelley's Frankenstein: A Modern Retelling.** 7:30pm. \$5 min donation. [frankdsst@gmail.com](mailto:frankdsst@gmail.com)

**4/27 Friday and 4/28 Saturday- Lowry Elementary Arts and Crafts Fair-** Friday 3-6pm; Saturday 9am-4pm. Vendors needed- Table rental: \$75 for both days and benefits Lowry Elementary PTO. Diana Bailey: [baileyfamilycircus@gmail.com](mailto:baileyfamilycircus@gmail.com), 303.366.8282

**4/28 Saturday- Walking Tours with Phil Goodstein- The Smiley Neighborhood.** 11am-1pm. Meet in front of Smiley Middle School, east side of Holly St. between 25th and 26th avenues. \$10. 303.333.1095

**5/5-Saturday- Montview Preschool Carnival.** Games and prizes, bouncy houses, train and wagon rides, food vendors, puppet shows, cookie decorating, etc. 11am-3pm. \$5 in advance; \$7 at door; kids under 2 free. Corner of Montview and Dahlia. 303.322.7296

**5/10 Thursday- Bill Roberts School Carnival.** 5:30-7:30pm. Whole community welcome to attend. Games, prizes and socialize with friends. Proceeds go to middle school. \$15/child (includes games/carnival, snacks); \$5/adult at door. Dinner: \$4 extra. 2100 Akron Way.

**5/12 Saturday- Swigert Touch-a-Truck.** Kids climb on and explore dozens of trucks and vehicles during family event that supports Swigert International School. Ice cream trucks to front loaders. 10am-1pm. \$10/person, 2 and under free. Look for coupon in May Front Porch. Sam's Club Parking Lot, Quebec Square. Tickets: [touchatruck.swigertpta.com](http://touchatruck.swigertpta.com)

**Denver School of the Performing Arts.** Various dance and music performances; many free! See website for details. Quebec and Montview. [www.dsa.dpsk12.org/performance](http://www.dsa.dpsk12.org/performance)

**Central Park Recreation Center.** Info: [www.denvergov.org/recreation](http://www.denvergov.org/recreation), 750.865.0750 or Facebook Central Park Recreation Center. Registering for sports programs.

#### THEATRE

**Through 4/14- Rattlebrain.** Avenue Theater, 417 E. 17th Ave. [www.avenuetheater.com](http://www.avenuetheater.com), 303.321.5925.

**Through 4/15- Chess, A Musical.** Arvada Center, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd. 720.898.7200, [www.arvadacenter.org](http://www.arvadacenter.org)

**Through 4/19- How I Became a Pirate.** Arvada Center, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd. 720.898.7200, [www.arvadacenter.org](http://www.arvadacenter.org)

**4/13-5/13- The Joy Luck Club.** Vintage Theatre, 2119 E 17th Ave. 303.839.1361, [www.vintagetheatre.com](http://www.vintagetheatre.com)

**4/13-5/13- Forever Plaid.** Joint production of Firehouse and Spotlight Theater companies at John Hand Theater, 7653 E 1st Pl. 303.562.3232, [www.johnhandtheater.com](http://www.johnhandtheater.com)

**4/11-5/20- Wicked.** Buell Theatre, 14th and Curtis, Denver Center for Performing Arts. [www.denvercenter.org](http://www.denvercenter.org)

**4/20-4/21- Fahrenheit 451.** Conservatory Theatre, 14th and Curtis, Denver Center for Performing Arts. [www.denvercenter.org](http://www.denvercenter.org)

**4/20-5/13- Amateur Night at the Big Heart.** Aurora Fox Theatre, 9900 E. Colfax. [www.aurorafoxartscenter.org](http://www.aurorafoxartscenter.org), 303.739.1970

**Through 5/13- Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash.** Stage Theatre 14th and Curtis Denver Center for the Performing Arts. [www.denvercenter.org](http://www.denvercenter.org)

**Through 6/24- I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change.** Galleria Theatre, 14th and Curtis. Denver Center for Performing Arts. [www.denvercenter.org](http://www.denvercenter.org)



## Spring into Beautiful Skin During Spa Week:

**\$50 Microderms,  
\$50 Underarm Laser Hair Removal  
\$8 per/unit Botox, 1st 10 units  
(15 units minimum)**

Prepaid at time of booking—non-refundable if cancelled or missed.  
Valid only during Spa Week, April 16-22.

**[www.restormedicalspa.com](http://www.restormedicalspa.com) • 720-524-8429**  
2373 Central Park Blvd #103 next to  
Sweet Life Nail Bar in the old REMAX building

## Quality European Brands

ONE STOP SHOP WITH  
A HUGE SELECTION!

**15% OFF**  
Any Purchase

Coupon is not valid for previous purchases. Can not be combined with other coupons and can not be applied to sale items. Offer restrictions may apply. please contact the store for more details. Expires on May 10, 2012.



SOCCER

RUGBY

ULTIMATE



4984 LEETSDALE DRIVE | GLENDALE, AZ 80246 | 303-322-3776  
[WWW.ADVANTAGE-SOCCER.COM](http://WWW.ADVANTAGE-SOCCER.COM)

Finding space that fits who you are...  
selling space so you can move on.

<b>FOR SALE</b> 1337 OGDEN 3 Bedrm/1 Bath - \$270,000 in Capitol Hill	<b>FOR SALE</b> 4203 SHOSHONE 2 Bedrm/1 Bath in Sunnyside/Bondy	<b>FOR SALE</b> 1363 LOCUST 4 Bedrm/2 Bath - \$370,000 in Mayfair
--	--	--

Newest honorary member of the  
**2011 RE/MAX 100% CLUB**  
Achieving levels of productivity  
that were **MORE THAN**  
**DOUBLE** the industry average.

**UNDER CONTRACT**  
2320 N Uinta  
2 Bedrm/2 Bath  
in Stapleton

**kimdavis**  
BROKER/OWNER  
of the Santos & Davis group  
RE/MAX of Cherry Creek Inc.

[www.FindingYourSpace.com](http://www.FindingYourSpace.com)  
**303.218.8373**



More Events...

Yves St. Laurent: The Retrospective at DAM through July 8

The Denver Art Museum (DAM) exhibition shows 40 years of creativity through a selection of 200 haute couture outfits along with numerous photographs, drawings, and films that illustrate the development of Saint Laurent's style and the historical foundations of his work. Denver is the only U.S. city to host the exhibition. YSLDenver.com.

Western History Lectures at Denver Central Library, Apr. 9 & 23

April 9—Early Printed Images of Denver—A look at images and maps of Denver as it grew from a rude, gold-mining settlement to one of the largest American cities west of the Mississippi.

April 23—The cartographic roots of Colorado—A history of the discovery and exploration of the place that became Colorado, as revealed on maps from 1540 to 1861, when Colorado became a territory.

Lectures are free and start at 5:30pm at the Denver Central Library, 10 W. 14th Ave Pkwy, B2 Conference Center. Check denverlibrary.org for updates. (720) 865-1821, history@denverlibrary.org.

April 14, 15—Free! Doors Open Denver

The eighth annual Doors Open Denver is a free two-day event, Saturday and Sunday, April 14–15, celebrating architecture and design. This year's theme is "Denver Landmarks." The 80-site event seeks to create access, awareness and excitement by welcoming a wide audience into distinctive examples of historic architecture, engineering and design. There are several ways to enjoy Doors Open Denver: 1) Self-Guided Tours can begin at any site. A free program guide, distributed a week before the event, has descriptions of all sites and a map to plan your visits. Go on your own, in any order, all weekend. 2) Expert Tours are led by volunteer tour guides. No admission fee but you must pre-register at Event Headquarters, Ellie Caufkins Opera House, 1350 Arapahoe St., on day of tour. Tours have limited space, but many go more than once. Only two tickets per person; two tours/day/person allowed. 3) The guide suggests self-guided Urban Adventures. Sites and more: www.DenverGov.org/DoorsOpenDenver.

April 15—Free Spirituals Concert

Arlen Hershberger will lead a group of soloists and ensembles in singing Spirituals, the traditional songs of enslaved African-Americans, on Sunday, April 15 at 2pm, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Soloists will include Debraq Salsberry, Patti Wright, Angela Williams, Tom Cuniffe and others, accompanied by Stephen Nye. Admission is free. A goodwill offering will be taken. St. Thomas Episcopal Church is located at 2201 Dexter Street in Park Hill. For more information, contact Elizabeth Bennett at 303.316.7570.

April 17—Free Lowry Speaker Series Features Carlotta Walls LaNier of the Little Rock 9

In 1957, at age 14, Carlotta Walls LaNier was the youngest Little Rock Nine member to integrate Central High School. Confronted by a hostile crowd and escorted by the Screaming Eagles of the 101st Airborne, they shouldered the burden of integrating a then segregated public school system. This act of courage and defiance was catalyst for change in the American educational system. Ms. LaNier, author of A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice of Little Rock Central High School, will speak about her experiences on Tuesday, April 17, from 7–8:30pm, in the Eisenhower Chapel, 293 Roslyn, in the Lowry Town Center. A few copies of her book will be available for purchase (\$12 cash only) after her talk. The Lowry Speaker Series is co-sponsored by The Lowry Foundation and Lowry United Neighborhoods (LUN). All speaker

series events are free. Contact: smhittman@aol.com or Melly Kinnard at 303.343.1280.

April 21—Parr-Widener Walk/Run to Benefit East High A+ Angels Mentors

The fifth annual Parr-Widener Walk/Run will be held in City Park on Saturday, April 21, at 9am. The family event, organized by National Honor Society students at East High School (EHS), benefits the A+ Angels Mentor Program. A+ Angels pairs adult volunteers with EHS students struggling academically. The event honors John Parr and Sandy Widener (both A+ Angels mentors) and their daughter Chase Parr, a beloved EHS family killed in a 2007 car accident. Everyone is welcome: babies in strollers, roller skaters, dogs, etc. No registration fee; tax-deductible dona-

tions appreciated. Funds raised support the A+ Angels program. Registration: 8:30am at City Park Fountain, 17th and the Esplanade by EHS. Entertainment by EHS music groups/clubs. Tax-deductible contributions payable to East Angel Friends & Alumni Fd./Parr-Widener Fund; mail to A+ Angels, 1570 Emerson St., Denver, CO 80218. To mentor, contact Jessica Pearson: JPear2071@msn.com. For more: www.eastangels.org

April 21—Stories for Preschoolers at DSA

On Saturday, April 21, 10am–12pm, preschool-age children (2.5 and up) can hear four professional actors read the Pre-school One Book One Denver finalists, Maybe a Bear Ate It?, Mamma Do You Love Me? and Feast for 10, plus selections from A.A. Milne's House at Pooh Corner. This children-parent event will be held at the Denver (Events continued on page 22)

# Low maintenance Single-Family Living The Best of both worlds

## THE GREENS AT LOWRY

FROM THE LOW \$300s

The Greens at Lowry Sales Office  
9600 East 5th Avenue  
Denver CO, 80230  
PHONE: 720 277 3475  
EMAIL: TheGreens@LiveBerkeley.com ■ LiveBerkeley.com

# SMILE

303.399.1488 stapletondental.com

## Now is the time to look at refinancing to reduce your mortgage term.

Calling today could save you **tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars!**  
Free appraisal with mention of this ad for the first 25 applicants.

### CALL TODAY! 303-803-1913

MIKE SHERER • BRANCH MANAGER  
msherer@firstoptiononline.com • NMLS 210679

www.firstoptiononline.com • To check the status of your mortgage broker, visit <http://www.nmls.state.co.us/nmls-estates/index.htm>

# THE PEOPLE YOU CALL FIRST

Conventional, FHA, VA or USDA, the options we have for you are endless.



More Events...

(continued from p. 21) School of the Arts (DSA) Concert Hall at 7111 E. Montview Blvd. DSA students will provide live music, artistic projected illustrations and interpretive dance to the spoken word. Tickets: Kids under 12/\$10; Adults/\$25. Purchase at <http://storiesonstagebringingchildrensstoriestolife.aspx> or 303.722.7708. For more: [www.mswp.org](http://www.mswp.org), [www.storiesonstage.org](http://www.storiesonstage.org) or Lisa Armao at [lisa@mswp.org](mailto:lisa@mswp.org).

April 22—Earth Day Family Fun at Bluff Lake Nature Center

Bluff Lake Nature Center's annual Earth Day celebration, Sunday, April 22, 1–5pm, will include recycling crafts, live music, family activities, raptors, scavenger hunts, guest speakers, food, educational displays, and more. Educators will showcase live raptors, Music for Aardvarks will perform kids' music, CoPIRG's Energy Service Corps will do a children's energy-saving skit, and Ricky Rodriquez and the Pick-Ups will sing. Bluff Lake Nature Center, a 123-acre wildlife refuge on the eastern edge of Stapleton, is home to diverse waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, songbirds, deer, coyotes, foxes, raccoons, reptiles and amphibians. [www.blufflakenaturecenter.org](http://www.blufflakenaturecenter.org), 303.344.1649 or [lichikos@blufflake.org](mailto:lichikos@blufflake.org).

April 22—Denver Ultra Dash Scavenger Hunt

Teams will compete on Earth Day, Sunday, April 22, in a scavenger hunt throughout the downtown area. Each team of two or more people will be given a set of challenges. The winning team receives a \$500 cash prize. The event is a fundraiser for Green Up Denver, a local project to make festivals (People's Fair, Cherry Creek Arts Festival, etc.) as green as possible. Create a costume that fits the theme of Recycling Education to win \$300. Must be 21 to enter. \$35 each team until 3/31; \$1 extra per day from 4/1 on. [www.denverultra-dash.com](http://www.denverultra-dash.com)

Denver Police 12-Week Citizens Academy Starts April 25

The free Denver Police Citizens Academy, held on Wednesday nights from 6:30–9pm,

will teach participants about the different departments within the Denver Police Department. It includes presentations from metro/SWAT, the air support unit, gang unit, crime lab and more. The academy is open to the public, but space is limited. Email [Matthew.Merrion@denvergov.org](mailto:Matthew.Merrion@denvergov.org) for an application. Classes will be held weekly from April 25 through July 18. Sessions are at the Denver Police Academy, 2155 N. Akron Way.

May 4, 5, 6—An American Love Story by Damsels Dance Company

The Damsels, a Denver-based contemporary dance company, will perform *An American Love Story* on Friday–Sunday, May 4, 5, 6. The dance tells the story of women who puts aside all insecurities to win a handsome bachelor's heart. The Damsels dedicate themselves to raising public awareness for women's issues. This performance benefits the search for Aubrey Sacco, a Colorado native missing in Nepal ([www.AubreySacco.com](http://www.AubreySacco.com)). Dance performances: 8pm 5/4 and 5/5; 6pm 5/6. Tickets: 18/adult; \$15/students; online sales \$18. [www.thedamselsdancecompany.com](http://www.thedamselsdancecompany.com). Location: Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Theater, 119 Park Ave. West.

May 5—Kids Bash Dash 2012 Teaches Giving While Having Fun

The Young Philanthropists Foundation (YPF) is sponsoring a family-friendly event on Sat., May 5 to show kids the value of giving. Elementary- and middle-school-aged kids are being sought to participate in teams of kids and parents to problem solve in an adventure race through the Stapleton Town Center. Registration at 8am at the Stapleton Town Center; race starts at 8:30am, with a 10am post-race breakfast (tickets can be purchased for noncompeting family and friends). Prizes awarded for individual challenges, best team costume and more. Teams of four or five (kids and parents; no more than 2 adults per team) can sign up at [www.yppfoundation.org/bashdash](http://www.yppfoundation.org/bashdash). \$25/team. YPF asks each team to raise an additional \$150. Proceeds benefit YPF programs. [www.yppfoundation.org](http://www.yppfoundation.org), [kerri@kazproductions.com](mailto:kerri@kazproductions.com) or 303.653.5708.

Rotary Youth Leadership Scholarships

For the third consecutive year, the Rotary Club of Denver-Stapleton will sponsor two area students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award summer camp. These Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) recognize the outstanding service young people have given to their schools and communities. The camp teaches leadership skills through experiential activities, small group discussions, large group presentations, and by building lifelong friendships.

Joshua Wilson was the recipient of a RYLA scholarship and participated in the program during the summer of 2010, before his senior year at DSST. Wilson says the RYLA program was significant for him because it helped him identify clearly the main priority in his life—attending the Air Force Academy. Now, as a freshman there, Wilson says demanding academics on top of the exacting standards in many areas of daily life can be stressful. Even his bed needs to be made to precise standards or it will be torn apart and must be remade correctly. He says, "When I can't see the reason for something, knowing why I'm here reminds me that I can take it."

In the RYLA program, says Wilson, "You have to interact with people you don't know, even if you're not comfortable doing that." Wilson de-

scribed one of the activities that required critical thinking, communication and teamwork. A group of 10 had to lift all team members and pass them through the holes in a rope grid without touching the ropes and without using a hole more than once. The team had to strategize and use each person's strengths. The heaviest person was passed through one of the lowest holes and that person was then on the other side to help teammates being passed through the higher holes. Wilson says the team-building activities showed participants, "If you're just accountable to yourself, you're less motivated than if you're working together for something."

Joshua's father, Stephen, and step-mother, Tiffany Wilson, live in Stapleton. His mother, Luana Wilson, lives in Arvada.

The Denver-Stapleton Rotary Club raises \$900 to sponsor a student entering eighth grade (Young RYLA) and a high school student entering his/her junior or senior year. Both camps occur in late July. To learn more about the RYLA scholarship and apply, visit [www.rmryla.org](http://www.rmryla.org) or email [Webmaster@DenverStapletonRotary.org](mailto:Webmaster@DenverStapletonRotary.org). The application deadline for 2012 RYLA camps is April 30.

Rotary is a worldwide organization that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.



Scholarship recipient Joshua Wilson



**Give yourself a tax break**

**Jessika Aerni, Agent**

7505 East 35th Avenue  
Denver, CO 80238  
(Next to Petsmart)

[jessikaerni.com](http://jessikaerni.com)  
**303-377-5433**  
**CALL ME TODAY.**  
Hablamos Español

**Open an IRA by April 15.**  
An IRA could reduce your taxes and it's a great way to invest in your future.

**Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.®**



State Farm Life Insurance Company (Not licensed in MA, NY or WA)  
State Farm Life and Accident Insurance Company (Licensed in NY and WA)  
Bloomington, IL

**Get a Great Grin!**

"Gina was really careful and nice. She knows what she's doing and she listens to what I have to say. And that makes having braces easy!"  
- Brandon Johnson, age 11

Orthodontics are a great way to enhance your smile. Schedule your **FREE** consultation with Dr. Gina Kessler today! Learn how we can help you get:

- Cosmetic Dentistry and Orthodontics for A Truly Spectacular Smile
- Functional Dentistry for Real Relief from Pain and Discomfort
- General Dentistry for A Genuinely Healthy Life

**Now accepting referrals and new patients.**

Gina Kessler, DDS, MS - Orthodontics for children and adults  
Brett H. Kessler - Comprehensive Dentistry for adults.

  
**Genuine Oral Care. Life-Changing Results.**

**303.321.4445**  
Located in the heart of Stapleton  
[www.TCDDdenver.com](http://www.TCDDdenver.com)  
[www.facebook.com/TCDDdenver](http://www.facebook.com/TCDDdenver)





**Family Law Attorney**

Divorce & Legal Separation, Paternity & Custody, Modification of Existing Court Orders, and Mediation



29 years family law & litigation experience  
10 years collaborative law involvement  
Attorney input mediation available  
Stapleton Resident

**Karen B. Best, Attorney at Law**  
**303-708-1300**  
[karen@bestfamilylaw.net](mailto:karen@bestfamilylaw.net)  
Appointments in Stapleton or Centennial





## Premium Fishwrap\*

by Jon Meredith

.....

### Colorado Is Now a Hotbed for Lacrosse

I was chatting with a colleague the other day when he mentioned his son played college lacrosse. I know that lots of kids from Colorado play lacrosse here and then go on the play in college. I asked the gentleman where his son goes and what position he plays. "He plays goalie at the University of Virginia."

"Are you kidding me?" was my response. Virginia is undefeated and ranked Number 1 in the country. They win national championships on a fairly regular basis. It would be like finding out a co-worker's son is the point guard at Kansas or a quarterback at USC. The men's NCAA lacrosse championship is the highest attended NCAA championship, outdrawing the Final Four and played to full houses in football stadiums. Colorado youth lacrosse is nationally recognized as some of the best in the country but many people who live here don't know how popular the game is or how it is played.

Lacrosse was originally played by Native Americans, between tribes when goals were sometimes miles apart. They played with hand-made wooden sticks and rocks with 100 to 1,000 participants. The native game dates back to 1100 AD. It is now the national sport of Canada and more popular than ever in the US. However, because professional

lacrosse struggles with attendance and the game, for years, was played mostly by prep school students, it is not popular or doesn't exist in many areas of the country.

The men's and women's games differ in many ways. Boys wear helmets, gloves and arm padding and hit each other often with their body, sticks and the ball. Their game is played on a regulation field, with offsides and other penalties necessitating a team playing down a man. Shots can reach over 100mph and a typical game will have about 20 or more total goals.

Girls play the game much like the Native Americans may have. They wear almost no equipment except for eye safety protection. (The goalie does wear full protection similar to boys players.) There is no body checking and very limited stick checking. Penalties normally result in a free possession or shot. Only the most egregious infractions result in removal from the playing field. Games are high scoring, with the combined scores sometimes reaching 40. The women's game is much more about style, grace and teamwork skills—whereas, the men's game can be more about brute force.

While you can get your child involved in lacrosse at an early age, it is never too late for a youngster to start playing. Many kids don't pick up a stick until high school and end up

being good players. Many get tired of playing other sports and then pick up lacrosse. There are several kids' programs that serve East Denver, including the Stapleton Jets for boys K-6, and the Denver Lacrosse Club that serves boys and girls starting in Kindergarten.

Another program, Denver City Lax, is an extremely successful organization that has brought lacrosse to inner city youths in Denver. Their mission is to promote not only lacrosse, but to have lacrosse contribute to a better educational experience for elementary- and middle-school youth. Many City Lax players are now playing at local high schools. This outreach program has strengthened Denver's reputation as a first-class lacrosse city because these kids are getting to play a game they normally would never have been exposed to.

Denver East and George Washington have women's and men's high school teams—as do almost all of the private schools. The University of Denver's men's team made the NCAA final four last year for the first time. They have a women's program as well. CU Boulder will start playing in women's Division 1 starting in 2014.

On Friday, April 27 the University of Pennsylvania will play Virginia and Duke will play DU at Sports Authority Stadium. The doubleheader starts at 5:30pm and is an inexpensive opportunity to take in some lacrosse played at the highest level and it may well be a preview of some of the national championship games.

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

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



**ASCENT**  
FAMILY MEDICINE

Partnering on the  
path to better health

Mary Catherine Husney, MD  
Jonathan Zonca, MD,  
"Top Doc 5280"  
Leslie McKenna, NP  
Emily Shupe Talley PA-C

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30am-5pm  
303-322-0212  
[www.ascentfamilymedicine.com](http://www.ascentfamilymedicine.com)  
4500 E. 9th Ave #320

## PARKWOOD HOMES

Parkwood Gets Back to Nature in Stapleton's Newest Neighborhood, Bluff Lake!



ACRES OF PARKS AND TRAILS  
LIMITED NUMBER OF LOTS AVAILABLE  
NEIGHBORHOOD BORDERS BLUFF LAKE NATURE CENTER  
**RESERVE YOUR LOT TODAY!**

HUDSON VALLEY & CHESAPEAKE MODEL HOMES OPEN DAILY 10 - 6 | SUNDAY & MONDAY NOON - 6  
8176 E. 35TH AVE. IN STAPLETON'S CENTRAL PARK WEST NEIGHBORHOOD  
303.320.4938 | [WWW.PARKWOODHOMES.COM](http://WWW.PARKWOODHOMES.COM) | FROM THE \$400s

Marketed exclusively by Jennifer Gore Unlimited, LLC. 4-1-2012

Your Neighborhood Expert for 10 Years!  
*Service That Creates Clients for Life!*



2617 Syracuse Street  
Marbletown home  
\$239,925

2754 Dayton Street  
Under Contract in 21 Days  
\$585,000

2949 Ulnia Street  
Under Contract in 3 Days  
\$509,000



2726 Xanthia Street  
NEW LISTING  
\$440,000



2609 Syracuse Street  
4 Blocks to Town Square  
\$429,900



**Symantha Rodriguez**  
Your Five Star Realtor  
720.217.4788  
[Sam@DreamHomesRE.com](http://Sam@DreamHomesRE.com)  
[www.DreamHomesRE.com](http://www.DreamHomesRE.com)



**Jim Baudinat**  
**720.276.7704**  
[www.BestBuildersDenver.com](http://www.BestBuildersDenver.com)  
Basement Finish  
New Construction  
Kitchen & Bath Remodeling  
Licensed & Insured

**2011 HBA of Metro Denver CARE Award Winners**  
**Best Builders & Diane Gordon Design**  
**1st and 2nd Place for two Stapleton Basement Remodels!**



**FREE Diane Gordon Design**  
**Professional Plan Set with Basement Contract**  
Offer good through April 30, 2012



[WWW.SHOWCASELANDSCAPING.COM](http://WWW.SHOWCASELANDSCAPING.COM)  
**303.289.6821**

LAWN MOWING ~ POWER RAKING  
AERATION ~ FERTILIZATION  
SPRING TUNE-UPS ~ GARDENING  
**LOCALLY OWNED**  
**CALL FOR A FREE ESTIMATE**

**One FREE Lawn Aeration**  
With sign-up of summer weekly lawn service (\$37 value)  
New customers only



## Monarch Montessori Now a DPS Charter School

By Carol Roberts

Monarch Montessori of Denver Charter was approved on March 12 by the Denver Board of Education to open this August as a Denver Public Schools (DPS) elementary school of choice. The school will start up with 170 students in kindergarten, first and second grades. Applications, which can be downloaded at [www.MonarchM.com](http://www.MonarchM.com), will be accepted until April 16. If more students apply than there are spaces available, the school will have a lottery on April 17. Any classes that are not full as of April 17 will be open on a first-come, first-served basis starting April 18.

Monarch applied for charter status in November and was denied at that time, with the Board asking for additional information and clarification in specific areas. Monarch immediately filed an appeal to the State Board of Education. Principal Nancy Radkiewicz says when they appeared before the State Board on February 8, "The State School Board remanded us back to the district in hopes that we could get this opened yet this August—and they were very explicit about wanting us to be able to open this August." Radkiewicz explains that the DPS Office of School Reform and Innovation then requested additional information on the English Language Learners (ELL) program, their Special Education program and their school goals—and after receiving that information recommended approval of the school.

According to Radkiewicz, a typical condition given to new

charter schools is that they must have a certain percent of their students enrolled by a set date. In this case, with the approval coming in mid-March (rather than in November as Monarch initially expected) Monarch has just five weeks to enroll 60 percent of their students—or the school opening will be delayed a year (until August 2013).

Radkiewicz says parents who already have a school of choice for their child can still apply, and should keep their place in the other school until they are accepted at Monarch. At that time Monarch will inform them how they should handle their DPS choice registration forms.

Charter schools are tuition-free public schools, getting their state funds through the district. They are required to administer the state's mandated testing.

Monarch's plan is to grow to grades K-5. Full-day kindergarten, as with other DPS schools, has a monthly fee; for families with free or reduced lunch, there will be no tuition charged for kindergarten in the 2012-13 school year.

Montessori classrooms have multiple ages, with the older students acting as role models for the younger students on how to be leaders in the classroom. Students stay with a teacher for three years.

Monarch Montessori is offering open houses on April 3 from 1-3pm and 5-7pm, on April 12 from 8-10am, and on April 17 from 1-3pm.



The school is located at 11200 E 45th Ave., Denver. For more information, call 720.746.2140 or visit [www.MonarchM.com](http://www.MonarchM.com).

## Stapleton's New Sam Gary Library Expected to Open in August

Progress continues to be made on the new Sam Gary Branch Library. Although the building looks nearly complete, much construction work remains. Specifically, on the outside, metal walls panels, windows/storefront systems, painting, concrete flatwork, asphalt paving and landscaping all need to be completed. Inside the building, drywall, painting, tile, floor finishes and millwork must be completed, along with a variety of work pertaining to the mechanical, plumbing, security, IT and electrical systems.

In addition to the construction scope, the City and Denver Public Library (DPL) must move in and set up all of the library shelving, furniture, operational equipment/supplies, technology equipment and books/collections material to allow the building to function. This process has already started, but will happen primarily during the months of June and July, after the building is turned over by the general contractor. DPL is actively working on the move plan to install all of these items, and given the volume of work to coordinate, they are unofficially targeting early August for a public opening.


*Information provided by Denver Public Library.*

**Where We Treat Your Family as Our Family**

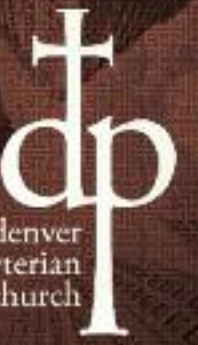
2975 Roslyn Street, Unit 100, Denver, CO 80238  
 Noah Makovsky, MD • Brandon Davison-Tracy, MD  
 Amy Nash, MD • Bryan Kono, MD

Visit our Updated & Improved Website  
[www.stapletonpeds.com](http://www.stapletonpeds.com). Use your barcode scanner App to access our mobile website.



seeking  
CHRIST  
sharing  
LIFE  
serving  
OUR CITY

SUNDAYS 10 am Montclair Elementary



denver  
presbyterian  
church

[denverpres.org](http://denverpres.org)

33,000 NEWSPAPERS DISTRIBUTED IN NE DENVER

LIKE US AT  
FRONT PORCH  
NEWSPAPER



THE PAPER THAT'S  
ON THE COFFEE TABLE...

...NOT IN THE RECYCLING BIN



VISIT [FRONTPORCHSTAPLETON.COM](http://FRONTPORCHSTAPLETON.COM) FOR: Online videos • Community info • Past issues • Advertiser contact list • Advertising info  
 Advertising: [KarissaMcGlynn@gmail.com](mailto:KarissaMcGlynn@gmail.com) or 303.333.0257 • Editorial: [FrontPorchStapleton@gmail.com](mailto:FrontPorchStapleton@gmail.com) or 303.526.1969



## Stapleton-Aurora Streets to Connect by Sept. 2013

By Carol Roberts

The cities of Denver and Aurora have approved an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to build street connections between 25th and 26th avenues, an area of Stapleton that lies within Aurora. The agreement states, "The connections are anticipated to benefit overall connectivity between Denver and Aurora..."

The first two connections, scheduled to be completed by September 1, 2013, are Iola Street and Fulton Street. Kingston Street is scheduled for completion by June 1, 2014, and Dayton/Emporia is scheduled for completion by June 1, 2017. The City of Denver will contribute \$300,000 for each connection and the City of Aurora will contribute \$200,000 per connection.

A map showing the Stapleton/Aurora boundaries and the planned connections is posted at [www.FrontPorchStapleton.com](http://www.FrontPorchStapleton.com).

## I-70 Bridge Replacement Over Sand Creek

By Carol Roberts

The roadways that are on the Federal Aid Highway System are required to be inspected every two years and each bridge's condition is rated. The east- and westbound bridges on I-70 over Sand Creek were built in 1960 and 1964, according to Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) engineer Neil Lacey, and, based on these inspections, were identified as bridges in need of replacement. Funds generated from Colorado's increase in auto registration fees, called FASTER funds, are being used to replace these and other crumbling roads and bridges in the state. The contract awarded to rebuild the bridges over Sand Creek was \$8 million.

Lacey described the bridge replacement as a three-phase project in which lanes are being re-routed to allow work sequentially on the north, middle and south sides of the highway. Work is now in the third phase of the project and is expected to be completed in late June or early July. Lanes may be closed at night during low-traffic times, but the highway will not be fully closed during the construction.

## How Would You Reduce Denver's Structural Deficit?

Slowing revenue growth (3.37%) and increasing expenditure growth (4.74%) has resulted in a structural gap of 1.37% in the city's budget. Denver residents can learn more about the budget challenge and make their opinions known on how to solve the problem. Visit [www.deliveringdenversfuture.org](http://www.deliveringdenversfuture.org) to weigh in on some of the cuts being considered to balance the budget.

For nearly a year, an independent group of civic, business and community leaders met and analyzed the city's finances and explored various options to help Denver eliminate its persistent imbalance between revenues and expenses. This Task Force presented their recommendations to the mayor in January 2012. To view an overview presentation of the findings or the full report, go to [Denver-Gov.org](http://Denver-Gov.org) and search for structural financial task-force. Links to the presentation and report are at bottom of page.

*These pdfs are also available to download from the Front Porch website at [www.FrontPorchStapleton.com](http://www.FrontPorchStapleton.com).*

## DPS Greater Park Hill/Stapleton Community Committee on Education

Anyone interested in participating in a discussion about education issues affecting Stapleton and Park Hill is encouraged to attend the remaining three meetings on Tuesday April 3, Monday April 23, and Tuesday May 8. These meetings are open to the public and childcare is provided. For information about past meetings, please visit <http://communityrelations.dpsk12.org/regional-community-meetings/central-northeast/archive-meetings-documents/> or <https://sites.google.com/site/sunwebsite1/education>. All meetings are at The Odyssey School at 6550 E 21st Ave from 6:00-8:00pm, with a light dinner available at 5:30pm.



# Window Washing

& Exterior Siding, Porch and Garage Power Washing

**Hand Washed Inside & Out**  
**Screens Removed and Cleaned**  
**Tracks Wiped Clean**

*Call now to reserve your spring slot!*

## STAPLETON HOME SERVICES

303-320-1297 .com



# It isn't a party without a cake!

**Order your graduation cake by Sunday, May 13th, and receive 15% off.**

**Orders can be accepted over the phone or in-person at the bakery.**

**4628 E. 23rd Ave • [adaglobakery.com](http://adaglobakery.com) • 303.522.6340**



## BLUEPRINT

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, INC.



**Always FREE with Every Basement!**

INTERIOR DESIGN SERVICES

RADON TESTING


SOUND REDUCTION INSULATION

STORAGE SHELVEING


**(303) 467 - 9400**

**[www.blueprintdesignco.com](http://www.blueprintdesignco.com)**

**BASEMENTS - KITCHENS - BATHROOMS & MORE**



# Real Estate is all about Location, Location, Location ...Right?!



This home at 2811 Spruce St. can hardly be beat. Just a hop over to the green for movies, concerts...and the Sweet William Market!

Give me a shout if you'd like to take a peek, or if you're planning a change.

— Kim Kouba  
Owner of the Sweet William Market and a Broker Associate with Perry & Co.

**Kim Kouba**  
Broker Associate  
**Perry & Co.**  
A Denver Tradition  
303.204.8215

## INDIVIDUAL & RELATIONSHIP COUNSELING



*By licensed professionals at affordable rates*

*Proven effective short-term approaches: Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) & Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy (EFT)*

**Free Seminar: Saturday May 5, 11am-12:30pm. Call to register.**

**"Why Relationships Fail & What You Can Do About It"**

**Q Group Inc. Consulting and Counseling Services**  
**600 S Cherry St, Suite 725, Denver, CO 80246 • 303.331.8131**

# STAPLETON360.COM

**ARE YOU AN INSIDER?**



# Development of Buckley Annex in Lowry Moves Forward



Courtesy of Lowry Redevelopment Authority

By Carol Roberts

Artist's rendering of the proposed mixed use center and community park near Quebec St. and Bayaud Ave.

The Lowry Redevelopment Authority (LRA) announced on March 27 that they have approved a land transfer agreement for the development of Buckley Annex, a 70-acre parcel of land south of First Avenue, between Quebec and Monaco. The Air Force is expected to convey the deed in April.

The area was primarily used for aircraft parking and maintenance between 1937 and 1966 while the airfield was operational at Lowry. After the airfield closed, buildings were constructed in 1975-76 for use by the Denver Center of the Defense Finance and Accounting Services and Air Reserve Personnel. In 2005, the Department of Defense added Buckley Annex to a closure list. In 2007 the LRA started a public redevelopment planning process that involved stakeholders and community task forces.

Conceptual plans released by the LRA show a combination of apartments, townhomes and single family homes that will bring approximately 800 dwelling units to the area, with a goal for the neighborhood to be “net zero”—generating as much power as it uses. Other development is expected to include about 200,000 square feet of commercial space, half office and half neighborhood

retail, and a 4-acre community park. In addition, there is good news for Schlessman Library patrons who have had difficulty finding a parking space in the often-crowded lot. The redevelopment plan includes 70 parking spaces for Schlessman Library and other commercial users in the Community Park/Mixed Use Center across First Avenue from the library.

Following the expected land transfer in April, the LRA will seek General Development Plan and zoning approvals from the city in the spring and summer. Building demolition and infrastructure improvements are currently scheduled to begin in the third quarter of this year.

According to the LRA, the property will be obtained at no initial cost, but net profits, after all development costs and financing are paid off, will be shared with the Air Force. The LRA will pay for approximately \$45 million in development costs through land sales, traditional bank loans, tax increment financing and federal grants. At full build out, the development is projected to create approximately \$1 million annually in new property taxes and nearly \$500,000 annually in sales taxes.

For more information visit <http://lowryredevelopment.org/annex>.

# Restore Integrity to

By Rep. Beth McCann

In order to win a case in court, a party must prove through documentation or witnesses that he or she is entitled to win. Not so with respect to foreclosures. It is good enough if the lender's lawyer says it is so.

Since 2006, a lender or lawyer representing a lender in Colorado could simply sign a certification that the lender owns the mortgage and is entitled to foreclose. The lender does not need to provide any other documents showing the chain of title that proves the lender is the party with the right to foreclose. Many homeowners are finding themselves in a morass because of this provision in the Colorado foreclosure process—and it's not just those with sub-prime mortgages.

Mortgages are often sold by banks to other banks, or to a firm that bundles the mortgage with other loans. These loans may change hands a number of times, often without proper documentation. A recent study of San Francisco foreclosures found that 84 percent of the files contained what appeared to be clear violations of law. The five largest foreclosing banks recently struck a \$25 billion settlement with federal agencies and many state attorneys general in an attempt to remedy numerous foreclosure abuses. The Inspector General of HUD has released a scathing report regarding improprieties by the top five banks.

I have heard from many Coloradans who were shuffled from lender to lender when they attempted to modify a loan. I've heard from people who wanted

3 Easter Services on Sunday, April 8

8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 AM

More details at [www.StapletonChurch.com](http://www.StapletonChurch.com)

Meeting at the historic Hangar 61

Sundays 9:00 & 10:45 AM | 8700 E. 21st Ave. | Denver, CO 303.321.1014

Retirement May Be Far Off,  
But the April 17 Deadline for IRA Contributions Isn't.

To learn more about the advantages of an Edward Jones Individual Retirement Account (IRA), call or visit today.

Natalie J Robbins, AAMS®

Financial Advisor

2373 Central Park Blvd  
Suite 104  
Denver, CO 80238  
303-320-7752

[www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com) Member SIPC

Bringing fun, functional clothing and gear to Stapleton and Park Hill

- Patagonia
- Prana
- Marmot
- Roxy
- Mountain Hardwear
- Salomon
- Chaco
- Vans

Spring & Summer Clothing and Gear now in stock!

2206 Kearney St. Denver • 303.997.5397

[www.SoarOutdoor.com](http://www.SoarOutdoor.com)

Follow us on Twitter @SoarOutdoor for the latest deals and news

DART auto

PORSCHE Volkswagen Audi • BMW • MINI

Full Service Repair  
Dealer Quality Service for Less

4801 Monaco ST 303-296-1188

Free Shuttle to Stapleton & Park Hill

Mention this ad and receive 10% off your 1st service

ADHD?

No Problem.

Do you or a member of your family have difficulty concentrating or focusing? Are you concerned about hyperactivity or impulsive behavior? Now there is a clinically proven alternative to medication.

Research shows Neurotherapy to be an effective, safe, non-invasive way to work with children and adults—without resorting to psychoactive medication. Help you or your child utilize and train the brain to improve performance. neuroAgility provides diagnostic evaluations for AD/HD and Brain Injury. We offer state-of-the-art training that is respectful and non-stigmatizing; we build on your strengths leading to sense of self mastery.

Kerri Honaker, LPC, Clinic Director

303-417-1797

[www.neuroAgility.com](http://www.neuroAgility.com)

Insurance coverage may apply

ADD

ADHD

BRAIN INJURY

ANXIETY

SLEEP

ASPERGERS

ATHLETES

2501 Walnut Street, Suite 205, Boulder, CO 80302

• 3773 Cherry Creek North Drive, Suite 690W, Denver, CO 80209

FARMERS

Kevin D. Tafoya

Reviewed your insurance recently? We can lower your costs and provide you exceptional customer service in the ♥ of Stapleton!

303-955-0861

[ktafoya@farmersagent.com](mailto:ktafoya@farmersagent.com)

April 2012

26

Stapleton Front Porch



# Foreclosure Filings

to make payments, but no one could tell them to whom to make the payment. And I've heard from those who made payments—only to be told they should have paid another company and their payments did not get credited.

After hearing these complaints and researching the foreclosure process, I sponsored House Bill 1156, which would have required lenders to provide documentation proving they hold the debt and have the right to foreclose before they can take someone's home.

Unfortunately, the bill was killed in committee on March 14. Bankers who opposed the bill testified that the system is working well and producing proof of ownership of the debt would slow down the process. They also said that if this bill passed, banks might not want to extend credit anymore. Other opponents on the committee felt that if people are in default, they should be foreclosed on because they are just trying to stay in their homes for free. One representative who voted against the proposed bill said we need to get through all of these foreclosures as quickly as possible and move on. These opponents of the bill did not respond to the witnesses who testified about their efforts to contact the holder of their mortgage to talk about possible modifications of their loans, the frustration of getting shuffled from one lender to another, and lenders' lack of response to phone calls or emails.

I am committed to bringing this issue back to the General Assembly next year to restore integrity to the process and protect Colorado consumers.

Another bill, which is being introduced in the Senate, will address some of the issues that borrowers have raised regarding loan modifications. That bill has not yet been heard in the House.

*Beth McCann is State Representative for House District 8(central and NE Denver). It includes the western portion of Park Hill and the Hale neighborhood. She is an attorney, working part-time for the Attorney General's office. She was previously a Chief Deputy District Attorney, Denver Manager of Safety, and practiced law with a private law firm. She can be contacted at 303.358.9247 or beth@bethmccann.org.*

# Giving Small Businesses the Tools They Need

By Congresswoman Diana DeGette

Small businesses in Colorado have an extraordinary impact on our economy, providing almost half of our jobs and making up nearly 98 percent of the state's employers. Without a doubt, entrepreneurs are the backbone of our economy—and strengthening small businesses is key to our recovery. I have been meeting with small-business owners to learn about the challenges they face. I have taken their stories and challenges back to Washington, and I am pursuing ways that Congress can respond to their needs.

In nearly all of my meetings with small-business owners, I heard one common refrain: they badly need increased access to capital. This echoed my own experience many years ago when I started a small business and struggled to get even the most basic of loans. Unfortunately, all these years later, many small-business owners face similar difficulties accessing sound business advice and securing the financing necessary to grow their businesses and create jobs for our community.

In February, I hosted a Small Business Finance Forum to help local small businesses improve their access to capital. The Forum brought resource providers together with small-business owners and entrepreneurs looking for assistance. Panelists included organizations dedicated to helping Denver-area businesses succeed, including the U.S. Small Business Administration, SCORE, and others. Their suggestions to businesses included:

- Explore opening a line of credit to establish a banking relationship so the business is prepared for future credit needs.

- Seek a detailed explanation for a denied loan or lost contract opportunity. Don't just take "no" for an answer—find out why it wasn't "yes."
- Connect with other small-business owners and learn from them. Likely, someone else has already experienced the

problems you may be facing in operating your business.

*For more information about the forum and links to organizations and other resources available to help Denver-area small businesses succeed, visit [www.degette.house.gov](http://www.degette.house.gov) and click on "Small Business."*

**a Wild Smile**  
PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY  
*Your child's passport to a great smile.*

**FUN, JUNGLE ATMOSPHERE**

- Eliminates fear
- Encourages great lifetime habits
- Specializing in infants thru teens
- New patient 'Passport' creates a fun, incentive based dental experience

**PHENOMENAL SMILE CARE**

- Board Certified Pediatric Dentist: Jesse Witkoff, DDS
- Prevention focused, giving you education for informed decisions
- Most insurance & PPOs accepted
- Payment plans available

**LATEST TECHNOLOGY**

- Child sized instruments & chairs
- Digital x-rays reduces radiation exposure, maximizes accuracy & comfort

2008  
2009  
2010  
2011  
**TOP DENTISTS**  
5280

Best Places for Families 2008  
**WINNER!**  
Real Pages

**DENVER/STAPLETON: A WILD SMILE 720.945.1234**

"Pediatric dentists are the pediatricians of dentistry"  
Play games and learn more about us at [www.awildsmile.com](http://www.awildsmile.com)

# Catholic Futures

**Catholic Schools.**  
Caring and orderly environment.  
Safety in a community of faith.

**Blessed Sacrament Catholic School**  
(303) 377-8835  
[www.blessedsacrament.net/school](http://www.blessedsacrament.net/school)

**St. James Catholic School**  
(303) 333-8275  
[www.stjamesdenver.org/school](http://www.stjamesdenver.org/school)

**St. Therese Catholic School**  
(303) 344-7494  
[www.stthereseschool.com](http://www.stthereseschool.com)

**Christ the King Catholic School**  
(303) 321-2123  
[www.clkcs.org](http://www.clkcs.org)

**St. Plus X Catholic School**  
(303) 364-6515  
[www.stplusschool.net](http://www.stplusschool.net)

**Bishop Machobeuf High School**  
(303) 344-0082  
[www.machebeuf.org](http://www.machebeuf.org)

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION**  
FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF OUR SCHOOLS PLEASE VISIT: [www.archden.org](http://www.archden.org)

**FREE LiteRise on Silhouette**

Rebates & Credits  
Available on Select Products

**Installed in Three Weeks. Or Less. Guaranteed.**  
Call for details

**Call Today for a FREE in-home estimate**

**Up to \$1,000 Off your order**  
call today for details

**VISIT OUR SHOWROOMS**

**Denver**  
10525 E 40th Ave Unit 205  
Denver, CO 80239  
Just off I-70 at Havana

**Park Meadows**  
9623 E County Line Rd Unit F  
Englewood, CO 80112  
By IKEA, off I-25 & County Line Rd  
"Largest Gallery Display in the USA"

**303-534-5454**  
[www.rockymountainshutters.com](http://www.rockymountainshutters.com)

**Rocky Mountain SHUTTERS & SHADES**  
*HunterDouglas Gallery*

**BBB**



# The SUN Spot

## The *independent* voice of Stapleton

Brought to you by Stapleton United Neighbors

**SUN Meetings** are held on the 4th Monday of every month at 7:30pm at the Central Park Recreation Center, 9651 MLK Jr. Blvd.  
For information about SUN, visit [www.stapletonunitedneighbors.com](http://www.stapletonunitedneighbors.com). To contact SUN or confirm meeting time, email [stapletonunitedneighbors@gmail.com](mailto:stapletonunitedneighbors@gmail.com)



## SUN Board Announces 2012 Elections

Are you new to the neighborhood? Have you hoped that more voices from the community would be represented in development decisions? Want to help make Stapleton a better place to live and work? Do you have talents and skills that could be put to good use in planning future development in Stapleton? Are you a current resident who has been looking for an opportunity to get involved with neighborhood issues? If your answer is “yes” to any of these questions, please consider running for a leadership position on the Stapleton United Neighbors (SUN) Board of Directors.

The first board of directors of SUN was elected in the spring of 2004. During the past eight years, much has been accomplished. SUN supports community participation through a block captain network of over 70 community leaders. SUN now hosts regular forums with Forest City representatives and officials from the City to help keep Stapleton residents up to date on the state of our neighborhood. SUN also organizes the annual Block Party Day and the Kickball Tournament, to help bring new neighbors together and build the bonds that are critical to strong communities. Now it is time to make plans for another year of progress with the election of members of the SUN Board of Directors. Of the 15 seats on the board, eight are up for election this year. As Stapleton is always growing, SUN is committed to including residents from all areas of our neighborhood on the board.

## SUN Board Election FAQs

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

SUN is Stapleton’s registered neighborhood organization. Its mission is to work for the betterment of the Stapleton neighborhood and the City and County of Denver by providing: (i) a forum for residents living within the boundaries of SUN to discuss and resolve issues; (ii) a network of communication; and (iii) a means of acting on matters of importance to the community as a whole. Check out the SUN website at [www.stapletonunitedneighbors.com](http://www.stapletonunitedneighbors.com) for more information.

### What are the obligations?

SUN board members are responsible for helping bring the mission of SUN to life through work in the community. This includes:

- Attending monthly meetings, currently

scheduled at 7:30pm on the fourth Monday of January through November.

- Chairing or serving on one of SUN’s committees: transportation, education, outreach, safety and communication, kickball, and sustainability. Board members may also choose to serve as a SUN liaison on the Stapleton Citizens Advisory Board (CAB), the InterNeighborhood Cooperation (INC), or a Stapleton Development Corporation (SDC) committee. SDC committees include the parks advisory group (PAG), zoning and planning (ZAP), housing diversity, and design review.
- Authoring at least one article per year for the SUN Spot section of the Front Porch.
- Attending and helping out with SUN-sponsored community events and forums.

### What is the time commitment?

Monthly board meetings typically last an hour and a half to two hours. SUN, CAB and SDC committee meetings are usually once a month and run about an hour to an hour and a half. INC meetings are the second Saturday of the month for three hours. Beyond that, keeping up with voicemail, email and other events and meetings can add as little as a few minutes to as much as several hours per week. As a general rule, SUN will involve about 10 hours a month of time commitment, and potentially more depending on the calendar of events.

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

The application process entails submitting a 200-word statement of interest and bio to Damon Knop ([Damon@DistinctiveDenver.com](mailto:Damon@DistinctiveDenver.com)) by April 12, and attending the SUN Forum and Election in May. The statement of interest and bio will be posted on SUN’s website at [www.StapletonUnitedNeighbors.com](http://www.StapletonUnitedNeighbors.com).

## Saturday, April 21 Earth Night Movie and Fundraiser

Location/Time: MCA Stapleton Community Room, 2823 Roslyn St, 6–9pm

The SUN Sustainability Committee invites you to the third annual Earth Day event. We will be showing the award-winning short documentary I’m Too Young to Buy a Prius. It was just screened at the February Colorado Environmental Film Festival

in Golden and the 16-year-old filmmaker, Max Greenwald, will join us to introduce the film. We will follow with the movie Tapped, while enjoying sustainable cuisine—burritos graciously donated by Chipotle, and beverages donated by Izze and New Belgium Brewery! All proceeds raised from the event will be donated to SUN to purchase new trees in Stapleton parks. Dinner will be served starting at 6pm, with door prizes at 6:30pm and the movie starting at 7pm.

Tickets are \$8 if purchased no later than April 17, and \$10 thereafter. To purchase tickets, visit <http://sunearthnight2012.eventbrite.com/>, or to pay by cash or check, contact [SUNSustainability@gmail.com](mailto:SUNSustainability@gmail.com).

Thank you to our partner Bluff Lake Nature Center and event sponsors Stapleton MCA, Chipotle, IZZE, and New Belgium Brewery.

## Saturday, April 21 Stapleton Earth Day Recycling Event

Location/Time: Sam’s Club Parking Lot at Quebec Square, 7805 E. 35th Ave., 10am–2pm

Please join SUN and Bluff Lake Nature Center (BLNC) as we bring you an Earth Day Recycling Day. BLNC will have information about their nature facility and their Earth Day Celebration to be held Sunday, April 22. You can also enter to win a \$50 gift card to Whole Foods with your donation of various items to be recycled:

- Electronics\*
- Shredding\*
- Latex Paints\*
- Moving Boxes
- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Pet Food and Accessories
- Home Furnishings: Furniture, Appliances, Tools, Plumbing Fixtures, Building Materials (nails, wood, etc.)
- Bicycles and accessories
- Plastic-only Flower Pots, Flats, Containers
- Books

- TerraCycle items - SUN (see <http://sites.google.com/site/sunwebsite1/sustainability> for list of items accepted)

These items will get you an entry for the \$50 Whole Foods gift card

\*For fees, see SUN website:

<http://sites.google.com/site/sunwebsite1/sustainability>

For more information on the above events, email [SUNSustainability@gmail.com](mailto:SUNSustainability@gmail.com).

## TerraCycle Contest

The Stapleton United Neighbors Sustainability Committee, in partnership with MCA and the Bill Roberts School Green Team, is collecting various used and empty items to be recycled through TerraCycle. All money earned goes to the Stapleton Sustainability Committee for various green initiatives. The person who turns in the most items from now until June 2 will receive a \$50 gift card to Whole Foods. Simply include your name, address and phone number on a piece of paper in every bag you drop off. The winner will be announced at the Stapleton Environment and Ecology Day (SEED) on June 2 and will be awarded a Stapleton Green Steward Certificate. You can drop off the items in the MCA lobby at 2823 Roslyn Street, in a blue bin at the Bill Roberts front office, or email [SUN-Sustainability@gmail.com](mailto:SUN-Sustainability@gmail.com) for item pickup. We accept the following items:

- Cheese packaging (all types)
- Candy wrappers and bags,
- Personal care and beauty product packaging
- Used inkjet cartridges (all types) and some toners
- Diaper and wipes plastic packaging (not cardboard boxes or tubs)
- Drink pouches, such as Capri Sun
- Squeezable healthy snack pouches, such as GoGo squeeZ
- Toothpaste tubes, caps, toothbrushes, floss containers
- Elmer’s glue sticks, bottles and caps (Elmer’s only)
- Disposable plastic tape dispensers and cores

For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items, go to: <https://sites.google.com/site/sunwebsite1/sustainability> or <http://sunsustainability-committeeshutterfly.com/> and look for TerraCycle.

## Next SUN Inclusivity Meeting April 5

The April 5 inclusivity committee meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Central Park Rec Center. Elizabeth Garner, of the City of Denver’s demography office, will give a presentation on demographics research from a study released in February 2012. Afterward the group will discuss future undertakings. All are welcome to attend.

## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE



MASTER PLANS • HARDSCAPE • PLANTS

SARAH CHRISTIAN, ASLA

Urban Gardens • 303.320.0392

[WWW.URBANGARDENSINC.COM](http://WWW.URBANGARDENSINC.COM) • LOCAL

### Holy Week/Easter Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 5

11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Worship/Communion

Good Friday, April 6

Noon Worship

7 p.m. Worship/Passion from Handel’s *Messiah*

Easter Sunday, April 8

8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. Worship/Communion

8–10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

5000 E. Alameda Ave | Denver CO 80246

Augustana  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

303-338-4678 | [www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org)

Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

In Business  
for 17 Years



## HOUSE CLEANING

### Stapleton and Park Hill References

Detail Oriented • Ironing Included • Window Washing • Carpet Cleaning

Bonded & Insured • Offices • Apartments • Homes • Park Hill Resident

#1 IN CLEAN: Paulina Leon 720-628-6690 • [paulinaleon22@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinaleon22@hotmail.com)



Letters to the Editor

Stopping for School Buses

I am hoping my letter will make our community aware of a growing safety issue that threatens our children. I am referring to the dramatic increase in the number of cars that drive past a school bus with its stop sign out and its red lights flashing. People appear to be either utterly unaware of what the law requires, or simply do not care that they are endangering our precious children by driving past school buses. When the school bus's stop sign is out, children are loading or unloading and crossing the street to get to and from their buses. All traffic in BOTH directions is required by law to STOP and WAIT until the bus's stop sign is no longer displayed and its red lights have stopped flashing. Only then may traffic proceed.

In particular, section 42-4-1903(1)(a) of the Colorado Revised Statutes mandates that all vehicular traffic "upon meeting or overtaking from either direction a school bus that has stopped, shall stop . . . at least twenty feet before reaching the school bus if visual lights . . . have been actuated. The driver shall not proceed until the visual lights are no longer being actuated." Violation of this law is a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense, punishable by a fine of not less than \$150 or jail time of ten to ninety days.

It is appalling to me that in our neighborhood, filled with young children going to and from school every day, so many people place greater importance on their own rushed schedules than on the safety of our children. I am hopeful that this reminder will prevent the horrific tragedy of a child being struck by a car. We all must realize that waiting a minute or two longer to allow children to get on and off their school bus is a small price to pay to ensure our children's safety.

Alenka Han, President, Polaris at Ebert PTO

Prairie Dogs

I maybe only 8 years old, but I can still solve problems. I agree and disagree at the same time with John Mix's opinion on removing the prairie dogs. I love prairie dogs, but I don't like them killing the grass in the Westerly Creek Park as well. I don't think it will be a good idea for the removal of these prairie dogs because they will probably not be able to find a new home. My solution is that we have part of the Westerly Creek Park for the prairie dogs. We just have to build a fence around their territory. The fence should be concrete and stick into the ground deeply so prairie dogs can't enter the rest of park by digging underground tunnels.

Belle Jiang, 2nd grader  
Mrs. Vogel's class, SMIS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Front Porch will publish letters to the editor as space allows—they may be edited for length. Please email FrontPorchStapleton@gmail.com. Submit by the 15th for consideration in the following month's issue.

Mesorah Learning Center  
BMH-BJ Religious School

Inclusive  
Experiential  
Hebrew  
Jewish Studies

303-951-8228  
mesorah@bmh-bj.org

560 S. Monaco Pkwy, Denver, CO  
Mention this ad for 10% off tuition

The Weikel Building Co.

Stapleton-Based • 20+ Yrs. Experience  
Basements • Deck Construction  
Remodeling • Renovations

Brian Weikel • Licensed & Insured  
720.771.4690 • www.weikelbuildingco.com

Schedule your FREE custom design that stays within your timeline & budget!

Are You Healthy?  
Mental, Emotional & Spiritual  
Individual & Family Therapy

Jennifer A. Prevost M.S., CACIII,  
Registered Psychotherapist,  
Certified Substance Abuse Therapist

jenniferaprevost@gmail.com • 303.304.0933  
9083 E 36th Ave—Insurance & Medicaid Pricing

New Day Acupuncture

Treating: Pain • Allergies • Stress,  
Anxiety & other Emotional Complaints  
Digestive Ailments • Women's Health  
Issues • Children's Health

Bruce Stoebner, L.Ac. • 720-838-7918  
Free consultation • Herbal pharmacy  
www.acupuncture-in-denver.com  
2840 Xanthia Ct., Stapleton

"Think Jazzercise was the  
workout of the 80s?  
Think again."

Jazzercise Stapleton  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:45 AM  
Saturday at 9:00 AM

jazzercise  
Classes at Colorado Contemporary Dance Arts  
2236 Cavella Street • 720-273-5547  
www.facebook.com/jazzercise.stapleton

Housecall Veterinarian

Dr. Shannon Rich, BVSc.  
Veterinary care in your home  
offers a convenient, low-stress  
way to provide routine and  
preventative medical care for  
your dogs and cats.

Local and Affordable  
Call for more details: 720-984-4510  
Prices at www.drshannonrich.com

WATER MASTERS PLUMBING

20% DISCOUNT  
ON FIRST SERVICE

FULL SERVICE PLUMBING  
COMPETITIVE, GUARANTEED PRICING  
REPAIRS, REMODELS AND  
NEW CONSTRUCTION

WATERMASTERSPLUMBING.COM  
303-223-7735

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED	SERVICES	SERVICES	SERVICES
LEGITIMATE WORK AT HOME Opportunity - No sales, no investment, no risk. Training / Web sites provided. Weekly / monthly income plus bonuses. Contact Kim at 303-915-8858 or fill out a form at www.workathomeunited.com/dreamsinthemaking	DESIGN / PLAN / BUILD Start planning for Spring 2012! www.cypress-builders.com. Specializing in basement finish design and construction. Call today 720.495.7085	HOUSE CLEANING- Mature, honest, friendly, dependable. 303-671-9065	PREMIER PAINT WORKS - SINCE 1993 Stapleton's Residential Paint Specialists. Int/Ext Neat, conscientious craftsmanship by polite, respectful, honest & fully insured crew, impeccable references. Ask about our FREE 1 hour color consultation with Jen Comfort from thecolorpsychic.com. Call John at 303-864-9247.
SERVICES	DOG WALKING / DOG SITTING - daily walks / overnight care. Local walkers, insured and bonded. call 303-dog-walk or visit www.ColoradoDogWalking.com.	HOUSECLEANER - 26 YEARS of Residential and Estate experience. Excellence, reliable, hardworking are my strengths. Just transferred from Houston to Lowry Area. Looking for longterm clients. References Available. Elizabeth 281-413-1442	QUALITY AFFORDABLE HANDYMAN! Insured handyman services include: baby proofing, ceiling fans/ light fixtures, closet organizers, assembly, repairs, pictures hung, fence staining, etc. No Job Too Small! Bob 720.434.3649. fixedit40@gmail.com
A GOOD PAINT JOB - A painter referred by your neighbors. Call Scott The Painter - 720-373-1010	ELECTRICIAN: Curran Electrical Services LLC. Licensed and Insured. Stapleton Resident. Available for all things Electrical. No job too big or small. References available. Call your neighbor, Frank. 303-917-7425. CurranElectricalServices@gmail.com	HOUSECLEANING - MEMBER BBB Providing extraordinary service to Stapleton & Denver area residents since 1993. "It's All About the Details" with Top to Bottom Cleaning. Visit: Top-to-BottomCleaning.biz or call Diane 303-668-4014	SHARPENING - knives, scissors, yard tools, push mowers, mower blades , most saw blades. Contact Paul Burns - 303.750.8750
A LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER - Mr. Plumber. Quality work, affordable prices, since 1978. Free estimates, accepting all major credit cards. Call Jeff Butler 303-523-6652/ www.mrplumberdenver.com	ELECTRICIAN: Dan/DHE Electric. Inexpensive, Licensed, & Insured! I'm your Stapleton neighbor! I perform large & small electrical jobs, including troubleshooting. Google DHE Electric for my reviews! www.dheelectric.com 720-276-2245	LANDSCAPING/GARDENING - design, plant, prune, weed; maintenance agreements available; www.citygardeningdenver.com, call Margerie at 303-941-9432	SPRINKLER SOLUTIONS - Professional Repairs and installations. Lifetime warranty. Fast Friendly service. 303-523-5859 / www.sprinklersolutionscolorado.com
AFFORDABLE PAINTING Exceptional Results www.jc-painting.com 303-474-8882 / 720-338-1453 Clean - Caring - Professional. Highly Recommended. Working in Stapleton since 2007. Interior Painting 15% off when you mention this ad. Valid through April 2012	EMERALD ISLE PAINTING INC. Quality interior and exterior painting, locally owned, reasonable rates. Deck and fence staining. 303.322.4753 (isle)	MAGICBRUSH - Premium local interior/exterior painting. Serving Park Hill with local discounts. Free estimates. 303-653-5186	FOR RENT
B&D RENOVATIONS - Tile, Painting, Carpentry, Kitchens, Baths , Basements. Home Repairs/Remodels. Affordable Quality Craftsmanship. 720.404.2649	FENCE STAINING, Protect and Enhance your wood boundaries. Three Years experience in the Stapleton area. Free estimates. Omega Fence & Deck Staining Inc - 720.270.5101	ORGANIZATION: We'll create function/efficiency/ beauty from chaos/clutter. References. Complimentary consultation. Lisa 303-819-6627 pieceacake@live.com	STAPLETON AND LOWRY TOWNHOMES - Homes available for rent. Have 2, 3, 4 or 5 bedroom properties available both immediately and for future (30+ days) move-in. 303.324.6988 or TJCMGMT@msn.com. www.StapletonForRent.com.
BANKRUPTCY QUESTIONS? Caring, compassionate law firm. 25 years experience. Affordable fees. Free consultation. A Debt Relief Agency under The Bankruptcy Code. Mile High Bankruptcy. 303-831-0733. www.milehighbankruptcy.com	GARDENER Hardworking, experienced & reliable. Free estimates. Senior discounts. Maintenances, cleanups, design. Simon 303-641-2414 SimonSaysGrow@yahoo.com	PAINTING- INTERIOR, EXTERIOR, REPAIRS - Superior service & workmanship since 1980! Extensive references and certificate of insurance gladly provided. For a fair price call Mike @ Cherry Creek Painting Company 303 388 8151.	NON PROFITS
BASEMENT DESIGN, KITCHEN/BATH Remodeling, Built-Ins, Interior Design. Diane Gordon Design, 303.355.5666. www.dianegordondesign.com.	GREATSCAPES - LANDSCAPE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION Family owned & operated since 1982. Outdoor living spaces, xeriscaping, plants, flagstone, rock, sod, irrigation, retaining walls, millwork, arbors, pergolas, trellises, planter boxes, and much more. Outstanding references. Jeff 303.322.5613	PERSONAL TRAINING in your home or ours. Get ready for summer now! \$60/ session, initial consultation is free. Call Jason and Megan @ 303-349-4871. NASM certified personal trainers, TRX, Kettlebell, Functional Movement, Stretching, Nutrition, & Pre and Post Natal Certifications.	VOLUNTEER FOR SUMMER SCHOLARS! Read individually with students or assist office staff with materials and data entry. Call Jennifer Agnew 303.381.3738 or visit www.summerscholars.org
BASEMENTS Best Builders- Best in Quality and Design at truly affordable prices. Call Jim at 720-276-7704	BRUGMAN PLUMBING - I show up on time. I do it right. I don't price gouge. Larry - 303-935-6348	PIANO SERVICE- Tuning, repair, reconditioning. Registered Piano Technician with Piano Technicians Guild, 30 years experience serving Metro Denver- close to Park Hill and Stapleton. David Nereson 303.355.5770	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO READ with 1 or 2 children 8:15 to 9am M,T,W, or F at Odyssey School; once a week for school year. Julie 303-316-3944 ext.241 or julie@odysseydenver.org.
COMPUTER SERVICES - Located in Stapleton; on-site residential and small business support; spyware removal, file recovery, secure wireless networking, mobile device configuration, hardware /software upgrades and installations; call Jon at 720.989.1979.	CONSIDERING RENTING YOUR HOUSE / Townhouse? Full Service Property Management Company. Expert in extremely hot Stapleton market. Will get top \$\$\$ Call / email Tom Cummings for free consultation. 303.324.6988. TJCMGMT@msn.com. www.StapletonForRent.com.	TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD By the 15th of the month email classified ad to FrontPorch3@gmail.com. The Front Porch will email a confirmation and instructions for credit card payment. Ads must be paid by the 17th to run in the upcoming issue. 15 words or less \$10 • 30 words or less \$18 45 words or less \$35 For more information visit: www.FrontPorchStapleton.com -> Advertising -> Classified Classified ads are accepted only by email.	MISC.
CONTRACTOR - FINE WOODWORKING, FINISH Carpentry, Remodeling, Home Repair & Maintenance. Licensed General Contractor. Small difficult jobs welcome. 22 years exp. in Park Hill area. Peter - 720-291-6089.	HOME COOKED MEALS! Affordable, healthy, personalized dinners with Mangia! Personal Chef Service. NEW: Ask about "chef prepped meals". Perfect for the time crunched, budget conscious cook. Contact Michelle: 303-324-1198 www.mangiapersonalchef.com		HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED of vacationing in Bora Bora? Learn how you can live your dream by building your own business from home in your flip flops! Join Rodan + Fields Dermatologists, creators of Proactiv®, for an information session. Thursday April 5th, 6:30 PM. Stapleton MCA, 2823 Roslyn St.





Gov. Hickenlooper and Rep. Williams “shake hands” with a tiger salamander after the bill was signed into law.

**SAPPHIRE PEDIATRICS**

*Compassionate, state-of-the-art healthcare for your children from birth thru age eighteen.*

**720.941.1778**  
4500 E. Ninth Ave, Ste 740, Denver, CO 80220  
[www.SapphirePediatrics.com](http://www.SapphirePediatrics.com)

Robin Larabee, MD • Molly Gilpin, PA-C • Sarah Humphreys, MD

**Salamander Bill**  
*(continued from p. 1)* state and the future of tiger salamanders everywhere.”

While it may take a village to raise a child, it took an extended community of families, friends and acquaintances to create this state’s newest symbol. The initiative was hatched by a flock of DPS Bill Roberts primary school students during a Friday after-school Nature Rangers ecology enrichment class late last year. While reading a Colorado Division of Wildlife worksheet, the students learned how the painted turtle became our state reptile. It came about through an all-out effort by fourth-grade students from an elementary school west of downtown Denver. The last paragraph in the handout read, “Can other wildlife become state symbols? It’s possible. There is still no state amphibian.” The nature-loving students took the bait—hook, line and sinker—and the campaign was on. Colorado for the Tiger Salamander was born.

A Stapleton neighbor and amphibian lover learned of the kid’s project. He had a connection with fel-

low Stapleton resident and Colorado State Rep. Angela Williams. An introduction was made and Rep. Williams was soon listening to the persuasive students and their request to have her sponsor a bill to name the tiger salamander as our state amphibian. The scholars won her over and the idea took flight.

A campaign game plan was mapped out. A website was launched, as was a Facebook page. Fact sheets were prepared, more students, teachers and legislative insiders were drafted; scientists conscripted and pet salamanders enlisted. Bipartisan legislative co-sponsors were then recruited. Colorado State Sen. Joyce Foster teamed up with Rep. Williams. Soon thereafter, a consortium of students representing Steck, Roberts, Westerly Creek, Odyssey, Stanley British, George Washington, Denver International and Denver Language schools were ankle deep in the legislative process.

In early January, Colorado House Bill 12-1147 was introduced and committee hearings were scheduled. Student and adult supporters prepared to testify on behalf of the tiger salamander. They were buoyed by encouraging words from practically everyone, from bystanders to the Capitol’s Colorado State Police, to members of our local print, radio and television media. Their compelling testimonies won the hearts and votes of nearly every representative and senator during their respective hearings and House and Senate floor votes. From January to March, House Bill 12-1147 and its followers marched through the Capitol and onward to the governor’s desk.

On Friday, March 16 at 11:41am, using seven ballpoint pens, Gov. John Hickenlooper signed a law designating the western tiger salamander as the state amphibian. Colorado history was made then and there. “This was such a great way to teach students by showing them how a bill becomes a law,” said Rep. Williams after the bill signing. “Seeing their enthusiasm in the legislative process has been truly rewarding, and this experience can help shape these young minds into civically active adults.” Sen. Foster echoed Rep. Williams’ sentiments, “These students have worked so hard to see this idea become law, so it was really rewarding to watch the governor sign this bill. They have not only gained an extremely valuable educational lesson, but also a priceless life experience.”

## Toyota Elephant Passage Set to Open June 1

Check out the zoo video at [www.FrontPorchStapleton.com](http://www.FrontPorchStapleton.com)

*(continued from page 1)* The Passage is divided into three thematic habitats: a Preserve, Asian Village and Outpost.

The expansive 10-acre exhibit located on the southern edge of the zoo is now in the final stages of construction. The complex has been designed to ultimately house up to 12 Asian elephants. It will also be home to Indian rhinos, Malayan tapirs, and other species native to Asia, including small-clawed otters, fishing cats, acrobatic gibbons and even flying foxes.

The exhibit features nearly two miles of trails for animals to explore, six interconnected habitats, and over 100 computer-controlled gated passageways that will allow zookeepers to rotate animals among the unique surroundings. Visitors will be able to view the movement of animals from various vantage points. The spacious habitats provide varied terrain and animal enrichment areas including mud wallows, scratching trees and shade structures.

With the recent relocation of the zoo’s resident female elephants, Mimi and Dolly, and the arrival of Bodhi, an 8-year-old male from the Columbus Zoo, and Groucho, an 11,000 pound male from the Fort Worth Zoo, the exhibit has “literally come to life,” said Dale Leeds, Curator of Toyota Elephant Passage. “This is such an exciting

# receive love. give love. repeat.

## join us for easter then stay and grow with us.

**PARK HILL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**grow your spirit with us<sup>SM</sup>**

5209 montview blvd, denver 80207. [www.phumc.org](http://www.phumc.org). sunday worship 9am & 11am.

**RIISING SUN  
ANIMAL CARE**  
*Located in Lowry*  
**303-577-0195**

# WORMS.....

Great for the garden  
**NOT** your pets!

Come talk to us about  
your pet's parasite protection

**ROGERS  
therapy<sup>LLC</sup>**

Rogers Therapy, PLLC  
303-284-9194  
[www.rogerstherapy.com](http://www.rogerstherapy.com)

## Who are you?

Spouse? Partner? Parent?  
Ex-spouse? Step-parent?  
Professional? Adult child?  
Sibling? All of the above?

Dr. Richard R. Rogers, Licensed Psychologist, will help you examine the roles you fill, the transitions you make between roles, and how managing all of these roles may affect the way you think and feel about yourself.

3-TIME 2011 CARE AWARD WINNER

**Diane GORDON  
DESIGN LLC**

**303.355.5666**  
BASEMENTS  
KITCHENS & BATHS  
INTERIORS  
[DIANEGORDONDESIGN.COM](http://DIANEGORDONDESIGN.COM)

Mike Ciechanowicz

## PAINTING

Meticulous  
Interior & Exterior  
Painting  
Faux Finishes  
Free Estimates  
A+ Accredited  
with the BBB

*“Every customer becomes a reference!”*

**303.324.1653**





**Left:** Groucho, a 41-year-old male Asian elephant roams in one of many outdoor areas that are connected by computer-controlled gates. The animals will move between areas, offering a variety of terrain and features in different habitats. **Above:** Brian Aucone, VP for animal collections, stands by a hut built as if it had been crushed by elephants. The hut demonstrates the effects of human-elephant conflict that can occur when they share the same habitat.



**Left:** Entrance to the Clayton F. Freiheit Elephant House. **Below:** Brian Aucone watches Bodhi, a seven-year-old Asian bull elephant, as he settles in at the new elephant house. The building has much more natural light than the old one.



time for us,” he added. “Zookeepers are now using positive-reinforcement-based training techniques to teach the elephants how to move in and out of bedrooms and the communal parlor area in the new Clayton F. Freiheit Elephant House; to and from the yards, and within the habitats.” Their House also features a self-activated shower in the parlor area where elephants can choose to have a rinse by pushing with their trunks a large button mounted on a wall.

The indoor quarters for the animals are designed for “creature comforts.” The house has a unique system that enables zookeepers to change the flooring material inside the building. Sand or soil can be moved, providing clean soft surfaces that will ensure the best in foot care for the large pachyderms.

The Elephant House building also has two elephant care systems that are used to stabilize animals for veterinary procedures. One of the devices can even tilt a full-grown elephant onto its side safely for examinations and procedures.

As part of a nationwide effort to create a sustainable Asian elephant breeding program, the enclosure’s added space will enable the zoo to become the first facility in the country to house up to eight bull elephants. The program also will support the Asian elephant Species Survival Plan by enabling the use of artificial insemination for reproduction.

The zoo’s sustainability manager, Jennifer

Hale, will seek to gain “platinum level” LEED® certification for Elephant Passage from the U.S. Green Building Council. This program recognizes sustainable and green building practices. In 2011, the zoo was awarded the Association of Zoos and Aquariums’ first-ever Green Award, ranking the Denver Zoo as the greenest in the country for its outstanding sustainability practices. “The zoo’s patent-pending biomass gasification technology can convert all forms of animal solid waste, and more than 90 percent of the zoo’s trash into usable energy,” said Hale. This energy stream will ultimately power heaters, mechanical equipment and recharge batteries in the exhibit areas. “The process will also efficiently eliminate 1.5 million pounds of trash that is annually transported to local landfills at a cost of \$150,000,” added Hale. “Most of the 1.1 million gallons of water to be used in the exhibit will be filtered and recycled, and the water will be used for bathing and swimming by the animals,” said Hale. Natural light throughout buildings and radiant-heating floor systems were incorporated into constructions designs. Both will keep energy consumption and costs down in the exhibits.

The Toyota Elephant Passage exhibit and complex is scheduled to open to the public June 1. For more information see [www.denverzoo.org](http://www.denverzoo.org)



This sign at the zoo came from a bridge in Thailand, which shows maximum weight on the bridge is one elephant, two mini-vans or 72 people.

## The Tuk Tuk Tour

The Denver Zoo developed a gasification technology that will allow them to power the new Toyota Elephant Passage using waste products for fuel. When the system in the exhibit is fully operational, the gasification process will convert more than 90 percent of the Denver Zoo’s waste—both trash and poop—into energy. Mike Dunbar, mechanical engineer and coordinator of the gasification project, stands by the Tuk Tuk, which is a working prototype of a “gasifier” that is being taken to other zoos to demonstrate the new technology. This three-wheeled vehicle runs on pellets created from poop and zoo trash.





**We Just Added Additional Weeks:  
August 13th & 20th!**

# altogether outdoors

summer camps







**More Friendship. More Nature. More Camp.**

We believe a great camp experience should not only be fun, but also build meaningful connections with nature and friends.

Our experienced staff is committed to the development of each child, and the creation of innovative, high-quality programs. All AO camps feature small groups, no-cost transportation, discounts and scholarships, and great memories for campers and parents year after year!


**Tommy Feldman**  
 Founder/Director

**Day Camps**  
ages: 5 - 11

**Leadership & Backpacking**  
ages: 11 - 14

**Sleep Away Camp**  
ages: 7 - 15

hiking climbing teambuilding ecology crafts songs and more!

**aocamps.com**  
**720.249.2997**







# Denver Storage Solutions

“We accommodate what you accumulate”

Storage Unit Size	Approximate Storage Space	What Fits
5'x5' 25 sq. ft.	Small Closet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small closet or bedroom</li><li>• Chest of drawers, office supplies, chair, clothing</li><li>• Small number of file boxes</li></ul>
5'x10' 50 sq. ft.	Large Closet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Large walk in closet</li><li>• Couch and chair, chest of drawers</li><li>• Small business inventory</li><li>• Seasonal yard equipment w/bicycle or motorcycle</li></ul>
10'x10' 100 sq. ft.	Small Average Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Average size bedroom</li><li>• 1/2 of a one car garage</li><li>• Furniture from a one bedroom apartment or house with refrigerator or washer and dryer</li></ul>
10'x12' 120 sq. ft.	Large Bedroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Furniture from a one or two bedroom apartment or house with appliances</li><li>• Patio furniture and many boxes</li></ul>
10'x15' 150 sq. ft.	Large Bedroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Furnishings from a two bedroom apartment or house</li><li>• Small boat</li><li>• Appliances, patio furniture and many boxes</li></ul>
10'x20' 200 sq. ft.	One Car Garage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Furniture from a two to three bedroom apartment or house with appliances</li><li>• Car, truck or boat with additional items</li><li>• Contractor inventories</li></ul>

- Residential & commercial
- Drive-in to load/unload
- Climate controlled building
- Single story/no elevators
- 24-hour access
- Well lit & comfortable
- Mailing and shipping services
- In-house forklift availability
- Loading dock availability
- Outdoor storage also available for cars, rvs, boats & containers
- Just ask for what you need!

**NEW CUSTOMER SPECIAL:**

**\$1.00 for the first month's rent on a 5x10 or 10x10 storage unit**

While supplies last. Can not combine offers.

**Denver Storage Solutions**  
**3893 Steele St. Denver, CO 80205**  
**303-296-7261 • info@denverstoragesolutions.com**  
**www.denverstoragesolutions.com**

**Only Minutes from Downtown Denver! Easy Access from I-70**

