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For many, pizza is the only love triangle in which they want to be involved. And no matter what your taste, there are an unbelievable amount of attractive options to choose from. That said, we think our taste buds might have found the perfect “pie-fecta” of untraditional, “traditional-style” pizza parlors in Northeast Denver. And it didn’t take long for us to discover, there’s something in the water, there’s something in the wild and the three pizza purveyors we found are, collectively, a total gas! *Story by Candice Coleman on page 8.*

East Hockey Takes State, National Titles



The East Angels varsity hockey team clinched the USA hockey national high school championship title in Dallas this spring after being undefeated in the tournament. The national win capped off an extraordinary season in which the eight-year-old team also won the state championship title. *Story by Mary Jo Brooks on page 14.*

Central Park Tough for Small Local Businesses

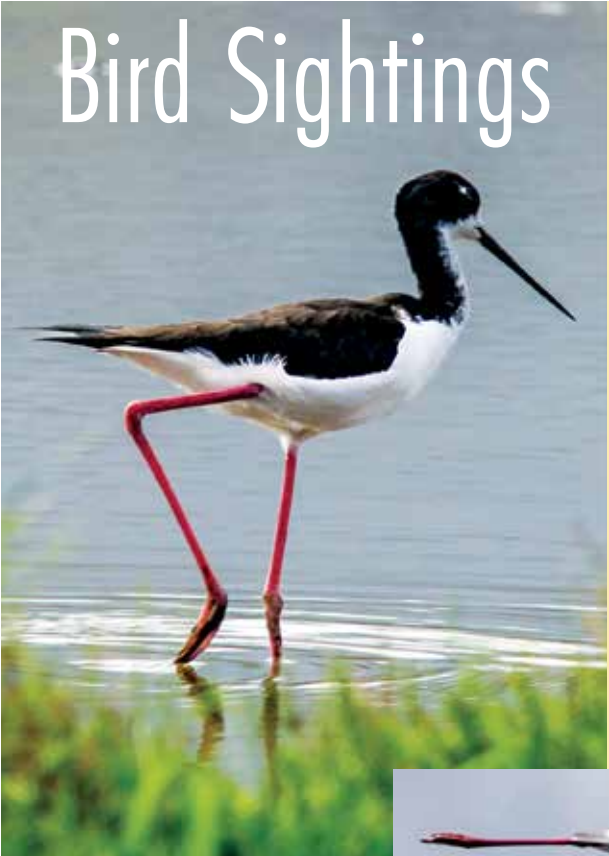


Small business owners in Central Park say high rent and other challenges make it difficult to thrive—or even survive—in the current economy. *Story on page 6 by Mary Jo Brooks.*

Innovation Schools Feel Betrayed by New DPS Policy

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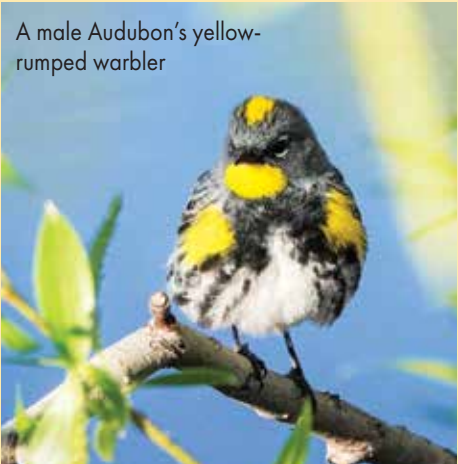
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Black-necked Stilt
 The black-necked stilt is a conspicuous bird because their black-and-white plumage and long, pink legs make them unmistakable and readily identifiable among shorebirds. They are white below and have black wings and backs. The black bill is long and thin. The long legs of the black-necked stilt are the second-longest legs among shorebirds. Only flamingos have longer legs in proportion to their bodies. They resemble the American avocets in appearance and belong to the same family. They can interbreed, but hybrids are rare.



Right: A black-necked stilt flies over Havana Pond in the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge on March 3, 2022. It is rare to see this bird at this time of year at this location in Colorado.
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A male Audubon's yellow-rumped warbler



A male myrtle yellow-rumped warbler

Length: 4.7–5.5 inches
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Yellow-rumped Warbler
 The yellow-rumped warbler arrives in Denver in the spring. Two subspecies are seen: the Audubon's and the myrtle. The major difference is the color of the throat. The Audubon's has a yellow throat while the myrtle has a white throat. Both have conspicuous yellow patches on the crown, flank and rump.

The Audubon's warbler inhabits the mountainous West while the myrtle warbler lives in the Eastern U.S. and Canada's Boreal Forest.
 Spring migration takes place from April to May; fall migration from September to November.
 They are insectivorous and exhibit fly-catcher-like behavior by darting from their perches in short loops to catch flying insects.

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Innovation Schools Angry Over New Restrictions

By Front Porch Staff

Denver school board members promised in March that a policy change—to standardize teacher rights across the district—would not dramatically alter progressive practices in the district’s 52 innovation schools.

“This is not something that will limit innovation,” Board President Xóchitl “Sochi” Gaytán said. “I know there’s been concern about how this could potentially limit innovative ways of being able to provide quality learning environments for students.

“That’s not what this is.”

A full disclosure of specifics of the new policy by the Denver Public Schools Portfolio Management Team in mid-April indicates otherwise. Rather than simply applying union contract processes, the new policy stripped innovation schools of a dozen waivers tailored to their needs that they had won in plans previously approved by the district.

Key among the new restrictions is that a school can no longer determine reductions of staff based on their needs or set their own annual calendars or length of school day. Innovation schools will now be forced to accept “direct placement” of teachers, those who cannot find a job at other DPS schools for a variety of reasons.

“I feel like they lied to families and the community,” said Mary Seawell, senior vice president of education at the Gates Family Foundation, a strong supporter of innovation schools and zones. “They promised publicly that they would not take away flexibility from innovation schools to control their school calendars or a school’s ability to set the length of the school day, but in the district’s (direc-

utive) those are exactly the things schools can no longer control.”

The portfolio office’s edict listed all practices that are “no longer flexible” under the new policy. Along with required direct placements, no school calendar control and little freedom to reduce staff, innovation leaders will NO longer be able to:

Set school-defined collaborative planning time for teachers or extend the school day with school-defined extra pay.

Hire staff on annual contracts.

Settle a grievance without arbitration.

Recruit and make offers to applicants outside the district hiring timeline and set process.

Determine extra compensation for extended time, additional responsibilities, and incentives for teachers.

Extend the school day for additional pay.

Create a unique school governance model by defining the responsibilities and membership of school committees differently. For example, the ability to merge multiple committees into one group.

The board’s new policy is scheduled to take effect for most schools in June 2023.

However, in late April four board members, a majority, requested a school-by-school inventory of how the new policy could negatively affect innovation schools. Requesting the review: Tay Anderson, Scott Esserman, Carrie Olson, Michelle Quattlebaum.

Innovation schools operate much like charters. To better serve their student populations, the schools enjoy enhanced flexibility and autonomy, enabling them to waive many requirements of state law and district policies for: academic programming, staffing; control of their schedules, calendars and budgets; freedom to shop around for better or lower-cost services usually provided by the district.

There are ten innovation Northeast Den-

ver schools: Swigert, Willow, Inspire, Isabella Bird, Ashley, Montclair School, Denver Discovery, Denver Green School-Northfield, McAuliffe International, and Northfield High School.

Front Porch reached out to all board members to discuss the issue, but none responded.

Rob Gould, president of the Denver Classroom Teachers Association (DCTA), the union, said the changes will not inhibit innovation. “Innovative practices can exist alongside teacher’s rights,” Gould said.

Gould also disagrees that a teacher directly placed in a school is a bad teacher. “These are good, effective teachers as proven by the evaluation system,” he said.

Innovation schools have been allowed to combine some school committees such as the collaborative school committee and the school leadership team. Or to define committee responsibilities and membership in ways that work best for that school. The new policy takes that ability away which Gould thinks is a good idea.

“Instead of principals appointing teachers to a leadership team they’ll have to elect them, and they’ll have to make decisions by consensus,” he said. “If they can’t make decisions by consensus, the principal will make the decision.”

Gould noted that if a committee appeals a principal’s decision, it will go to the instructional superintendent who would have to confer with the DCTA.

Giving the union that power is one of the big problems with the new policy, said Bailey Holyfield, executive director of the Luminary Learning Network that has four innovation schools.

“The most concerning thing happening

here is that it seems both DPS and the superintendent have chosen to outsource their governance operating responsibilities to third party labor organization (teachers’ union),” she said.

Anne Rowe, chairwoman of the Northeast Denver Innovation Zone (NDIZ) community board, called the move disrespectful to the 52 innovation schools and three zones (the third zone is the Beacon Network).

“The value of innovation is that it trusts the school leaders, educators and communities to best know how to serve their kids,” Rowe said. “This

appears to strip much of that away.”

The significant consequences of the board’s decision left Rowe flummoxed. Direct placement of teachers is one that is especially misguided, she said.

“We’ve seen the impact of forced placement of teachers on schools, and historically it has resulted in a bad situation for the educator, the school and, most importantly, the students,” said Rowe who served on the DPS board from 2011-2019. “I find it remarkable we’re going back to that.”

Teachers who must be directly placed in a school typically could not catch on, for some reason, with a school during the regular interviewing period.

Rowe complimented board member Michelle Quattlebaum who represents northeast Denver

for being open to work with NDIZ. “We are deeply appreciative of Michelle’s willingness to engage with us.”

The new policy seems to conflict with state law that says plans must be approved by 60 percent of a school staff and innovation status can only be revoked for poor academic performance. A bill passed out of the state senate education committee April 21 that would create a resolution process between districts and innovation zones which could add clarity to resolve these kinds of disputes for all schools.

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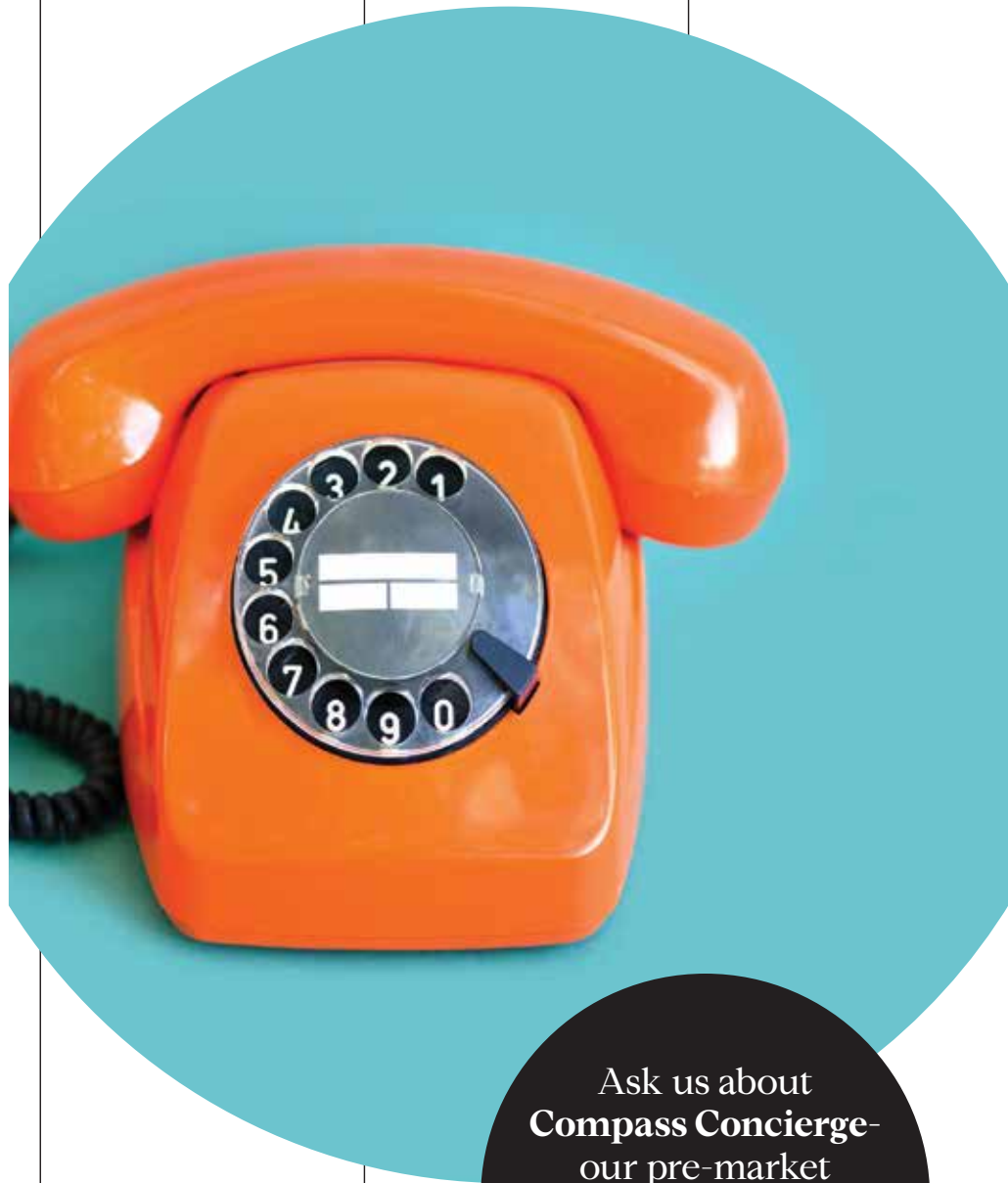
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Rental rates for retail stores in parts of Central Park are significantly higher than in neighboring Park Hill, leading to many empty storefronts.

By Mary Jo Brooks

Bob Corman, owner of paws ‘n’ play natural pet supplies, opened his third Denver store in the Shops at Beeler Park in March 2020, just as the COVID-19 pandemic was shutting down businesses.

Corman said that entire year was rough—he had to forgo a paycheck for

himself—but he managed to survive. Still, he says, two years later the store has yet to turn a profit because of the exorbitant rent he’s paying.

“I pay twice the rent for this store that I pay at my Park Hill location.” He says that he pays just over \$50 a square foot in Central Park versus \$25 in Park Hill. And the Central Park rent has risen every year,

so much so that he’s had to renegotiate his small business loan. “I’m hanging in there. Thank God that the neighborhood has been so supportive of us.”

What has really angered Corman, however, is the broken promise by the developer to build a Walgreens in the shopping center.

“Small stores like ours depend on

having an anchor store to bring in foot traffic,” he said. “The whole reason I signed a five-year lease on this property was because of that promise. There are four of us small business owners sitting here with no anchor store in sight.”

“We got bamboozled.”

Complaints about high rent and shoddy treatment of mom-and-pop stores in Central Park have flourished for years. In 2018, just after Central Park master developer Forest City was sold to Brookfield Asset Management, Central Park resident Mike Keuhler hoped to open a specialty cheese shop in the retail space where Edible Arrangements had been in the 29th Avenue Town Center.

“It was very timely,” he said. “The old tenants were leaving, and I had hoped to buy some of their shelving and coolers.”

He said he tried to contact Brookfield—



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Businesses in Central Park

both on the phone and in person—two dozen times and never got a response.

“It was embarrassing, but there was nothing I could do,” Keuhler said. “I realized that they don’t have any interest in working with small businesses. They want deep pockets.”

Keuhler ended up opening his shop, So Damn Gouda, in the Sunnyside neighborhood in north Denver where he says he pays about \$30 a square foot, compared to Central Park’s higher rates which average around \$47.

“I feel like I dodged a bullet by not ending up on 29th Avenue,” he said. “I’ve talked to other business owners in Central Park and they’re very unhappy. And I think it’s why you see businesses like Mason’s Dumpling Shop open up in Aurora instead.”

Unaffordable retail rents are the main reason Julie Bellina has kept her business, The Skin Care Studio, in her Central Park home for the past 10 years. An esthetician who specializes in acne and anti-aging skin treatments, Bellina says every few years she explores options to rent a space in the neighborhood so she could expand her business and hire additional employees.

“But it always ends up being thousands of dollars a month, and it just doesn’t make sense when this community is so open to home-based businesses.”

Brookfield didn’t respond to interview requests from *Front Porch*, but Robb Brown,

owner of The Denver Retail Group did. Prior to forming his own commercial and multi-use real estate consulting company, he worked for Forest City. He said he doesn’t think that rent is much higher in Central Park than the rest of the city, especially if you consider retail space in Quebec Square, which is more affordable than Eastbridge or the Town Center.

“I realize that some retailers don’t want to be in a Walmart shopping center,” Brown said. “They want to be in a more high-end environment. But then you have to pay those higher prices.”

He also pointed out that Central Park’s 80238 zip code is one of the wealthiest neighborhoods in Denver, so developers believe they can attract tenants who cater to wealthier people.

Brown says he doesn’t shy away from working with mom-and-pop businesses, but he admits that some leasing companies do find it riskier. He says that’s because it can be harder to secure financing—either from investors or a traditional bank—if the small business doesn’t have a strong financial track record.

“As a landlord, I have to present the deal to a lender to be approved,” Brown said. “Let’s say an owner of a food truck decides he wants to open a restaurant in one of my properties, the bank might not approve the deal if the business owner has never run a restaurant before.”



Bob Corman, owner of paws ‘n’ play natural pet supplies, says his Central Park store is struggling to survive, partly because of the high rent, which is double what he pays in Park Hill.

Finally, Brown says he knows it’s easy to blame small business challenges on high rent, but he says there are many other factors that really determine the success or failure of the enterprise.

“The concept of high versus low rent is a classic but subjective discussion. In the end, the determination is based upon the sales performance of

the location and the tenant’s ability to analyze their competition, offer the public a great product or experience and deliver elevated customer experience.”

That’s little comfort to business owner Corman who feels as if the rules of the game keep changing for small enterprises like his. “Something has to give. This is just a very tough time for small businesses to survive.”



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Monster pizzas aren't the only thing popping up at Walter's303. With Trent Brotherton at the helm, you just never know what you might discover!

Is My Pizza Ready, Yeti?

If you're a regular visitor to our *Front Porch* Facebook page, you might have seen Trent Brotherton, the managing partner of Walter's303, slinging pizza on the patio in a Yeti costume one Halloween. Then again, if you're on the hunt for great pizza, it's kind of fitting. And you should probably expect the unexpected.

Like, where in the world is Walter, I asked? Like the Yeti, he doesn't exist. According to Brotherton, Walter's was founded in 2010 and got its name after a simple misunderstanding. Forever it seems, founder Mike Kienast's now-wife Jen kept suggesting he name his first restaurant Walter's. Over and over, like a broken record. Finally one day Mike asked, why *that* name? She thought his middle name was Walter. It was Wayne. How do you top that? You don't.

And that, says Brotherton, is how Walter's303 Pizzeria and Publik House got its name. Evidently, Kienast purchased the original pizza recipes from the

It's A Pizza Pie-fecta—Three

By Candice Coleman

very people who employed him as a teen. He enhanced their recipes for hand-tossed and deep-dish pizzas (more on that in a moment), expanded to a total of four locations, and brought back the original owners as partners in his Colorado Springs location. He also made Brotherton, his best bud from way back when, a partner in the Lowry location. Full circles are, evidently, how Kienast rolls.

Which brings us 'round to his pizza. "Our crust is thinner, more garlicky, almost pastry-esque. Always fresh, always funky, it's even better the next day. Cold. Still chewy, still delicious," describes Brotherton.

If Walter's303's best-selling The B.O.M. is the bomb (marinara, fresh basil, caramelized onions, sliced meatballs and mozzarella) no doubt Keep Tahoe Blue is an equally exquisite explosion (oozing marinara, pepperoni, bacon, jalapenos, bleu cheese crumbles and mozzarella.) Other offerings include elevated versions of meat-lovers, veggie, Hawaiian, Greek and white pizzas. All are available in hand-tossed, deep dish and gluten-free varieties. But their so called crack is simply wack.

What Brotherton describes as crack bread or cheesy breadsticks, they should be illegal. How in the heck they could spin something so simple yet so complex is beyond me. If it was my last meal on death row, what a way to go.

Apparently, I'm not alone. When the restaurant scene started spiraling out of control during the pandemic, Lowry neighbors rallied around Walter's303, throwing weekly pizza block parties to keep them in business. And, in turn, Walter's303 made sure the local first responders were constantly well-fed. How lucky for Lowry to have such a family-friendly, neighborhood pizza place.

Which begs the question, will Yeti make another neighborhood appearance one day? Maybe. Maybe not. But one thing is for certain, Walter's303 will rise to every occasion, no doubt about it.

I Brake For Pizza!

These days, a lot of people are braking for pizza at Benzina on Colfax, which seems apropos since it's a former Phillips 66 gas station, turned Meineke Muffler shop, turned Neapolitan neighborhood pizza joint! And the name certainly fits—Benzina is Italian for gasoline. And with long-time restaurateur Brad Anderson in the driver's seat, we were expecting superior service, with a smile.

Here's what we weren't expecting...the Neapolitan Carbonara pizza. Similar to the famous pasta dish in Italy, it has house-made pancetta, a crème fraîche base with a citrus bite, white braised onions, Cabot cheddar cheese and the icing on the pie is a miso-cured egg yolk that is micro-shaved over the top. "It's delicious," said Anderson.

No, Mr. Anderson, it's otherworldly.

Already a successful Colorado-based hospitality developer, with a portfolio of award-winning restaurants under his belt—think Rocky Mountain Diner, Rick's Cafe and Chopper's Grill—Benzina owner Brad Anderson's life took a turn when his wife relocated to New York City for a job. He stayed, they commuted, and both cherished their spare time in the Big Apple sampling some of the finest slices the city had to offer. One day they tried authentic Neapolitan pizza, which, unlike traditional New York-style pizza, is cooked in a wood-burning oven versus coal at a much lower temperature. Needless to say, they fell in love with it, and the wheels in his brain started spinning.

"After my wife moved back, we lived in Park Hill and I would pass the old Meineke Muffler shop every day. We really like 1960 mid-century modern furniture and this building really spoke to me. I didn't want the place to be torn down



Benzina

Benzina executive chef Daniele Bolognini (left) and owner Brad Anderson (right) with their Neapolitan Carbonara pizza.

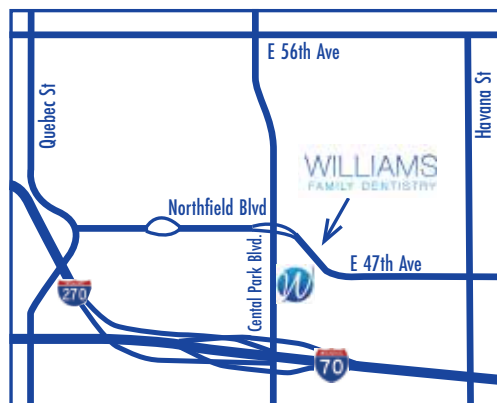
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and turned into an apartment building. I wanted to preserve a little history in a historic district,” said Anderson.

That was 2018. In the middle of construction, the pandemic hit. And his dream of opening the neighborhood Neapolitan pizza joint stalled. During the downtime, he started looking for a chef. And then his life took, yet, another drastic turn.

“A friend recommended I call Chef Brian Lockwood. I looked at his resume and thought there’s no way a three-star Michelin chef, who trained under Chef Thomas Keller, a James Beard award winner from the Napa Valley region, would want to open a simple pizza place,” said Anderson.

Lockwood didn’t. But he agreed to consult if Anderson agreed to elevate the menu. Elevate? More like they made a mountain out of a molehill! The neighborhood pizza joint evolved into a superb seasonal menu under executive chef Daniele Bolognini, featuring five-star fare, like smoked trout Caesar salad, squid ink chitarri, even the cauliflower is roasted, marinated, char-finished and nestled on pine-nut puree, surrounded by bacon jam.

But the point is pizza, right? Not only are Anderson’s pizzas full of pizazz, he’s got the pedigree to prove it. He trained in Italy

under members of the Associazione Vera Pizza Napoletana (VPN). VPN is an international organization that seeks to cultivate the culinary art of making Neapolitan pizzas.

He’s got the chops, but does he have the props to pull it off? All Benzina entrees are prepared in a Mibrasa charcoal oven, quite popular in Spain, or in a wood-fired oven. Like a true Neapolitan pizza should be. The cost of these two baking bad boys? \$52,000.

Obviously, Anderson’s firing on all cylinders. And that’s why in his crust, you should trust.



er Brad Anderson (right) hold up their popular

There Must Be Something in the Water

There must be something in the water at Rosenberg’s Bagels and Delicatessen, because all the bubbies (aka Jewish grandmas) in town absolutely rave about its authentic New York-style bagels, house-smoked fish and OG pizza. All prepared fresh, daily, in Denver. But they say the food doesn’t taste like it’s from Denver. Imported? Impossible! New York is like 1,600 miles away. To quote my favorite *Saturday Night Live* skit, “I was a little verklempt.”

And then it all became crystal clear once I met owner Josh Pollack. Born in New York and raised in New Jersey, he spent the first 18 years of his life filling his belly with authentic New York deli. His mom loved to cook and ignited his passion for food. When he came here for college, he lamented the fact he couldn’t find anything even remotely close to the foods he grew up with. He eventually fell in love, got a finance degree, settled here, opened a couple of successful businesses, but there was just something about those NY bagels that kept calling his name. And the pies stole a ‘pizza’ his heart. He was definitely in a pickle.

“I was unhappy. Food was my heritage. I asked myself, ‘What would Mom want?’ And then I enrolled in culinary school,” said Pollack.

But how to duplicate NYC dough in Denver? It all boiled down to chemistry!

“I literally flew out water from New York to CSU and had it tested. There were vast differences in the calcium and magnesium levels and the water’s mineral content affects the dough and flavor. I found a guy who figured out how to replicate NY’s water and the rest is history,” added Pollack.

Speaking of history, his story gets even more amazing. In less than 10 years, the now 38-year-old devel-



Rosenberg’s slices may be made in Denver, but you’ll swear your in NYC. Weird science? According to owner Josh Pollack, it’s all about the water.

oped four brands: Rosenberg’s Bagels and Delicatessen (named after his mom), Lou’s Italian specialties, Famous Original J’s Pizza and Sherry’s Soda Shop (also named after his mom), all under his Bridge and Tunnel Restaurant Group. I visited the Rosenberg’s in Stanley Marketplace for a slice and a bagel.

“We are sticklers when it comes to preserving the integrity of the food, the tradition and the culture. From the proofing to the boiling and baking, expect a bagel that’s mildly crisp on the outside, soft and chewy on the inside. And for our pizzas, expect a thinner, crispier crust for New York-style, and our Grandma’s pizza is a Brooklyn-style square pizza with a thicker, almost focaccia-style crust. Both are available by the slice or a whole pie,” added Pollack.

There are vegan and gluten-free items on the After Dark menu at Stanley Marketplace, and the Rosenberg’s on South Monaco Street sells strictly kosher on Fridays and Sundays. But the fact everything is made in-house and from scratch, they do their own curing, they import only the finest meats and fish, they sell eight different kinds of lox alone, they support local (their flour comes from Ardent Mills in Denver) and oh yeah, did I mention they make their own New York water? Small wonder when you ask the bubbies which Denver deli is most authentic, they’ll tell you Rosenberg’s in a New York minute.

When asked what your mom would say if she could see you now, Pollack said, “I think she’d be really proud.”



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5/1, 5/8 and 5/15—Live Music Series. Sundays with Shawn West patio from 3–6pm. Stanley Marketplace, 2501 N. Dallas St., Aurora. Stanleymarketplace.com

5/10 & 5/17—In-person Memory Café. 1:30–3pm. For people experiencing memory loss and their families/caregivers. Schlessman Family Library, 100 Poplar St. denverlibrary.org

5/14 Saturday—Denver Recycles Annual Mulch Giveaway. 8am–2pm. Five dig-your-own sites including the Havana nursery location. 311 (720-913-1311) or DenverGov.org/mulch

5/14 Saturday—Annual Denver Daughter Dance. A formal/semi-formal ball for daughters and their adults to celebrate daughterhood. The Hangar at Stanley, 2501 Dallas St., Aurora. Doors open at 6pm. denver3.org

5/14 Saturday—UnDocuMonologues with Motus Theater. 2–3:30pm. Hear undocumented writers

share powerful stories from the frontline of U.S. immigration policy. Sam Gary Library, 2961 Roslyn St. denverlibrary.org

5/14 Saturday—Bollywood Dance for Families with Deepali. 3–4pm. Park Hill Library, 4705 Montview Blvd. denverlibrary.org

5/14 & 5/15—Central Park Community Garage Sale 2.0. The sale will be split into North and South of I-70. To register or for maps of sellers, go to centralparkgaragesale.com

5/21 Saturday—10th Annual Park Hill Community Yard Sale. 8am–1pm. Visit the website to see the map of sales. greaterparkhill.org/events/

5/21 Saturday—Rescue Puppies and Yoga. 9:30am. Hosted by Vibe Yoga, Stanley Marketplace and Mile High Lab Mission. 2501 N. Dallas St., Aurora. Stanleymarketplace.com

5/21 Saturday—Being a Better Neighbor: A Community Conversation about Implicit Bias. 2–3pm. Join us for a community conversation about implicit bias and steps to take to be a better neighbor. Park Hill Library, 4705 Montview Blvd. denverlibrary.org

5/28 to 5/29—Denver Arts Festival. Conservatory Green, Stapleton. Wine and beer garden, kids' art zone, live music. denverartsfestival.com

5/31 Tuesday—5th Tuesday Concert: The Choralary. 1:30–3pm. An eclectic mix of music for ages 18+. Schlessman Family Library, 100 Poplar St. denverlibrary.org

6/5 Sunday—City Park Jazz Kick-Off Concert. Tribute to Ron Miles Feat. Shane Endsley at the City Park Pavilion and Bandshell, 2001 Steele St. cityparkjazz.org/

METRO EVENTS

5/5 to 5/8—Denver Potters Association Show. Featuring the best in ceramics, wood, glass, jewelry and more. Free admission. Sixth Avenue United Church, 3250 E 6th Ave. denverpotters.com

5/6 Friday—First Friday Art Walks. Art District on Santa. 5:30–9:30pm. denver.org/things-to-do/denver-arts-culture/denver-art-districts

5/6 to 5/7—Colorado Chocolate Festival. Music, kids' activities, wine tastings, cooking demos. Crowne Plaza DIA Convention Center, I-70 at Chambers Rd. cochocolatefests.com

5/7 Saturday—AAPI Wellness Day: A Space for Generational Healing. Celebrate joy, reclamation, resilience, and activism through Asian diasporic practices. 1200 N Broadway. Historycolorado.org

5/7 to 5/8—Mother's Day Weekend Teas. Spend time with your mom while sharing delicious food, music, and the history of one of Denver's most famous moms. Molly Brown House Museum, 1340 Pennsylvania St. mollybrown.org

5/7 to 5/8—Cinco de Mayo Festival. Civic Center Park, 10am–8pm. Free. cincodemayodenver.com

5/12 Thursday—1340 Penn: Game Night. Will you find the love of your life tonight? Join us for flirting Victorian style! Molly Brown House Museum, 1340 Pennsylvania St. mollybrown.org

5/14 Saturday—Garden Tea. 10:30am & 1:30pm. Garden tour of a period-restored home with tea and refreshments after. Center for Colorado Women's History, 1310 Bannock St. Tickets at historycolorado.org

5/14 to 5/15—RiNo Spring BAZAAR. Shop and sip 12–6pm. denverbazaar.com

5/18 Wednesday—Bold Women. Change History. Featuring Dr. Bonnie Clark: Archaeologist, professor and author. 7–8pm. History Colorado Center, 1200 Broadway. Tickets at H-co.org/BoldWomen

5/28 Saturday—Denver Day of Rock. 4 stages of live music along Denver's 16th St. Mall. denverdayofrock.com

5/30 Monday—Commerce City Memorial Day Parade. 64th and Newport, Commerce City, 9:30am. c3gov.com/parade

5/30 Monday—Old South Gaylord Kickoff to Summer. Music, vendors, food and drink and activities for kids. oldsouthgaylord.com

6/3 Friday—Denver Municipal Band Concert. 6:30pm free concert at the City Park Pavilion and bandshell, 1700 N. York St. denvermunicipalband.org

6/4 Saturday—Five Points Jazz Festival. Five Points neighborhood. Artsandvenuesdenver.com

6/6 to 6/7—Denver Chalk Art Festival. Street-painting festival where 200+ artists turn the streets of Larimer Square into a museum of chalk art. larimerarts.org

KIDS AND FAMILIES

Tuesdays & Thursdays—All Ages Storytime at Sam Gary Library. 10:30–11am. Ages 0–5. Space is limited, registration is required. 2961 Roslyn St. denverlibrary.org



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Wednesdays—Preschool Storytime at Pauline Robinson Library. 10:30–11am. Ages 3–5 years. 5575 E. 33rd Ave. denverlibrary.org

Thursdays—Baby Storytime at Schlessman Library. 10:30–11am. Ages 0–18–months. Space is limited., 100 Poplar St. denverlibrary.org

Thursdays—After School is Cool at Pauline Robinson Library. 4:15–5:15pm.Arts and crafts for ages 5–12. 5575 E. 33rd Ave. denverlibrary.org

Fridays—Toddler Storytime at Park Hill Library. 10:30–11am. Ages 18–36 months. Registration required., 4705 Montview Blvd. denverlibrary.org

Fridays—Preschool Storytime at Schlessman Library. 10:30–11am. Ages 3–5–years. Space is limited., 100 Poplar St. denverlibrary.org

5/5 Thursday—Bill Roberts Family Fun Carnival. 5:30–7:30pm. Fun event for the whole community. Bill Roberts School, 2100 N Akron Way. Tickets at billroberts.dpsk12.org

5/8 Sunday—Foxy and Shmoxy: Art Detectives. Join these two witty foxes who solve mysterious cases involving artworks in the galleries. 10:30am and 11:30am. 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy. denverartmuseum.org

5/14 Saturday—Low Sensory Morning at History Colorado. Attendance limited and sounds in the exhibits turned down. 8am. Admission is free, space is limited. RSVP required. 1200 N Broadway. historycolorado.org

5/15 Sunday—Spanish Storytime at Tattered Cover Kids. 5pm. Stanley Marketplace, 2501 N. Dallas St, Aurora. Stanleymarketplace.com

5/21 Saturday—LEGO Building Workshop. Build (and keep!) your own Colorado-style LEGO set, then take a special guided museum tour based on your creation. 9–10am. 1200 N Broadway. historycolorado.org

6/5 Saturday—A Midsummer Night’s Dream. Family-friendly production by the International Youth Ballet. 2:30pm. The Newman Center for the Performing Arts 2344 East Iliff Ave. newmancenterpresents.com

MUSEUMS, ETC.

American Museum of Western Art. Advanced tickets required, admission is \$5. 1727 Tremont Pl. anschutzcollection.org

Aurora History Museum. Advanced reservation is required, admission is free. 15051 East Alameda Pkwy. auroragov.org

The Byers–Evans House Museum. Timed tickets required, History Colorado members are free. 1310 Bannock St. Tickets at historycolorado.org

The Children’s Museum. By reservation only at mychildsmuseum.org

Clyfford Still Museum. Music in the galleries May 8: Patrick Hyatte, violin and Ernie Carbajal, cello. SCFD Free Day May 18. Reserve tickets in advance. 1250 Bannock St. clyffordstillmuseum.org

Denver Art Museum. SCFD Free Day May 10. Youth 18 & under always free. 100 W 14th Ave. Pkwy. denverartmuseum.org

Denver Botanic Gardens. Tickets and member reservations required. 1007 York St. botanicgardens.org

Denver Firefighters Museum. Tues–Sat, 10am–4pm. 1326 Tremont Pl. denverfirefightersmuseum.org

Denver Museum of Nature and Science. SCFD Free Day May 1 and May 23. 2001 Colorado Blvd. Timed tickets required. dmns.org

Denver Zoo. Reserve tickets at denverzoo.org. 2900 E 23rd Ave.

The Forney Museum of Transportation. Mon, Th–Sat, 10am–5pm; Sun, noon–5pm. 4303 Brighton Blvd. forneymuseum.org

Four Mile Historic Park. SCFD Free Day May 13. Open Wed–Sun, 10am–4pm. 715 S. Forest St. fourmilepark.org

History Colorado. Some exhibits are timed entry and free with museum admission. 1200 Broadway. More info at historycolorado.org

Kirkland Museum of Fine and Decorative Art. Tue–Sat, 11am–5pm; Sun 12–5pm. Ages 13+ welcome. 1201 Bannock St. kirklandmuseum.org

Molly Brown House Museum. Tue–Sun, 10am–4:30pm. 1340 Pennsylvania St. mollybrown.org

Museo de las Americas. Tue–Fri, noon–6pm. Sat, noon–5pm. Closed Mon & Sun. 861 Santa Fe Dr. museo.org

Museum of Contemporary Art Denver. Penny admission 1st Sat. of the month. 1485 Delgany St. mcadenerver.org

National Ballpark Museum. 1940 Blake St. Check for days/hours at ballparkmuseum.com

The Urban Farm. Currently under renovation, contact Front Porch – NE Denver

for possible tours/events. 10200 Smith Rd. theurbanfarm.org

Wings Over the Rockies Museum. Cockpit demo day May 14, 10am–2pm. 7711 East Academy Blvd. wingsmuseum.org

PERFORMANCE/THEATRE/EXHIBITS

5/5 Thursday—Pianist Daniil Trifonov. Grammy award-winning pianist. 7:30pm. Newman Center, 2344 E. Iliff Ave. friendsofchambermusic.com

5/6 Friday—Colorado Wind Ensemble. Family-friendly concert with music including themes from blockbuster movies like Star Wars, E.T., and Schlinder’s List. 7:30pm. The King Center Concert Hall, 855 Lawrence Way. coloradowindensemble.org

Through 5/7—Flyin’ West. Following the Civil War, many former slaves, went west to take advantage of The Homestead Act. The John Hand Theater, 7653 E. 1st Pl. firehousetheatercompany.com

5/8 Sunday—Dr. Kris Rizzotto in Concert. 2021-22 season finale featuring organist, composer, and international recitalist Dr. Kris Rizzotto. Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda Ave. augustanaarts.org

5/12 Thursday—A Conversation with Rita Moreno. Join actress, dancer and singer Rita Moreno for a look at her storied career. The Newman Center for the Performing Arts 2344 East Iliff Ave. newmancenterpresents.com

5/13 Friday—Gabriel Kahane. A musician, storyteller and hailed as “one of the finest songwriters of the day”. 8pm, doors open at 7pm. Tuft Theatre, 71 East Yale Ave. swallowhillmusic.org

5/13 to 5/15—Mahler Symphony No. 5. welcoming acclaimed conductor Asher Fisch. Sat & Sun 7:30pm, Sun 1pm. Tickets start at \$15. Boettcher Concert Hall. coloradosymphony.org

5/13 to 5/28—Grapefruit Lab presents: Pity + Fear (a travesty). What does it mean to be a person – to have a body, and live in it – to make choices, and change over time – to tell the truth? Buntport Theater, 717 Lipan St. buntport.com

5/13 to 6/12—Quixote Nuevo. Infused with imagination, comedy, and Tejano music. Wolf Theatre. denvercenter.org

5/20 Friday—Cleo Parker Robinson Celebration with your Colorado Symphony. 7:30pm. Tickets start at \$15. Boettcher Concert Hall. coloradosymphony.org

Through 5/19—Stick Fly. What should be a relaxing summer weekend on Martha’s Vineyard goes south when the LeVay brothers bring new girlfriends home. Arvada Center, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd. arvadacenter.org

Through 5/22—The One-Act Play That Goes WRONG. There has been an untimely death at a country manor and everyone is a suspect. Vintage Theatre, 1468 Dayton St, Aurora. vintagetheatre.org

Through 5/22—Disney’s Freaky Friday the Musical. An overworked mother and her teenage daughter magically swap bodies and have one day to put things right. Aurora Fox Arts Center, 9900 E. Colfax Ave. aurorafoxartscenter.org

5/24 to 5/29—Cats. The record-breaking musical spectacular by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Buell Theatre at the DCPA. denvercenter.org

5/20 to 6/19—Blackademics. A sharp, surreal satire about who gets a place at the table. Vintage Theatre, 1468 Dayton St, Aurora. vintagetheatre.org

5/28 Saturday—Coppélia. Full length ballet performed by the Colorado Ballet Academy. 1pm and 6pm. Ellie Caulkins Opera House (14th & Curtis) coloradoballet.org

5/28 to 5/29—Aurora Symphony Orchestra—Arts for a Better Tomorrow. Saturday at 7:30pm, Sunday at 3pm. Aurora Fox Arts Center, 9900 E Colfax Ave, Aurora. aurorasymphony.org

Through 5/28—Fireflies. A church bombing has shaken the Civil Rights Movement to its core. 1080 Acoma St. curioustheatre.org

Through 5/29—Choir Boy. Despite embodying the strong morals his school promotes, being gay has made Pharus an outsider. Kilstrom Theatre at the DCPA. denvercenter.org

5/31 to 6/5—Dear Evan Hansen. Winner of 6 Tony Awards® including Best Musical and the 2018 Grammy Award. Buell Theatre at the DCPA. denvercenter.org

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Mentoring high performing, low income students. Minds Matter is recruiting our next class of college access mentors to help high-performing, low-income high school students. mindsmatterdenver.org

Project Worthmore. Help bag and deliver fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, and household necessities to refugees in Denver and Aurora. projectworthmore.org

Reach Out and Read Colorado. Help sort and pack gently-used children’s books for underserved families. On the Clayton Early Learning Campus, individuals and groups welcome. Email info@reachoutandreadco.org for details.

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Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) For volunteer opportunities, email Cathy Law at claw@voacolorado.org

Ronald McDonald House Charities Volunteer. Go to ronaldhouse.org under “How You Can Help” for info.

Sand Creek Greenway Volunteer Opportunities. For more info, email cgarwood@sandcreek-



greenway.org or go to sandcreekgreenway.org/upcoming-volunteer-opportunities/

Single Volunteers of Greater Denver. Volunteer, not-for-profit singles group to meet others and assist nonprofit organizations for events/activities. svgd.org

Village Exchange Center A non-profit formed to serve immigrants and refugees in Aurora & Denver. villageexchangecenter.org

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A photograph of various antique kitchen items, including a bowl, a jar, and a small pot, displayed on a table.

A photograph of a collection of antique jewelry, including necklaces, earrings, and a bracelet, displayed on a table.



This month's reviews focus on the subject of revenge. To be more specific: male revenge. To be even more specific: bloody, gruesome, and sometimes inexplicable revenge. Both come from talented and fierce filmmakers: one is a seasoned veteran with a simple visual style and dense plotlines, and the other, while not as established, gives us lush settings, believable details, and an immersive world of his own. Both are endlessly fascinating.

The Northman (2022)

There has been a ton of hype for this much-anticipated third feature from director Robert Eggers. His first two films—*The Witch* and *The Lighthouse*—were critical favorites, including this critic in particular. Those two were period pieces (1600s and 1800s), and *The Northman* now goes much further back: to the Viking legend that inspired *Macbeth*. The same Eggers touch is still here: the lush settings, the reality of the world, and the impeccably-dressed frames. The acting is good, and all of the technical aspects are superb. In the midst of all the violence, blood, and revenge,

er, however, I felt something wanting here—something that made the first two films shine: subtext. Our hero Athlet (a pumped-up Alexander Skarsgård) is on a lifelong quest to avenge his father's death at his uncle's hand. He pursues his uncle to Iceland, where said Uncle lives in exile with Athlet's mother (Nicole Kidman) as his wife. There, Athlet meets Olga (Ana Taylor-Joy), falls in love, and pursues his revenge. All of the performances are good (albeit with some unfortunate accents), but none ever rise above that.

Eggers has said he was inspired by the Icelandic Sagas but worries about the right-wing adoption of the pumped-up machismo and strict patriarchy at work in the film. It doesn't seem he was all that worried while filming however, and the subtext suffers for the action. But since this was his first big-studio movie, something may have been lost in the studio process. It's a shame.

If this was a movie by any other direc-



The Card Counter

The Card Counter (2021)

The Card Counter is everything you want in a Paul Schrader film: thoughtful, intense, with something just...off. The subject of the movie is William Tell (a fantastic Oscar Isaac), a solitary man who spends his days counting cards at blackjack tables in small casinos around the country. He moves from town

to town to keep from getting caught or barred. He spends his nights in cheap motels where he covers all the furniture with white sheets and tape. I told you it was off.

Tell's spartan lifestyle is easy to see, yet like any good card player, he is not so easy to read. The voiceover gives a little insight, but mostly it details the algorithms running around in his head. His life takes a turn when he meets Cirk (Tye Sheridan), a young man bent on avenging his father; his father was a prison guard at Abu Gharib who did time for his involvement in the torture scandal. He then became a violent drug addict



who eventually killed himself after Cirk's mother left them. Cirk wishes to kill the man he thinks is responsible for his father's downfall, and when Cirk relates a story about his father and Tell, Tell agrees to help.

Every screenwriting book in the world tells the writer to avoid voiceovers and flashbacks because they slow down the plot and take away from the visuals. Yet Schrader, and his sometime collaborator Martin Scorsese (*Taxi Driver* and *Raging Bull*), know how to use both techniques for effect. Schrader employs them while relying on a captivating Isaac to carry the show. Tiffany Haddish as Tell's "agent" and Sheridan are good in their roles, but Isaac is the show. We first connect to his logical and taciturn manner, and then we begin to see a shift in him toward something...different. It all adds up in the end.

This is a fantastic film in all respects, one which I thought could have contended at the Oscars. Lord knows they need to focus more on the films.

You will like this if you enjoyed *Affliction*, *Inside Llewyn Davis*, and/or *First Reformed*. Available on demand.

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Front Porch – NE Denver

...NE News Updates

By Front Porch Staff

1 Westerly Creek Metro District Election Cancelled

Election for Westerly Creek Metro District board of directors has been cancelled. Two of the three of candidates withdrew the week of April 18. The district taxes commercial and residential land in Central Park for local infrastructure. Residents should destroy their ballot and not return it via U.S. Mail. Those elected by default to the board for a term to May 2023: Robert Douglas Marsh. For a Term to May 2025: Derek Lis and Kristin F. Rozansky. Information on WCMD: westerlycreekmetro.org.

2 Central Park Community Garage Sale May 14 and 15

The annual Central Park Community Garage Sale will be held May 14 and 15. The sale will be split into North and South of I-70. The sale is open to all residents of the 80238 zip code. It will feature food trucks, trucks that will take items that residents want to donate and dumpsters to dispose of unwanted items and yard signs and a Google Map. The sale is sponsored by The Kearns Team at Realty ONE Group Five Star which started the annual event in 2006. The other sponsors are Tricia Houston of Lending Ma-ven Mortgage and Michelle Jacobs of Compass Real Estate's Team REinvent. All sponsors are residents of Central Park. To register for the sale or for more information go to www.centralparkgaragesale.com.

3 E-Bike and E-Cargo Bike Instant Rebates

If you're thinking of buying an e-bike, the city is offering instant rebates through participating bike shops—\$400 for an e-bike, \$500 for an e-cargo bike, and \$1,200 for income-qualified residents. To participate, visit Hardt Family Cyclery, Elevation Cycles, GoodTurn Cycles, FattE-Bikes, SloHi Bike Co, eBikes USA, Pedego Denver, Epic Cycles Denver, The Hub Bicycles or REI. As weather warms up, you'll see e-bikes and e-scooters more often around town. To learn how you can rent them, visit www.bit.ly/scooterandbikeshare For more info, email EHerbst@NEtransportation.org

4 Youth Sport Training Facility Coming to Northeast Denver

Opening this month in Northeast Denver, Redline Athletics Denver East will be a 19,000-square-foot facility located just south of I-70 at 4444 Forest St. It will specialize in comprehensive athletic development, speed and agility training. It will focus on the fundamentals of athleticism and the advantages of a healthy lifestyle, as well as adult fitness and pickleball. Redline will feature basketball and volleyball courts, 40 yards of turf, two batting cages, a full weight room and film room. The facility also will offer clinics, private sessions and team training with skills coaches in a variety of sports, including football, baseball, basketball and hockey.



Over the summer, youth training hours will be extended and several sport-specific camps are scheduled. The facility is owned and operated by Central Park residents Aaron and Linda Bradford.

5 Parking Improvements at the Stanley Marketplace

With new construction comes new parking woes. Such is the case with the Stanley House—a two-building, 170-unit apart-



ment complex—going up just south of the Stanley Marketplace. Stanley Marketplace co-founder, Mark Shaker, said his team discusses parking at the Stanley daily. “We’re doing the best we can with the resources we have to make sure every spot is used for our guests,” Shaker said. “We have security that spends half their time walking parking lots making sure there’s spots for guests. We issue tickets to anyone who’s not a guest. If there’s a second offense, they’re towed.” Shaker said they’ve made other improvements. “We created an employee parking lot with 75 designated spots, and we will create an aggregated and organized pickup/drop-off loop for summer camp programs. It’ll probably be on the south end of the property. Kids will be collected by teachers and taken to where they need to go.” Shaker says he’d love to see a regional parking structure somewhere in the neighborhood. “Not just for the Stanley, but for everyone.” He’s also talked to the city of Denver about creating a 2-hour parking limit and resident-only parking after 6 p.m. on the residential streets near the marketplace, but so far that hasn’t happened. “There’s no magic pill,” says Shaker, “But we’re doing the best we can.”

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Photos by Lisa Paterson

Following a 6-3 state championship victory over Valor Christian, players and fans of the East Angels hockey team posed for a photo in the Ball Arena. The team's roster includes players from five Denver Public Schools, as well as players from Brighton and Strasburg.

By Mary Jo Brooks

In what their coach described as a “magical season,” the Denver East Angels hockey team captured both the state and USA hockey’s national high school championship titles this spring. The Angels beat the Northport (New York) Huntington Tigers 4-2 on March 28 in Dallas for the national prize. Kaden Dunham distinguished himself by scoring a hat trick (three goals). On March 8, East defeated Valor Christian, 6-3, at the Ball Arena to take the state 5A title for the first

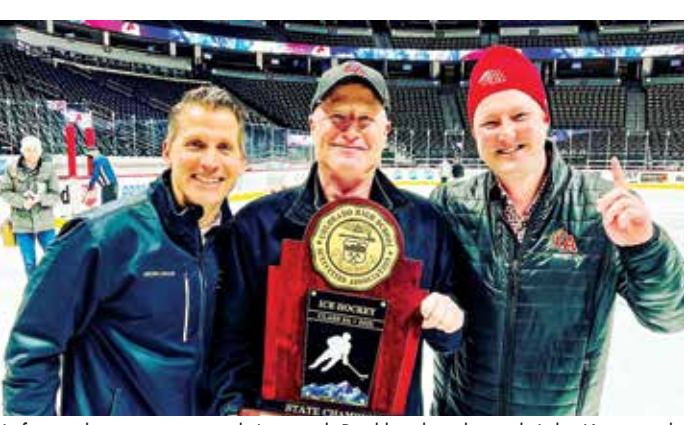
time. Valor had won the two previous state championships. In only their eighth year of play, the ice Angels finished their Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) season with a 20-1-1 record. Head Coach John Kopperud says his team has evolved in skill and passion. “Our style of play is very aggressive,” he said. “We push things. We take chances and we encourage the kids to take chances. “When I started coaching the team

East Angels Storybook Season

seven years ago, it was more of a rec league, but every year the players wanted more, and I started expecting a little more and we’ve just gotten better and better.” His players agree. “I think we were so successful because we wanted it really badly,” said goalie and Park Hill resident Noel Friedman. “The whole squad wanted it and then we all just worked extremely hard to get it done.” East is the only high school in Denver Public Schools with a hockey team. One-third of the players attend East, with the rest from other DPS schools – including two each from George Washington and Northfield high schools. Three students come from as far away as Brighton and Strasburg. The multi-school team is known for scoring goals when it’s down a player because of a penalty. East parent and team manager Sherry Beardshear says the team skates with determination to win. “The best part about the team is they never give up,” she said. “The number of shorthanded goals they score is incredible. And that relentless-

cancelled.” Despite the late hours on the ice, Beard-shear, who is also Dean of Operations at McAuliffe International Middle School, says the coaches are firm about making sure players don’t let their schoolwork slip. Every week, the coaches get reports on the players’ academic performance. “John [Kopperud] runs a tight ship and is very strict about grades,” she said. “Grades are number one.” Kopperud says the players themselves take their school performance very seriously. Only one player in the past eight years has had to leave the team because of failing grades. “Our kids are good at keeping on it. They know they have to. There’s no wiggle room.” Although the team had a storybook season, Kopperud isn’t taking anything for granted next year. The team will lose at least five strong players to graduation and the state conference is reorganizing so East will play highly competitive teams more often than they did this year. Kopperud also knows that East is now a target. “We’re going to be a team that other

teams come after. Most teams have two goalies that they rotate. Now we’re going to face their number one goalie all of the time.” Still, sophomore Friedman is optimistic. “We still have the deter-



Left to right: assistant coach Jeremiah Buckley, head coach John Kopperud and assistant coach Ben Robinson celebrate after the East Angels varsity hockey team won the state championship game earlier this spring.

mination and skill to do what it takes to get the job done and win it all again next year. Even though we’ll lose some key seniors, I think we still will have the ability to have another amazing year next year.”

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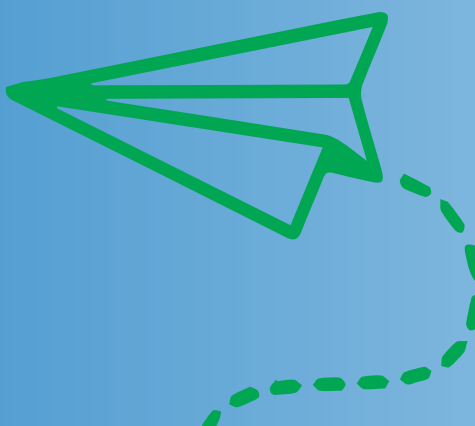
JUNE

6/4	Concert on the Green-Funkiphino	North Green
6/5	Farmers Market Begins	South Green
6/10	Movie on the Green-The Sandlot	South Green
6/16	MoJaBlu Concert Series-Soul X Band	North Green
6/18	Concert on the Green-Thumpin	South Green
6/23	MoJaBlu Concert Series-Hazel Miller Band	North Green
6/24	Movie on the Green-Encanto	South Green
6/30	MoJaBlu Concert Series-Dotsero Band	North Green



JULY

7/2	Concert on the Green-That 80's Band	South Green
7/4	4th of July Parade & Breakfast	South Green
7/7	MoJaBlu Concert Series- Cass Clayton Band	North Green
7/8	Movie on the Green-The Parent Trap	South Green
7/14	MoJaBlu Concert Series-Ron Ivory Motown Review	North Green
7/16	Beer Festival with Chris Daniels and the Kings	South Green
7/21	MoJaBlu Concert Series-Jacob Larson Band	North Green
7/22	Movie on the Green-Shang Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings	South Green
7/28	MoJaBlu Concert Series-Wash Park Band	North Green
7/30	Concert on the Green-Knot Rock Band	South Green



AUGUST

8/4	MoJaBlu Concert Series-Hot Lunch Band	North Green
8/5	Movie on the Green-In the Heights	South Green
8/12	Theatre on the Green-You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown	South Green
8/13	Theatre on the Green-You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown	South Green
8/18	Denver Municipal Jazz Band	North Green
8/19	Opera on the Green-Frida Kahlo & the Bravest Girl in the World	South Green
8/20	Opera on the Green-Frida Kahlo & the Bravest Girl in the World	South Green
8/28	Kids Triathlon	Jet Stream

LOCATIONS

North Green: 49th & Valentia Street
South Green: 29th & Roslyn Street

The Farmers Market will be held every Sunday June 5th through October 9th from 8:30am-12:30pm. For times and details for all of the 2022 events please visit our website at www.mca80238.com.



Northeast Denver Community News

This page is for area nonprofits and community organizations to post events, activities or other information.
Send items to: commnews@fsucommunities.org

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Central Park United Neighbors (CPUN) is the registered neighborhood organization for the Central Park community. Our mission is to work for the betterment of Central Park by providing a forum for residents to discuss and resolve issues, a network of communication, and a means of acting on matters of importance to the community as a whole. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our community. CPUN is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization led by an all-volunteer board of directors, elected to serve by our neighbors. Learn more at www.centralparkunitedneighbors.com

JOIN CPUN'S ANNUAL FORUM ON TUESDAY, MAY 17TH

Central Park United Neighbors will hold its Annual Forum on Tuesday, May 17th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. This meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with an in-person option at The Cube (8371 E Northfield Blvd) and virtual option over Zoom. You can RSVP for the meeting at www.centralparkunitedneighbors.com/cpun_calendar

This Annual Forum will feature presentations from community stakeholders on topics ranging from development to education to safety. The Annual Forum is also your opportunity to vote on a slate of residents who will represent the community on the CPUN Board for a two-year term.

CPUN has voted to put forward this slate of residents to the community for a vote:

- Amanda Allshouse (Past President)
- Jeffrey Barron
- Carol Hunter (Vice President)
- Mandle Rousseau
- Liz Stalnaker
- Sandra Thebaud

You can learn more about each board member, as well as the rest of the CPUN board at www.centralparkunitedneighbors.com/board

Please contact centralparkunitedneighbors@gmail.com with any questions.

JOIN THE CPUN EMAIL LIST FOR COMMUNITY NEWS AND DEALS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES

CPUN issues a twice-monthly email that features news and information about

opportunities to get involved in your community. Our emails also include deals offered by restaurants and other local businesses. Sign up at www.centralparkunitedneighbors.com/join.



NEWS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

MASTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MAY 2022

POOL SEASON STARTS MAY 28th!

Members will be required to reserve their opening weekend visits to the pool. All pools open to the public (early season schedule) May 31. Reservations will only be required opening weekend and holidays (July 4th and Labor Day).

Important Dates:

May 01: Pool Reservations/Party Pads Open & Guest Passes Available
May 18: Opening Weekend Reservations @ noon

May 25: Early Season Schedule Posted Online

May 28-30: Member's Only Weekend (reservations required)

May 30: Morning Lap Swim Reservations Open @ 6 am

May 31: Open Swim (early-season schedule)

June 04: Regular Season Hours Begin

Find the most up-to-date information on our Aquatics Updates page! https://www.mca80238.com/aquatic_update_mca.

CENTRAL PARK COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 14th & Sunday, May 15th, 8am-12pm, Central Park Community

The 2022 Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 14th & Sunday, May 15th from approximately 8 am to 12 pm. Individuals who register for the event can sell at their homes throughout the neighborhood. A list of homes participating, including a map will be available before the sale. For more information, please visit www.centralparkgaragesale.com.

DENVER ARTS FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 28th, 10am-6pm & Sunday, May 29th, 10am-5pm, Conservatory Green

The Denver Arts Festival is back on Memorial Day weekend! The Denver Arts Festival is a fine arts and crafts festival that continues to be dedicated to showcasing Colorado artists and a select group of national artists.

For more information visit www.denverartsfestival.com.

CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATION CAR PARADE

The MCA would like to celebrate the class of 2022 and their achievements with a car parade! All graduating seniors (high school & college) are welcome to attend!

Dates and details to come on the MCA website, www.mca80238.com.

ACTIVE MINDS: Taiwan

Thursday, May 12th, 1:00pm-2:00pm. Online

As China continues to increase its global power and influence, it is becoming a potential threat to the island of Taiwan. Over centuries, various powers have claimed control of Taiwan, including the Portuguese, Dutch, Japanese and Chinese. In 1949, with the victory of Mao's Chinese Communist Party, US-supported Chiang Kai-Shek and his KMT Party fled China to Taiwan, where the US provided ongoing military protection. Join Active Minds as we look at the history of Taiwan and what the future may hold as this story continues to unfold.

ACTIVE MINDS: Queen Elizabeth I

Thursday, May 26th, 6:30pm-7:30pm, Online

Born in 1533, the daughter of Henry VIII and his second (and soon to be executed) wife Anne Boleyn, Elizabeth I was a central figure of the political and religious upheaval that characterized England during the time of her father's reign. She would take the throne in 1558 at the age of 25 and reign as Queen of England for 44 years establishing an era of political stability and strength that would position her country to become a global economic and cultural power. Join Active Minds as we examine the fascinating life of one of the most powerful women in history and the era that would take her name.

Join the Active Minds webinars by visiting https://www.activeminds.com/events_denver.html.



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