

March 2007

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ... Jan Franklin

If you didn't attend our last general meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>, you really missed a great meeting. There were 35 people in attendance!

Councilwoman Marcia Johnson presented an update on the Westerly Creek project. She also explained that there is a proposed fire station to be located near Windsor Gardens where there is virtually no coverage. One proposal would be to move Station No.14 which is our fire station! Please see the meeting summary located in this newsletter below for Marcia's suggestions.

Gage Behunin and Enola Dangerfield attended the meeting to discuss the changes that have been made in the apartments at 8805 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The complex, formerly known as Pine Manor Apartments, went into foreclosure. The building was boarded up when Environmental Health declared the building unsafe for occupancy; many of the occupants were only squatters. Conditions were deplorable; the trash and some of the tenants were a real problem for neighbors. Mr. Behunin and his sons purchased the property, and have completely remodeled the apartments. They invite everyone to visit and see the changes. Call Enola at 303-377-7700 for an appointment.

Officer Phil Epple from District 3 was on hand to talk about crime activity in our neighborhood, graffiti, Neighborhood Watch, etc. He explained that all criminal activities need to be reported as soon as possible. District 3 police are working hard to combat these problems and need our help. He reminded us that the Denver Police will be opening a resource center (like a mini Cop Shop) at 8888 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue (the Grace Apartments), possibly near the end of this month.

All of our guest speakers were very helpful in giving answers to the many questions presented by neighbors. Refreshments were served during the break, and neighbors got together, introduced themselves, and talked about their issues.

Our next general meeting will be Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., and it promises to be another meeting that you won't want to miss. See our next newsletter for details. Be watching future newsletters for announcements of more exciting meetings and events. We will have more speakers from both District 3 and District 2 police departments.

## February General Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order by Jan Franklin (President) at 7:00 on Wednesday, February 21, 2007. There were 35 members and guests in attendance.

### Approval of Amendments to the By-laws

Two changes were presented and approved by the members present:

- The changes to the neighborhood boundaries.
- Dues are to be renewed on the anniversary date of member's joining.

### Speaker: Councilwoman Marcia Johnson:

- Westerly Creek Project is investigating an interim route for cyclists from Aurora to Denver. A meeting was held with cyclists and associations regarding this route on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 at the East Montclair Community Center.

### Fire station:

- There is talk about a proposed fire station on Alameda across from Windsor Gardens on Lowry Blvd. There is insufficient coverage in this neighborhood with the current stations as they are located.
- It is too expensive to maintain a new station, so there has been talk to relocate an existing station. One proposal is to move Station No. 14 which is ours.
- We could keep our Station No. 14 if we are willing to support a bond issue for a new station. Marcia is encouraging us to support an increase in taxes for the general fund. We currently only pay \$150/year for trash, fire, police and streets. We would pay this much for trash removal alone if we had to pay a private company.

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## East Montclair Neighborhood Association

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### February Board Meeting Highlights

The meeting was held at 6:30 on Wednesday, February 7, 2007.

Reading of Minutes: January minutes were read and approved with minor changes.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Eitel presented the itemized budget. Balance on hand through 1/03/07 is \$3384.58.

#### Old Business:

Refreshments – Cris Dixon will get refreshments for the next general meeting. A budget of \$50/meeting was approved by the board for every general meeting.

Meeting Attendance: Jan Franklin will make arrangements for signs to announce the meetings. We also need to have interesting subject matter at the meetings.

Membership: We will try a neighborhood-wide door-to-door flyer distributions. Alisha Brown at the Stapleton Foundation can help us with that project.

New Dues: The board voted to approve the new dues: \$10.00 family, \$25.00 business, and \$5 mailing fee. All newsletters will be mailed unless members opt for an electronic copy via email.

Approval of Amended By-Laws: The changes from the last meeting were reviewed and accepted by the board. These will be presented at the next general meeting and voted upon.

#### New Business

2007 General Meeting Schedule: February 21, April 18, June 20, August 15, October 17, and December 12.

Zoning Issues: There is a proposed zoning change in our neighborhood. The proposed change would be for sections of Uinta and Quebec to go to Main street Zoning which combines both residential and business zoning– similar to that of Colorado Blvd., Broadway and Colfax.

The board discussed a form letter that would be sent when we support zoning/licensing issues. All zoning issues that we support or oppose, as EMNA, will be discussed in the meeting prior to action.

#### Discussions

Crime Summit: Jan attended last week at District 3. It was an all day affair. The Police will start having monthly meetings.

YCSAC – Yosemite Corridor Safety Action Committee (from Monaco to Yosemite).

Next General Meeting: February 21<sup>st</sup>. Marcia Johnson will talk about West-erly Creek. District 3 Police Officer Phil Epplle will talk about the Gang Unit and Neighborhood Inspections.

- Aimee Konowol, Secretary

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance (01-30-07): \$3285.78

#### Revenue:

Family Dues:	\$ 70.00
Business Dues:	15.00
Member Donations:	15.00
Mailing Fees:	10.00
Total	\$110.00

Bank Balance:	\$2698.53
Petty Cash:	62.27

#### Expenses:

Printing:	\$227.34
Postage:	141.00
Office Supplies:	34.56
Misc. Expenses:	122.08
Donations	75.00
INC Dues:	35.00
Total	634.98

Ending Balance (02-26-07): \$2760.80

- Lee Eitel, Treasurer

## East Montclair Neighborhood Association

### **POLICE CONTACTS**

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#### **DISTRICT 2**

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Gang Unit  
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SCAT Team  
Sgt. Kevin Bray, 720-913-1163

Leetsdale Cop Shop  
7150 Leetsdale  
Denver, CO 80224  
303-329-0500

Traffic Problems  
Neighborhood Enforcement  
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1390 Decatur Street  
Denver, CO 80204  
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### **CITY DEPARTMENTS**

All City-related business or non-emergency  
information/questions:

Call: 311  
E-mail: 311@ci.denver.co.us  
Fax: 720-913-8490  
Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

There is no charge for this service.

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Crime Activity: A few neighbors were present to discuss issues and increased crime in their neighborhoods.

- 1700 Block of Verbena: There has been increased crime.
- Xanthia and 12th: There have been 3 car break-ins and 3 house break-ins.
- 14<sup>th</sup> and Trenton – problems with firecrackers and graffiti.
- Speeders.

Speaker: Gage Behunin and Enola Dangerfield

- The apartments formerly known as Pine Manor at 8805 East 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue have been bought and redeveloped. The building is next to the proposed bike path. The apartments are now called Villas @ Gage Pointe.
- Mr. Behunin has been a builder since 1956 and helped build the Eisenhower Tunnel.
- The apartments are studios and one-bedrooms and are perfect for singles, couples, or a single or couple with one child. There is plenty of parking space. Management will be conducting background checks.

Speaker: Officer Phil Epple

Graffiti:

- Always report any incident that you see.
- Clean up – or ask City to clean up – as soon as possible.
- There are two places to report: the police and the graffiti hotline, 720-865-7867 – call both.
- If you see a spray can – turn it in to the police – it may be used to gather skin cells for a DNA analysis.
- Do not confront perpetrators if you catch them in the act.

Tagging versus gang graffiti:

- If you can read it - it is gang related.
- If you can't read it - it is probably taggers.
- If it is gang related - please call the gang hotline: 303-331-4081.
- The more voices heard the more that can be done.
- There are 20-30 subsets of crips and bloods now. They are driven by guns, money and drugs. They are fighting for financial reasons and no longer where they live.

Neighborhood Watch

- There seems to be general interest in Neighborhood Watch.
- Cari Jimenez is the first person to call for information and to get things started in your neighborhood: 720-913-1175.

New mini cop shop:

- Location for the new shop is Grace Apartments.
- Grand Opening sometime after St. Patrick's Day (March 23<sup>rd</sup> or so).
- There will be interns to staff it.
- Some neighborhood Somali citizens are in the citizen police academy.

Announcements

- Yard Sale – May 5<sup>th</sup> – at Ashley School.
- Next general meeting – Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the East Montclair Community Center.
- Yosemite Action Committee – next meeting – Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. (On April 7<sup>th</sup> – Walk the Block... get together with neighbors!).
- Denver Municipal Band can play jazz this summer at Verbena Park if we can arrange it.
- General Meeting Schedule: 4/18, 6/20, 8/15, 10/17. and 12/12.

- Aimee Konowal, Secretary

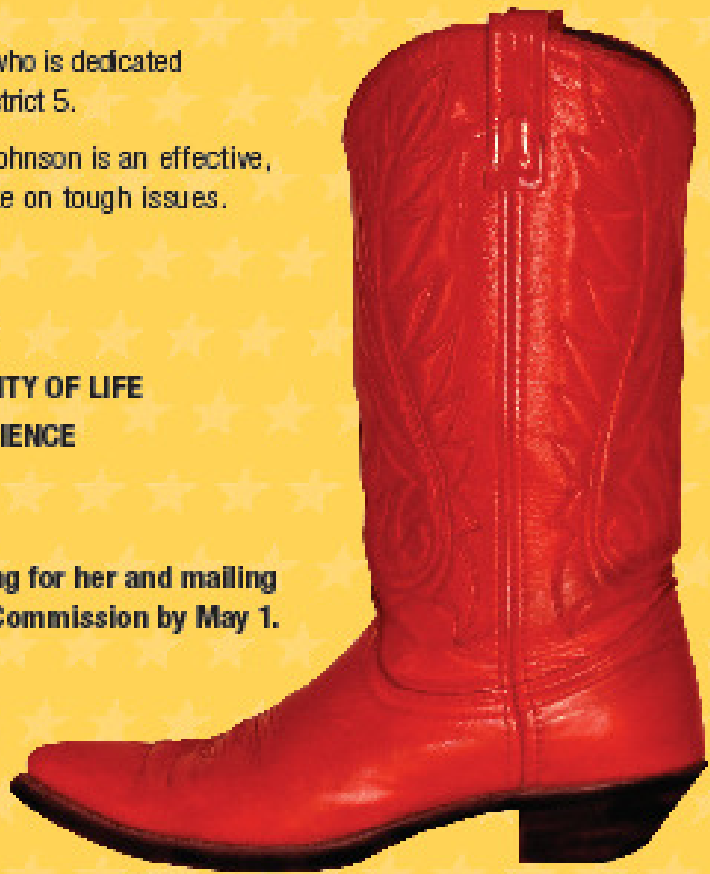
★ ★ ★ **ELECT** ★ ★ ★  
**MARCIA**  
**JOHNSON**  
**DENVER CITY COUNCIL**

Marcia Johnson is a take-action leader who is dedicated to the well-being of Council District 5.

As your City Council Representative Marcia Johnson is an effective, tenacious leader, who is not afraid to take on tough issues.

**FOCUSED ON SAFETY**  
**DEDICATED TO IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE**  
**INDEPENDENCE AND EXPERIENCE**

Please support Marcia's candidacy by voting for her and mailing in or delivering your ballot to the Election Commission by May 1.



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**IN STEP WITH THE COMMUNITY**

## POINDEXTER FOR DISTRICT 5



### What I Stand For

- Protecting Your Property Rights
- Community Involved Development
- Expanding the City of Denver's Renewable Energy Efforts
- Understanding the Issues Facing the City and Tackling Those Issues Proactively

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**Mitch Poindexter**

## East Montclair Neighborhood Association

### **7th ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE!!**

May 5, 2007 (Saturday)  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Ashley Elementary School  
19th & Syracuse Street

Proceeds will help EMNA to distribute our newsletter and keep our annual dues low.

Ashley Elementary Library WINS! 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the Ashley Library for new books!

Donations Needed To Sell! Clear out your house, garage or storage of the old stuff! Make room for your new treasures!

Volunteers are needed & we could sure use your help!! Do you have a truck to transport STUFF to the site? Do you know how to price these priceless items? Can you help organize our piles of STUFF?

Join your neighbors for at least an hour, lend a hand or your brain. Find your next treasure! Call Cathee Fisher @ 303-333-3141 for details, to donate or to volunteer!!

### **FREE DIRECTORY SERVICE FOR CELLS**

Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial: (800) FREE 411, or (800) 373-3411 without incurring any charge at all. Program this into your cell phone now. -Jake Flint

### **BICYCLE SECURITY**

Summer is just around the corner and many of you will be dusting off your bicycles and hitting many of the metro area trails. The police department usually notices an increase in the number of bicycle thefts in the spring/summer seasons and wants to help you protect your asset. There seems to be no foolproof way to keep your bicycle safe from a thief who has made up his mind to have it, but that is not sufficient reason to either give up biking or to stop taking precautions against thievery.

A prospective bike thief needs time, concealment, and tools to be successful. There are ways in which you can reduce the thief's opportunities and make your bicycle more trouble to steal than it's worth.

The basic security of a chain seems a good place to start in discussing preventative measures. One should understand that a professional thief can remove any chain, no matter how tough and sturdy, if he has the proper tools and sufficient time. However, generally speaking, a chain that can withstand the cutting force of a 2" bolt cutter is considered practically theft proof.

Heat treated, (case-hardened) alloy steel chains 3/8" diameter, offer good security. Also of heat-treated alloy, slightly smaller chains, 3/16" or 1/4", offer good protection, being completely resistant to wire cutters and bolt cutters up to 18 inches in length. Links are welded shut and cannot be spread. Wire cables usually afford protection against the casual or amateur thief since non-tempered chains can be easily snipped by bolt cutters or even wire cutters.

Padlocks are the key to good bicycle security. It is of utmost importance that the lock-shackle be heat-treated hardened steel of the same diameter as the chain with which the lock will be used.

Perhaps the most important factor in bike security is the act of locking the front and rear wheels and the frame to a permanent pole or other object. Make sure that the object to which you're locking your bike is stable enough that it can't be cut, sawed, or picked up and carried away, with your bike still locked to it.

Officer Phil Epple  
Special Projects Officer  
Denver Police Department  
District 3

## East Montclair Neighborhood Association

### STAPLETON NEWS

There have been several developments that have an impact on the EMNA neighborhood residents. The parcel of land that was intended for use by Johnson and Wales has been returned to Stapleton authority. The plans for this area have been postponed indefinitely. The parcel is on the north side of Montview Blvd. next to Green Way Park and across from Ashley Elementary.

Other uses will be reviewed by the various agencies involved in Stapleton development. Low to moderate income housing is one idea being considered.

The shuttle bus service between Stapleton's Quebec Square and the Northfield shopping mall may soon go away. The shuttle is a huge success in term of ridership, with 5,000 people utilizing it in January. However, it is not a permanent arrangement. It was set up by RTD to see if there is a demand for it. Currently there are no funds budgeted for the service. If you would like to see the shuttle continue, express your concerns to RTD and to me. They need to know the importance of this service. I can be reached at 303-321-0205.

- Laura Edler, Stapleton Advisory Board

#### **From: Councilwoman Marcia Johnson**

The Denver City Council established Main Street zoning to encourage a strong mix of housing, office and commercial uses along corridors such as Colfax Avenue. My colleagues and I who represent this eastern section of Colfax have urged the Planning Department to explore its application between Colorado and Yosemite. They recently held a series of public meetings to get public feedback, and the zoning change will likely be voted on by Council this spring.

If Main Street zoning is applied to The Fax, only properties that wish to redevelop would need comply to the new zoning regulation. In general, this means that new buildings would have to build out to the sidewalk, have transparent windows on the first floor and parking behind the building, in order to create a "main street" feel with a more pedestrian-friendly environment. The zoning allows for residential, commercial or mixed-uses.

There are three different classifications of Main Street zoning, which regulate the height of structures. MS-1 allows up to 3 stories, MS-2 allows up to 6 stories, and MS-3 allows up to 10 stories. You may have seen color-coded maps in the windows of businesses along the corridor. I have copies of the map here in my office, and I invite you to stop by to pick up a copy anytime. You can also learn more about Main Street zoning at [www.denvergov.org/ms](http://www.denvergov.org/ms). If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (303) 355-4615 or [marcia.johnson@ci.denver.co.us](mailto:marcia.johnson@ci.denver.co.us).

#### **From: Councilman Doug Linkhart**

Crime in Denver dropped 10% in 2006 compared to 2005, according to data released by the Denver Department of Safety. Figures compiled by the Safety Office of Policy Analysis (SOPA) show that both violent and property crimes are down, and that the eight major crimes tracked by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) were down 14% in Denver last year. You can see up to date crime statistics and maps for your neighborhood and the city at large by visiting the Safety Office of Policy Analysis online. These statistics will be updated on a monthly basis. For more information about the statistics contact the SOPA at 720-913-6014.

**National Library Week** is April 15 – 21, and Denver Public Library is celebrating with celebrity readers and drawings for prize filled tote bags.

During the week, members from our local government and library commission will be reading stories to children during regular story times at several of Denver's 23 branch libraries. In addition, each branch will hold a drawing for a tote bag filled with reading-themed prizes. And while supplies last, each branch will be giving away special library themed bookmarks and stickers.

To find a Denver neighborhood branch library near you, call 720-865-1111 or visit the library's Web site at [denverlibrary.org](http://denverlibrary.org)

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

- Becker Parkhurst-Strout, Reference Librarian

## East Montclair Neighborhood Association

### **MONTCLAIR RECREATION CENTER 729 Ulster Way 303-364-8607**

**New Hours:** Montclair is now open at 6:00 am Monday – Friday

#### **Men's Over 30 Basketball League**

Days: Tuesdays beginning March 20, 2007  
Times: 6:00 – 9:00 pm  
Fee: \$350.00/team

#### **Bicycle Maintenance Class**

Saturday - March 30, 2007  
Bring in your bike and learn basic maintenance  
such as fixing your tire, brakes, and chains.

#### **Coed Volley Ball**

Ages: 8 – 16 years old  
Fee: \$45.00/ child

**Yoga:** Monday 12 – 1:15 pm  
Tuesdays 6:30 – 7:45 pm

**Pilates:** Mondays 6:30 – 7:30 pm

**Saturday Shape Up:** 9:15 – 10:30 am

**Boot Camp:** Mondays & Wednesday 5:30 – 6:30 pm

#### **Men's Competitive Basketball League**

Days: Wednesday beginning March 21, 2007  
Times: 6:00 – 9:00 pm  
Fee: \$350.00/team

#### **Mountain Biking Trip**

Monday – April 16, 2007 (DPS has no school)  
Ages: 10+  
Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Fee: \$10.00  
Mountain Bikes and helmet will be provided

#### **Youth Soccer**

Ages: 5,6 / 7,8 / 9,10 years old  
Games will be played at Lowry soccer field on Saturdays  
Fee: \$45/child  
Volunteer Coaches are needed

#### **Senior Luncheon**

Date: March 30<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 – 2:00 pm  
Age: 50+  
Cost: \$3 w/dish - \$5 w/out

**Senior Trips:** For trip sign up at Montclair. Payment must be received in order to save your space.

**March 8, 2007** - **Celestial Seasonings/ Lean'n Tree Tours**  
- Lunch in Celestial Seasonings cafeteria  
- 10:30 am – 4:30 pm – Fee: \$10.00 + lunch

**March 15, 2007** - **Disney on Ice "Monster Inc."**  
- 10:00 am – 2 pm – Fee \$11.00

**April 13, 2007** - **Islamorada Fish Company / Movie**  
- 10:30 am – 4 pm – Fee: \$8 + cost of lunch & movie

- Lee Eitel

### **NABA 'EGG SCRAMBLE' SET FOR SPRING**

The Northern Aurora Business Association (NABA) is getting eggstatic about the approach of its signature springtime event.

The organization's Annual Egg Scramble is set for 12 noon on Saturday, March 31. The fun-filled event for kids will take place at Aurora City Park, located at 16th and Dayton St.

Now in its 17th year, the event will provide Aurora's youngsters with the opportunity to snag some 10,000 plastic eggs, each filled with special treats. Youngsters are asked to dress appropriately, as Scramble will take place in the rain, snow or shine. To help ensure the event can take place and be a success, NABA needs the financial help of local businesses and nonprofit organizations. Sponsorship benefits will apply.

The organization also is seeking donations of pre-wrapped candy and other treats to fill the egg-shaped surprises. For more information, call Pam Wilson, 303-631-6169. You can also deliver your donations directly to NABA, 9726 E. Colfax Ave, please call to make sure that we are in!

- Pam Wilson



## East Montclair Neighborhood Association

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**The FAX Business Association**  
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Membership in **The FAX** Business Association supports the collective effort to further the interests of all Business and Property Owners along the Colfax Corridor, from Colorado Blvd. to Yosemite St and 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Aves (aka **The FAX**). It also is a pledge to help restore this Corridor to a vibrant destination district.

More specifically we will facilitate:

- Cross-Marketing: Business to Business and more
- Promote and encourage the development of desirable new businesses and residential units along **The FAX**
- Joint Advertising and Marketing to nearby residential neighbors: - Business Directory, Website, Use of free Media
- Maximize influence on the Denver Police Department in improving Crime & Safety – emphasis on Business Watch Program
- Maximize influence on City/County and State Government – Traffic control, Strategic Transportation Plan, Main Street Zoning and other zoning/permitting issues, regulation
- Local knowledge source of useful information – Enterprise Zone, Denver and Aurora Small Business Office Support, Small Business Loans, Linkages and support with other Business Associations.
- Develop and sponsor promotional events along **The FAX**; i.e. The Feast on **The FAX**

**ALL BUSINESS & PROPERTY OWNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN THEIR RESPECTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.**

- Ron Goodwin

### **Diabetes and Exercise Research Study at UCDHSC**

The University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center is conducting a research study designed to help improve exercise capacity with three months of supervised aerobic exercise training. If you have Type 2 Diabetes or if you are a healthy individual you may qualify to participate.

#### **Eligibility criteria:**

- Men and women, 30-55 years old (women must be pre-menopausal)
- Healthy or with Type 2 diabetes (not taking insulin)
- Must be non-smoking

#### **Study Procedures include:**

- Physical examination and blood tests
- Echocardiogram and electrocardiogram (ECG)
- Fitness testing and body composition measure
- Glucose tolerance test

Financial compensation will be provided for participation.

For more information contact Sue 303-372-9085  
or [Sue.Felton@uchsc.edu](mailto:Sue.Felton@uchsc.edu)

Principal Investigator: Judith G. Regensteiner, Ph.D.  
COMIRB # 02-514



University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center

## East Montclair Neighborhood Association

### **DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCE 2007-2008 BEACON SCHOOLS**

DENVER, CO -Denver Public School's Board of Education unanimously granted Beacon School status to eight DPS schools for the 2007-2008 school year. The Beacon School program was jointly developed by the district and the Denver Classroom Teachers Association (DCTA) and is intended to encourage innovation and reform initiated and developed by teachers and principals. In Beacon Schools, teachers commit to support a specific school-wide education plan.

#### **The 2007-2008 Beacon Schools are:**

- Brown International Academy
- Bruce Randolph
- Columbine Elementary School
- El DIA de Fairmont Dual Immersion Academy
- Grant Middle School
- Greenwood
- Harrington Elementary School
- Montclair Elementary School

Schools submitted Beacon School proposals for review by a committee comprised of DCTA members and DPS staff in November 2006. Proposals contained strategies focused on increasing student achievement through a coherent and consistent educational plan and collaborative vision that meets the needs of Denver's students and exceeds the goals outlined by the Denver Plan.

"I am so impressed by the work these schools have done to create something truly unique to serve students instructional needs," said Superintendent Michael Bennet. "The proposals are innovative and collaborative and they embody the Denver Plan."

Kim Ursetta, President of the DCTA is equally as enthusiastic about the first class of Beacon Schools. "DPS has some of the most talented teachers in the country, and the Beacon Schools program provides these teachers the opportunity to work collaboratively in order to maximize their instructional potential," Ursetta said. "I am excited that our teachers have the opportunity to shape innovation in order to meet the needs of students and their families."

Eight Beacon School proposals were selected from a pool of 19. Their education plans can be accessed at <http://bsi.dpsk12.org/>. The next Beacon selection process will begin in spring 2007 for schools seeking the designation in 2008-2009. Contact: Nan Baumbusch (720) 423- 3989.

### **ASHLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

February 26, 2007

Dear Ms. Eitel and members of the East Montclair Neighborhood Association:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind donation to Ashley Elementary on February 8. As you know, school funding is always a challenge, so any help is greatly appreciated by me and the Ashley Staff. In addition, your donation is also a reminder of your continued support of our school, which is also appreciated.

Once again, allow me to thank you and to wish you a great spring.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kenneth Hulslander, Principal  
Ashley Elementary

### **MEMBER NEWS**

Marie Olsen and Olive Crapo are now residing in nursing homes.

Charmaine Jones and Helen Funk are new members of EMNA.

Several of our members have recently had surgery. They are Lee Eitel, Betty Aguilar, Cris Dixon, and Lee Coleman. We hope these ladies are doing well.

## East Montclair Neighborhood Association

### RECYCLERS' CORNER

#### MATERIAL OF THE MONTH: PAPERBOARD

Almost anywhere you look when shopping you can find products in paperboard boxes. Cereal, cookies, crackers, cake mixes, laundry detergents, frozen foods, shoeboxes, and facial tissue boxes are just a few of the endless number of products that are packaged using paperboard. After using these products and other paperboard materials it is important to remember to recycle the empty boxes in your Denver Recycles cart.

The environmental benefits of recycling paper are tremendous. Every ton of paper recycled is equal to conserving 462 gallons of oil, 7,000 gallons of water and 17 trees. Additionally, each ton of paper recycled can reduce air pollution by 95% and save more than 3 cubic yards of landfill spaces. Effective paper recycling efforts can help conserve landfill space and natural resources and preserve biological diversity by reducing the need to harvest timber from untouched forest.

Paperboard (single layer cardboard) is often made from recycled paper. Look for the words "100% Recycled Paperboard" along with the recycling symbol when selecting which items to purchase at the store.

Did you know that paper products make up more than a third of the material we send to landfills in the United States? ***So, be sure to recycle all the paperboard boxes you can in your home recycling cart.***

For more information about Denver Recycles programs call 3-1-1 or visit us on-line at **DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles**.

- Tom Strickland, Recycling Program Administrator

### JOIN EMNA

**EMNA wants you to get involved and make a difference in your neighborhood!**

**Goals: improve our quality of life, provide a neighborhood voice, and have fun!**

**Benefits: receive our newsletter and be able to vote on issues brought before the organization.**

**If you are interested, please join us and participate in our activities.**

### 2007 EMNA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

To receive our newsletter by e-mail, check here \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES:** Family: \$ 5.00 for voting members (max. of 2, age 18 or older)

Business: \$15.00 (includes business card ad in next issue)

Annual Mailing Fee: \$5.00

#### PLEASE CHECK AREAS OF INTEREST:

Officer/Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

Streets/Traffic Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Property Upkeep/Zoning \_\_\_\_\_

Stapleton Action Team \_\_\_\_\_

Lowry Action Team \_\_\_\_\_

Crime & Safety Task Force \_\_\_\_\_

Program Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Colfax Revitalization \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter (Reporter/Delivery) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Events \_\_\_\_\_

Refreshments \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT:** Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Remit to: EMNA Membership**  
P. O. Box 201273  
Denver, CO 80220-1273

Make checks payable to EMNA

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