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Fourth of July Extravaganza

The Historic Montclair Fourth of July extravaganza was a great success again this year judging by the number of people who attended and the amount of food consumed. Many people commented on how much fun it was and how much they enjoyed it.

The well attended bike parade was probably too crowded on the small circular walkway. The board is considering having the bike parade on a blocked off portion of the street next year since it was so crowded this year and it was hard to see everyone. Some people come mainly for this event so we want to provide a fun, safe place with plenty of room. All the kids and their bikes looked great. Congratulations to all parents and children for their wonderful decorations.

The food and drink seemed to be enjoyed by all. We apologize to those who came a little late and didn't get any food after we ran out of almost everything. We started serving food around 11 am and most of it was gone by 12:30! Thanks to the grill providers and tenders, Nancy Mucker, Glen Smith, Bill Hansen and Andy Seelaus. Thanks to Carrie O'Shea who purchased the food and drink, to those who brought coolers and ice (Bill Hansen, Gail Barry, Glen Smith, Matt Bortz, Nancy Mucker and Pat Rozack) and to Deb Hansen for pitching in on the extra food & ice runs, decorating and the judging.

Thanks to Gail Barry, Matt Bortz, Paul Tremontozzi, Pat Rozack, Bill & Deb Hansen, Steve Raabe, Greg Fasing and all the others who helped set up and decorate the area. Thanks also to those who helped cleanup and tear down including Matt Bortz, Melanie Herrera Bortz, Bill and Deb Hansen, Paul Tremontozzi, Greg Fasing, Glenn Smith, Pat Rozack and Gail Barry.

It is always a great treat for our local firemen to show up with their truck. They allow the children to climb all over the truck and ask the firemen questions. They had a little food and also assisted with some minor grease fires in the grills!!

Thanks to Deb Hansen and her niece who ran the races. Music was provided by Albert Galli's Dixieland Express again this year adding a festive note.

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HMCAI Members-Only Wine & Beer Tasting Oct 22nd at the Molkery, Start Time 3pm.

In the past, most of the HMCAI events have been children and/or family-oriented. Many of our members have requested that we put together an event targeted towards the adults among our membership. We are pleased to host a wine and beer tasting at the Molkery open only to our dues-paying members. A selection of Colorado beers and wines will be provided as well as live entertainment from the Lamont School of Music. This free event is open to our dues-paying members only - if you are not yet a member (or have let your membership lapse) you can pay your dues at the door (please fill out and bring the membership form on Page 7 along with your check). *This is a 21 and older event - please - no children.*

This event will also serve as our 3rd Quarter general meeting - agenda TBA. As soon as we firm up the agenda it will also be posted on our website. The general meeting will be held from 3-4pm, with the wine and beer tasting immediately following.

Montclair Elementary Update

by Shannon Hagerman, Principal

Did you know? . . .

Over the summer months, I had some time to stop and think about the successes and learning that has occurred at Montclair during the last school year. In just a short amount of time, we have made some tremendous progress. Our new school year is off to a great start with an increased enrollment and over 20 new students from the immediate neighborhood! We have also welcomed students who were accepted at or have been attending other schools in the past - some of which include Steck, Park Hill, Dora Moore, McMeen, the Polaris Program at Ebert as well as St. James and Blessed Sacrament.

We began the year with the introduction of the Early High Strides program at the Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment. This program has been uniquely designed to provide all children with a rich set of learning experiences that are rigorous, challenging and accelerated. The students' individual strengths and interests are honored through our differentiated instructional approach where the children are encouraged and supported in their exploration of curricular content and topics of personal interest.

Perhaps one of the most exciting changes at Montclair this year will be the implementation of the Schoolwide Enrichment Model (Renzulli). In designing programs to meet the needs of our children, it is important that we provide a wide variety of enrichment experiences that align with students' interests and talents to enhance their learning. The abilities of many students are often so unique that it becomes necessary to look beyond the boundaries of the traditional classroom in order to locate the appropriate resources and role models.

We hope to encourage the development of advanced interests in our students by bringing them into contact with adult professionals who share their interests and ambitions. In order to do so, we are seeking volunteers who would be interested in sharing professional expertise, talents and hobbies with our students. Depending on the student needs, this volunteer experience might involve service as a classroom speaker, a volunteer or as a mentor for an individual child. A survey (available at www.historicmontclair.org) is our attempt to locate community members who are willing to share their talents with our students. It will provide us with helpful information regarding your areas of expertise and your willingness to volunteer. If you are interested, please complete the survey and return it to Rae Harris, Enrichment Coordinator at Montclair.

Finally, as you may have heard in the news, Montclair has a brand new library and technology center! We hosted a grand opening on the first day of school and were joined by Superintendent Michael Bennett, School Board President Les Woodward, School Board Members Elaine Ganz-Berman and Teresa Pena as well as many others who are special friends of Montclair. Funding made available through the district's revitalization process in conjunction with a \$25,000 grant from Town & Country Credit allowed us to completely renovate the library and purchase brand new furniture. The most precious items to arrive were over 4,000 new books to fill the shelves! Please come by the school to see our new space, meet the staff and be a part of all the excitement.

Mingle for Montclair

Second Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction

Historic Montclair would like to extend an invitation to our neighbors to come together for a fun evening of wine tasting and conversation, all to support Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment. Wines are being donated by our neighborhood liquor store Mayfair Liquors.

This year a silent auction has been added to the event, so bring your checkbooks, bring your neighbors, come drink some great wine, meet Shannon and the teachers, and help us all to support our great neighborhood elementary school.

GO MONTCLAIR!!

When: September 29th

Where: The Hamling's, 765 Olive Street

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Donations of \$15 per person are requested. Please make checks payable to Montclair PTA. Mail checks to Sharon Kelly, PTA President, 1015 Olive Street, Denver, Colorado, 80220. For more information, or to volunteer to help, call Sharon at 720-941-1454.

Neighborhood Schools

There are two elementary schools within our Historic Montclair boundaries of 6th to Colfax, Holly to Quebec:

Montclair Elementary, 1151 Newport, 303-333-5497. Hours: 8:55-3:45.

Principal: Shannon Hagerman. Pre-Kindergarten (one class) through 5th grade. Tuition free except for full-day Kindergarten: Range, 0-\$260 a month, based on family size/income.

Students: 265 Faculty: 42

Spanish language program for students in grades 3, 4, 5 who are at or above grade level in English is planned for the future. Also a future English program for parents before or during school. After-school programs include tutoring and homework help as well as recreation. Technology lab with 34 computers. Library has more than 5,000 volumes. Physical education, music and art programs.

St. James Catholic School, 1250 Newport, 303-333-8275. Hours: 8:05-2:50.

Principal: Terri Loiselle. Pre-school, Jr. Kindergarten, Kindergarten, grades 1-8.

Tuition: 1/2 day Kindergarten (8:05-11:45) -- \$2,900; full day Kindergarten -- \$3,400.

Regular parishioners -- \$3,375 for grades 1-8

Non-parishioners -- \$4,400 for grades 1-8

Students: 146 Faculty: 24

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Restaurant Review

Note: this issue of our newsletter ushers in a new feature - restaurant reviews of our neighborhood restaurants.

Kassai Sushi - review by Jerry Malia

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Lunch for two: \$20.00
Dinner for two: \$35.00

The best attributes of Kassai Sushi are the quality of the food, the service & the cleanliness. The bonuses: ambiance, acoustics, walking distance, and they deliver! The negative is the crowded parking lot.

The restaurant is decorated with a cutting edge style.

Colorful brushed steel fish adorn the walls while traditional Japanese images surround the sushi bar. Whether sitting at the bar or seated at a table, the smiling service and quick attention are only outdone by the quality and the presentation of your dinner. Nine different soups and salads, 27 different appetizers, 32 different Roll Sumaki, 30 authentic Japanese dishes (served with soup, rice & salad), 21 ala carte items, 7 different Hand Roll Temaki cones, 11 different Noodles & Donburi. The daily specials, noted at the end of the bar, are always a home run and can save you a few bucks. Try the Miso soup, followed by the Yakimono Combo, a few Maguro or Hamachi ala carte pieces, and close with a jasmine tea.

I have walked to Kassai Sushi for dinner several times with my family (including our 2 year old) and have consistent left the restaurant the same way: happy, content, and impressed. Cheers to you and yours!

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New Life for Old Warehouse by Carrie O Shea

While passersby saw a vacant, weedy eyesore, developer Joe Payton saw a diamond in the rough. Now barely recognizable from its former self, the gleaming, 1950's modernist design building has had a rebirth as the Oneida Lofts. Located on the northwest corner of 14th & Oneida, the site of the original Montclair Town Hall, the project is scheduled for completion by September 15. Formerly the warehouse for Foster's Frosty Foods (longtime Montclair residents remember the giant Hereford cow statue on the roof,) and then regional headquarters for The Broker Restaurants, the 16,500 square foot structure has undergone a massive transformation. It is now home to 15 custom lofts, ranging in size from 933 to 1,246 square feet.

All of the lofts are two bedroom floor plans, and several have second-story mezzanines and private patios. The property offers secure parking, with 12 garage spaces and 15 surface parking spaces. About half of the units face the North loading dock which has been converted to courtyard, and half the units face the parking and garage area to the South. There are private patios and entrances for each unit, a community fire pit, benches, and a swing lounge set within lush landscaping and a private garden.

Units feature skylights and ceilings that are a minimum of 10 feet in the main living area, along with upgraded cabinetry, concrete counters, stainless-steel appliances and 36-inch bathtubs with stone tile surrounds and double showerheads. The open floor plans feature concrete floors and exposed joists. "Homeowners can drywall, decorate, and finish floors themselves," says Payton. Thirteen units remain available, with prices ranging from \$204,500 to \$282,000. The model unit opened August 13.

Oneida Lofts is Payton's largest project in the Denver area, where he has been buying and renovating residential properties since the mid-1990s. Payton said the Oneida Lofts project is a chance to take a building that "nobody knows what to do with" and turn it into one of the nicest properties in the area.

Residences in centrally located, established neighborhoods are what homebuyers are looking for, and Oneida Lofts fit the bill. With plans underway to revitalize east Colfax, "It's really exciting to be a part of the change of a neighborhood," Payton said. For more information, specifics, maps, and 3-D renderings visit www.oneidalofts.com.

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Many thanks again to Steve Usick and his magic machine. He inflated and then donated dozens of red, white and blue balloons to the children. Thanks also to Wendy Levy for the cake and to Dr. Bonbright for his generous \$100 donation to the event.

Thanks to Veronica Dolan and Katy Saunders who sold HMCAI memberships and were assisted by Sarah Hopkins (Katy's mother), who provided furniture and food, Steve Usick who furnished labels, and Hope Brown and Nancy Mucker for solving the problem of the long forms. It was also wonderful of Principal Sharon Hagerman and some others from Montclair School to come, offer face painting and attend a table all about Montclair School.



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In Memoriam

We extend our condolences to the family of Virginia Keller, longtime Montclair resident and member of HMCAI. Virginia, a widow, died in July after a long illness and is survived by four children and six grandchildren. She lived for more than half a century in the same Montclair house she and her husband bought new in 1952. Virginia faithfully attended our quarterly meetings and for years was an enthusiastic deliverer of our October newsletters. A good neighbor, she will be missed.

Our Members

Our membership year runs from Oct. 1-Sept. 30th. We thank our new/renewing members who joined or re-upped at the Fourth of July picnic, or sent checks to our P.O. Box since then. Below are names of the 131 members who are paid up through **Sept. 30, 2006**. If you are not listed, it means your membership expires Sept. 30, 2005. We appreciate your continuing support and hope you will use the Membership Form on Page 7 of this newsletter to join or renew. If you have questions about your status, please contact Veronica Dolan at 303-388-5432 or drv1@qwest.net. Many thanks.

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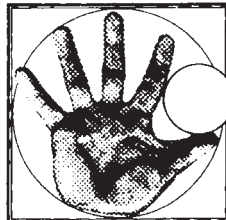
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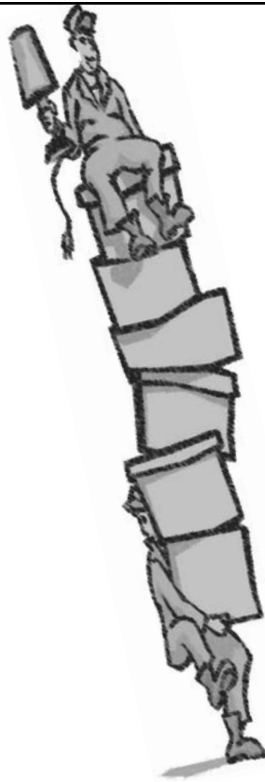
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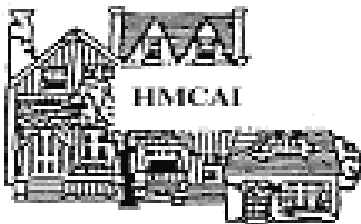
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