

HISTORIC EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



"A NEIGHBORHOOD IS PRESERVED ONE HOUSE AT A TIME"

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2006

Meetings second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm, City Council Chambers, 3rd and Kimbark. Questions?, want to get involved? Call Cindi at (720) 494-8756
Visit the HENA website at <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/longmont/hena/> Desktop Publishing by MoonLight Design 303.772.0967

GIVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD A CLEAN SWEEP!

As part of the HENA Neighborhood Revitalization Grant, we will be conducting a "Clean Sweep" program in the neighborhood. With the help of many volunteers from the New Creation Church and donated equipment, we will be offering a Neighborhood Large Item pick-up service to help remove large and unsightly trash from the neighborhood. The Clean Sweep Program will beautify the

neighborhood by assisting qualifying residents in removing trash, discarded appliances, auto parts, tires, building materials and other miscellaneous large items from their homes and yards.

If you have items you need to dispose of, but do not know what to do with, HELP is here. To find out if your trash qualifies, contact **Julie Pink**, Code Enforcement Officer, City of Longmont at **303 774-4573**

& let her know what you are planning to discard, your address, and phone #. Julie will then let you know if your items qualify for removal and the date that you need to push, pull or drag this stuff to the curb for pick-up. Special assistance will be offered to senior citizens, the handicapped and/or financially burdened.

The first of our clean sweep days are scheduled for

November 18th and 25th. We have two more days tentatively scheduled for December 9th and 16th. Each will start at 8:00am. If you have unwanted vehicles, call the Longmont Humane Society 303 772-1232 and donate them. All money from the donated vehicles comes back to the Humane Society. Please call Julie with questions or if you want to volunteer your time, muscles or brain power for the HELP team!!!

CHANGES TO HENA MEETINGS

Starting in January 2007, the HENA monthly meetings will become bi-monthly meeting occurring every other month after the distribution of the bi-monthly newsletter. In addition, the meeting days will alternate

between Wednesdays and Thursdays. The 2007 schedule will be: Wednesday, January 10th, Thursday, March 8, Wednesday, May 9th, Thursday, July 12th, Wednesday September 12th, and Thursday, November 8th.

Mark your calendars now!

HENA E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST AND WEBSITE

Changes to HENA electronic messages will be phased in starting in November. The current e-mail distribution list has become too large for normal e-mail. HENA will start using a Yahoo! Group to distribute their e-mail. This change will enable HENA to send out updates and news to the most current distribution list (those residents who have joined the Yahoo! Group) and the group members will be able to reply to all on the list with ease. Membership in the group does not require that you

have a Yahoo! e-mail account. Look for an invitation to join our group in November with all the details. Both the Yahoo! Group and the current e-mail distribution list will be used through February to give everyone time to make the transition. If you are not part of the e-mail distribution list please send a request with your e-mail address to mjlusnak@yahoo.com.

The HENA website will remain at its current location <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/longmont/hena/>. Visit this website for the newsletters, monthly meeting minutes and our event calendar

UPDATE ON HOME IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Last summer 104 HENA residents submitted applications for Home Improvement Grants requesting over \$250,000 to make improvements to their homes. The challenge then was to figure out how to fairly distribute only \$30,000 in revitalization money. A Home Improvement Grant committee was formed, accepted the challenge, went through a thorough decision making process and in September notified all applicants of the results. Because people had questions about the grant selection process, we thought you might like to know more about it. The Home Improvement Committee was made up of eight people from the HENA neighborhood, none of whom had applied for a grant. The committee was assisted by two non-voting individuals - a Kensington neighbor-

hood resident who participated in a similar process in 2004 and a City of Longmont staff member with knowledge of other funding sources for home improvements. To meet the challenge of so many requests and so little money, the committee members developed a process for deciding which proposals would be funded and to what degree. First the developed criteria and weighting factors that reflected what was important to the neighborhood as a whole. The criteria used to evaluate each application were: the impact of the improvement on the neighborhood as a whole, its impact on the block, necessity of the work in remedying existing problems, sustainability of the results, sweat equity contribution to the project, apparent ability of the homeowner to fund the project, and whether or not the home was owner occupied. The first three criteria were weighted to reflect twice the importance as the remaining four criteria. (continued on back)

HOME IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

(continued from previous page) Committee members toured the neighborhood, determined how well each improvement request met the seven criteria and assigned a numerical value to each. Then they calculated a total score for each request and generated a list of projects by total scores. The committee gave priority to improvements affecting the front of each home because of the visual impact from the street.

Recognizing the value placed on trees in the HENA neighborhood, the committee approved all applications for trimming trees that were in front yards. To make the best use of funds, the committee contracted with one company to trim all 12 homeowners' trees at a cost of about \$10,000. In addition to tree trimming, the committee decided to stretch the remaining dollars by funding 14 improvement projects

at two-thirds the amount requested, asking the applicants to contribute the remaining one-third of the cost.

In total, 26 of the 104 or 24% of the requests received some sort of funding for improvements to homes that will also add value to the HENA neighborhood.

If you are interested in obtaining financial assistance with home improvements, you may want to consider the CDBG Program. If you income qualify (e.g., a three person household with annual income of \$53,650 or less), you may receive funding for interior and exterior housing rehabilitation. For more information, contact Longs Peak Energy Conservation at 303 441-1716.

If you have questions about anything in this article contact Tanya Ferencak at 303 651-8794

HOLIDAY PARTY!

Join your Eastside Neighbors for a pre-Home Town Holiday Parade get-together December 9th at 3:00pm in Collyer park. There will be hot chocolate and treats to enjoy at the park or to take with you to the Parade, (Parade starts at 5:00pm.)

COLLYER PARK

The HENA Neighborhood meeting and survey about redevelopment of Collyer Park were a big success. Over 100 surveys were returned and 25 people attended the neighborhood meeting on Sept. 14th. Building on the existing Collyer Park Master Plan created in 2003, participants decided to remodel structures in the park with designs that reflect the existing historic architecture in the HENA neighborhood, as seen in the original Columbine School and the Longmont College Apartments (located to the east of the park). The designs for the new restroom building, picnic shelters and gazebo will contain antique brick, arches and flagstone. Survey

results indicated that the skate element in the original plan was not desirable and will be removed from the revised plan. The stage/gazebo in the plan will also be reduced to a small gazebo with no stage or electrical outlets. Participants in the meeting voted that they would like the new playground equipment to be in a traditional style, similar to what currently exists in the park, and should include a climbing wall, crawl tunnel, upper body challenges, sliding poles, dramatic play areas and a large curving slide. The group also preferred to keep sand under the play equipment instead of the proposed wood chips. If you have any further questions or comments call Tanya Ferencak at 303 651-8794

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

You may have met Carlos Smith and Jo Ann Mast at the last wine party. If not, we'd like you to meet them! They have been at 402 Collyer St. since July, making their way to Longmont via Niwot after serving as resident managers of a Methodist retreat house in Rollinsville.

Carlos, a native of Santa Fe, is an artist. You can experience his moving artwork at Full Spectrum Gallery, 1023 Main St., or on the gallery website. Jo Ann is an independent business consultant working with businesses, organizations &

individuals in transition.

Together Jo Ann and Carlos do labyrinth work which has included creating several labyrinths in our area. A labyrinth is a circular path with just one way in and one way out, designed to be walked as a form of meditation. Please join us in welcoming Carlos and Jo Ann to our neighborhood!

Although Tim and Heather Chambers and their two daughters aren't new to the neighborhood, please join us in celebrating their move from 426 Emery to 525 Collyer!

Call Maggie at 303 776-5383 to welcome a newcomer in the newsletter.

HENA MEETING MINUTES

Both September & October meetings included an update of Revitalization Plan activities.

The September meeting featured a presentation of the Collyer park survey results. Attendees voted on some design details for different aspects of the park. (See more information on the vote in the Collyer Park article above). The presentation and voting results can be found on the HENA website.

The October meeting featured a presentation on home energy efficiency by

Boyd Fuller, Customer Service Energy Specialist for the Longmont Power Company. Boyd discussed the different areas of a home that can be upgraded to save energy. He gave tips for "do it yourselfers" and provided handouts.

Contact Boyd for information on a home energy audit at 303 774-4359. See HENA website for Boyd's handouts. Thank you to Boyd Fuller for an interesting and important presentation.



ENGLISH/SPANISH CLASS UPDATE

The English and Spanish classes are a hit! After a little bumpy beginning (to be expected), the classes are humming with practice and games, new friendships and laughter in no short supply.

Beginning October 4th, the English and Spanish classes began meeting each Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Community of Christ Church at 641 Martin St. The classes run for ten weeks through December 13th - with no class Thanksgiving week.

The English classes are divided into three levels with about 11 people at the beginning level, 6 in the intermediate and 4 in the advanced level. The teach-

ers and coaches are: Cheryl Barnett, Don Ewing, Kay Ewing, Kelli Murphy, Paula Fitzgerald, Rick Fitzgerald, and Maggie Van Vliet.

Ten people registered for the Spanish class that is taught by Nell Glass, Grace Trujillo and JR Trujillo.

Each week, everyone takes a fun break in the middle of the evening for something warm to drink, sweet to eat, and a chance to try out their English or Spanish and get to know each other.

Thanks to intercambio for providing English teacher training, books and logistical support, and to Brett and Sienna for helping us out in person. Thanks to Kelli for contributing the sweets & Sarah for arranging the babysitting.

SEEKING BLOCK REPRESENTATIVE

We are looking for block reps for the following square blocks:

- 300 block - 3rd Ave. to 4th Ave., eastside of Atwood and westside of Baker.
- 400 block - 4th Ave. to 5th Ave., eastside of Atwood and westside of Baker.
- 500 block - 5th Ave. to 6th Ave., eastside of Baker and westside of Martin.
- 500 block - 5th Ave. to 6th Ave., eastside of Atwood and westside of Baker.
- 700 Block - Longs Peak to 8th Ave., eastside Baker and westside of Martin.
- 700 Block - Longs Peak to 8th Ave., eastside Collyer and westside of Atwood.
- 700 Block - Longs Peak to 8th Ave., eastside Emery and westside of Collyer.
- 800 Block 8th Ave. to 9th

Ave., eastside of Atwood and westside of Baker
• 800 Block 8th Ave. to 9th Ave., eastside of Baker and westside of Martin.

Currently these blocks are served by block reps who cover them as well as their own resident block. If you would like to volunteer please contact Bob Carlson at 303 774-1977. It is preferred but not required that you reside in the square block you represent.

The main duty of a block rep is to deliver the neighborhood newsletter six times a year. (i.e. January, March, May, July, September, and November) It takes approximately 30+ minutes to deliver a square block. Please consider volunteering and give some of our overloaded block reps a break.

¿NECESITA ESPANOL?

Si necesita ayuda leer este newsletter. Por favor, llámanos por teléfono Tanya Ferencek at 303 651-8794

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Do you know that Longmont has 22 citizen-based boards, committees and commissions that provide input to our local government? You may serve on a board or know a neighbor who does. Have you considered serving on a board?

One board that is particularly important to us as an historic neighborhood is the Historic Preservation Commission. Currently, we have no one on the commission. Two important things the commission does are: review structures for historic designation and review proposed alterations to designated historic properties. The commission then makes recommendations to the City Council which has the final say.

NEW "NO PARKING" SIGNS

"No Parking here to Corner" signs will be installed at several intersections within the next two months. Please let us know if there is a corner that we missed. Hopefully, this will help alleviate accidents at some of these corners!

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The committee is still working to compile all known and documented historic information about the Historic Eastside Neighborhood. The goal is to create more awareness around the importance of the HENA neighborhood and promote historic preservation within the HENA boundaries.

When choosing new members, the Historic Preservation Commission tries to find people with an interest in local history and specific experience in areas such as history, architecture, archaeology, construction, urban planning or preservation law. They don't always find people with this kind of background, so their membership includes people who have interest but not necessarily professional experience in historic preservation.

To learn more about the commission or any of the boards - or to apply - call the City Clerk's office at 303 651-8649 or go to www.ci.longmont.co.us/boards, or call City Planner Ryan Kragerud at 303 774-4619.

The planned intersections are:

- 4th and Emery
- 5th and Kimbark (east side)
- Kimbark and Longs Peak
- Emery and Longs Peak
- 4th and Collyer
- 8th and Emery
- 5th and Emery
- 6th and Kimbark
- Southbound side of Collyer and 3rd.

The group plans to develop an I-pod walking tour of the Historic Eastside, create a story corps of volunteers to conduct oral interviews with long time residents and plans to coordinate with Channel 3 Longmont to create a documentary of the neighborhood.

If you have any information or would like to get involved please contact Tanya Ferencek at 303 651-8794

FAREWELL TO MOUNTAIN LAUREL SHOP

You may have noticed that a long-time business in the Historic Eastside is now gone. The Mountain Laurel shop, next to Luciles Creole

Restaurant on Kimbark was one of the nice quiet businesses that made for a good transition from downtown into our neighborhood. They sold gifts, knick knacks, crafts and collectible items. The kind of shop that women love and men don't. They did have

one bench for the men to sit on while their wives shopped, but it was a little hard. The owner was going to get a couch, but she decided to retire. Instead of going through the hassle of selling the business, she just closed up shop. It's unknown if there are any

plans to reopen it as a gift shop again. Thank you, Mountain Laurel Shop, for your long years being a mainstay of the businesses on Kimbark. You will be missed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 9th, 7:30 pm, HENA monthly meeting, Council Chambers
- November 16th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Deborah Stafford Jazz Trio at Storyville, 3rd and Main St.
- November 18th 7:00 - 11:00 pm, Art opening, 546 Atwood, featuring the art of Luke Orsborne (refreshments will be served)
- December 9th, 3:00 pm, HENA Holiday Party, Collyer Park
- December 9th, 5:00 pm, Longmont Hometown Holiday Parade
- December 14th, 7:00pm HENA monthly meeting, Council Chambers
- December 31st, 8:30 - 12:30 Old Town New Year's Eve Gala at the Historic Callahan House. For ticket info call 303 772-0967

If you would like us to include your event in the calendar call Cindi Indermill at 720 494-8756