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## Old Fashioned Fun at Fourth of July Picnic

**Where: Montclair Park**

**When: July 4th, 10am - 2pm**

Come one, come all to the annual HMCAI Independence Day Picnic. The Historic Montclair Community Association will provide soft drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon, salads, chips, and other goodies. All for free!

Kids of all ages are invited to participate in the annual Bike Parade. Dress your bikes, tricycles, and wagons up in patriotic attire and then ride the parade route. The parade will begin at 11 am.

The Dixieland Express returns to jazz things up from 11 to 2 pm. If the music doesn't get you moving, then maybe the relay races and games will.

Seating is limited to several picnic tables, so you might want to bring along blankets or chairs.

The Picnic is the time to join or renew your membership in HMCAI. A membership table will be set up as usual, to accept your dues for next year. Please bring the membership coupon in this newsletter. Use block letters when printing names and addresses, especially email addresses, to prevent errors. Many thanks for your continued support of HMCAI.

The HMCAI Picnic is our biggest annual event and also our biggest expense. It has always been free to our Historic Montclair neighbors, whether or not you are HMCAI neighbors. If you don't join us, you are still invited to attend. A donation to help defray expenses would be welcome. See the donation jar on the food table.

Whether you are new or old to the neighborhood, this gathering is the place to be on the Fourth of July!

## Upcoming Events

Movie Night - Join your neighbors for a classic film under the stars in Molkeny Park Wednesday, August 9th. Popcorn will be provided. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverages.

Cocktail Party at the Molkeny - Get to know your neighbors at this adults-only event Friday, September 8th from 6 to 8 pm. Mark your calendars.

Watch for details on these events in future HMCAI emails and on our website at [www.historicmontclair.org](http://www.historicmontclair.org).

## Lost Leaders

In preparation for the celebration of HMCAI's 100th birthday next year, we are compiling a list of our past presidents. At least we're trying to. Unfortunately, association records for many years are lost, strayed, incomplete or otherwise unavailable. Perhaps tucked away decades ago for safekeeping in a former board member's attic. And then forgotten. We'd be thrilled to hear from you if you possess, have access to, or know the whereabouts of any pre-1983 newsletters, annual reports, minutes of board meetings, or others records containing names of past presidents. We promise to return such records after perusing them. If you can help with this project, please contact Veronica Dolan at 303-388-5432 or [drv1@qwest.net](mailto:drv1@qwest.net).

## 2nd GRADE DESTINATION IMAGINATION TEAM GOES TO GLOBAL FINALS!

by Shannon Hagerman, Montclair Elementary Principal

It's been an exciting spring for a team of 2nd grade students from Montclair. After participating in the district's Destination ImagiNation competition in March, *The 7 Eagles* were invited to attend the Global Finals at the University of Tennessee. Destination ImagiNation is a program that builds students' creativity, problem solving, and teamwork while working together to apply their skills and talents to solve challenges. This team has been coached by volunteer Casey Nikoloric and teacher Anne Jacobs for the past two years. Congratulations to the entire team!

On May 13th friends and neighbors came out to support the 2nd Annual Montclair Plant Sale & Fun Fair. With the sale of over 400 flats of gorgeous plants and vibrant flowers, not to mention hundreds of hot dogs, this was one of the school's most successful fundraising efforts to date! It was a great community event with families coming together to join in the fun by jumping in the castle, having their faces painted, and running through the obstacle course. Without the gardening expertise and organization of parent, Amy Johnson and community volunteer, Lisa Davis, none of this would have been possible. Special thanks also to our highly energetic and dedicated PTA.

As you may be aware, we are working diligently to raise funds in order to upgrade and improve our school playground. We have set a goal to raise \$100,000 to purchase new equipment and make some basic improvements. To date, through the generosity of private donations, we have raised just over \$12,000. We are

currently in the initial planning and design phase and would value community input and assistance. Please contact PTA Vice-President Anne Kerlin at [kerlin5@comcast.net](mailto:kerlin5@comcast.net) for further information.

Another great success at Montclair this year has been our incredible Visual Arts program. Teacher and artist Angelia McLean has worked tirelessly with all students from Kindergarten to 5th grade to expose them to a variety of artistic techniques while developing their knowledge of art history. As a part of our earth day celebration students folded 1,000 origami paper cranes to create a breathtaking exhibit in the school's main lobby. Montclair was the recipient of an award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in recognition of this beautiful display.

We are thrilled to announce that Montclair showed a sizable gain of 14% in the recently released 3rd grade reading CSAP scores! This is a true testament to the high quality teaching and learning that takes place at Montclair everyday for every student.

Finally, enrollment continues to increase with families from other reputable nearby schools making the choice to come to Montclair. Space is still available at all grade levels. For the upcoming school year we will have 2 full-day kindergarten programs as well as a half-day program. If interested, I encourage you to contact me to arrange a tour. I can be reached by e-mail at [shannon\\_hagerman@dpsk12.org](mailto:shannon_hagerman@dpsk12.org) or visit our school website at <http://montclair.dpsk12.org> to learn more about all of the exciting things taking place at Montclair. Have a happy and safe summer!

### HMCAI Board for 2006-2007

Years lived in Montclair shown within ( ); previous terms on board shown within [ ].

#### Officers:

**President:** Nancy Mucker (4) [2] Business analyst, Oppenheimer Funds, Inc. Chair of Molkery events committee. First term as president.

**1st Vice Pres.:** Katy Saunders (5) [2] Realtor. Pilot. Retired jockey. On Montclair School committee. New mother of Sarah Mackenzie Saunders. First term as officer.

**2nd Vice Pres.:** Carrie O'Shea: (35+) [3]. Tour director, currently a stay-at-home mom with first child, Eve Marie, 14 months. Second term at 2nd Vice President.

**Treasurer:** Gail Barry: (30+) [6] Practicing landscape architect. Member Molkery committee since 1996. Also served as HMCAI treasurer last year.

**Secretary:** Pat Rozack: (14) [2] Tutor at Montclair School, volunteer at Arthritis Foundation and Rose lunch bunch. 3rd term as HMCAI secretary

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## HMCAI Board for 2006-2007 *(continued)*

### At-Large Board Members:

Matt Bortz (30+) [4] President, SportsHD Productions. Was HMCAI President past two years.  
Veronica Dolan (40) [19] Novelist, PR consultant. Edited newsletter for 13+ years.  
Larry Farin (28) [14] Attorney. Former member Lowry economic advisory committee.  
Bill Hansen (11) [2] Attorney, author, historian. Served on original Molkeny committee.  
Kathy Lamos (19) [8] Director of leadership development. Past president of HMCAI.  
Jerry Malia (7) [4] Real estate agent. Advertising director for HMCAI newsletter.  
David McCord (31) [10] Retired city planner, Aurora. Past president of HMCAI.  
Ted Reece Printing business, HMCAI volunteer. New to neighborhood.  
Beckett Stokes (6) [2] Director of Communications, Episcopal Diocese of Colo.  
Paul Tremontozzi (4) [1] Architect. Preservationist interested in architectural history.

Board members have lived 264 years in Montclair and served 79 years on board.

## What Goes On At St. Luke's Episcopal Church? *by Beckett Stokes*

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, on the corner of 13th and Poplar, is a familiar landmark for Montclair residents, and one of the original buildings in Montclair. St. Luke's was the first church in the area, established in 1890, and, says Rector Doug Dunn, "It has always been the community's church." St. Luke's history is also tightly connected to the establishment of the Episcopal Church in Colorado's frontier. The church was built to serve the growing community of Montclair, and to serve as a chapel for Jarvis Hall, an Episcopal military academy. While Jarvis Hall is long gone, St. Luke's continues to be a vital part of the neighborhood.

Several neighborhood organizations - including HMCAI and the East Montclair Neighborhood Association - have met there over the years, and the church hosts numerous activities for people of all ages. The St. Luke's community is currently looking forward to its annual Balloon Sunday in September, when prayer requests from parishioners are sent flying on the tails of balloons. The parish has also launched a new web site - [www.lukeonline.org](http://www.lukeonline.org) - where you can see more history, and learn more about worship and other activities. St. Luke's offers educational activities and service opportunities for all ages. For more information, stop by or contact The Rev. Doug Dunn at 303-355-2331.



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## Restaurant Review *by Jerry Malia*

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Another neighborhood favorite strikes a home run locally with Montclair and Mayfair residents and has a strong following from around the metro area! Every Friday and Saturday the parking lot overflows onto E. Severn Place and Poplar Street. So a local insider advises: "Invite the neighbors, walk over early, snicker at the parking fiasco and enjoy the walk home". Amenities such as great restaurants are a true source of value to any neighborhood.

Upon entering, you first experience the unmistakable wafting of Asian cooking. There is an excitement among the staff, an eagerness to satisfy your hunger quickly and with respect. Once seated you begin to notice the serenity and calmness that the other guests are experiencing. Begin with traditional crispy spring rolls or the chicken satay served with Thai peanut sauce. Steamed dumplings are always a favorite and the vegetable, chicken or shrimp tempura is done to perfection. Also available are miso, wonton, and chicken coconut, Thai

hot and sour and Sandon hot and sour soups as well as seaweed, Thai beef or grilled shrimp salads.

Vietnamese rice noodle bowls include lettuce, cucumber, bean sprouts, green onions, and crushed peanuts and are served with a chili lime sauce. The noodle bowls may be ordered with tofu or Vietnamese egg, chicken, beef, pork or shrimp. Pad Thai, Thailand's best known noodle dish, along with drunken noodles, pad se-lew, Hong Kong noodles, lo mein, tempura udon and yaki udon are also available. Green curry, panang, pineapple curry and peanut curry (my favorite) are Thai curries that can be paired with chicken, beef, tofu or shrimp.

Entrees are served with steamed rice and are your choice of seafood, beef, chicken or tofu that range from hot and spicy to mild and succulent. "One Night in Bangkok" is a soft shell crab, breaded and sautéed with karee curry. Satay beef has tender slices of beef tossed with Thai peanut sauce. Yushan chicken is a wok-tossed chicken with fresh vegetable in a spicy garlic sauce. Lemongrass pork chops are pork loin grilled with sweet chili sauce, lemongrass and garlic.

My family has the privilege of walking to Moongate, and we wish the same for your family. You will be impressed. You will return with your friends because you will want to share our neighborhood secret with everyone you know. Be sure to avoid the parking and you'll consistently have the same result: happy, contented, and impressed.

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## Construction of Pipelines and Pump Station for 11th & Quebec *by Gail Barry*

As some of you may know, and others have observed, things are happening at Montclair Reservoir at 11th & Quebec and the small pump station across the street in the park. Plans include the demolition of the south half of the existing underground reservoir, construction of a new pump station for recycled water on the reservoir site and installation of pipes to get the water from the new recycled water plant to this reservoir.

The existing reservoir was constructed in the late 1930's. It and the pump station have not been in use for the past 25 years. Denver Water continued to maintain the sites and leased the soccer fields on top of the reservoir to Denver Parks and Recreation. Many of our children have played soccer on those fields. The north end of the site (one field) will be used for another season. New soccer fields are available at Lowry and parks at both Stapleton and Lowry are prime for use of recycled water for irrigation. Eventually (circa 2011), as demand for more recycled water grows, a new reservoir for recycled water will be added to the north half of the site.

Demolition began in early May. The entire project is expected to be completed in about 14 months. The new pump station will be about 130 x 50 feet. It will be two stories high with wide alternating bands of copper and tan brick. The front will be about 90 feet east of Quebec and 140 feet north of 11th Ave. The pump site will have parking for 12 cars, will be surrounded by an ornamental iron fence and be landscaped to enhance the site's appearance.

As to the pipes: Conduit 307 will connect the new pump station to an existing conduit near 10th & Clayton. This conduit will cross Denison Park and Quebec Street and connect to the pump station. This is scheduled to begin in June or July of 2006. Notices were sent in mid May to residents who live within two blocks of the route. Additional notices will be delivered to those directly on the route as the pipeline project progresses.

Conduit 303 will connect the new pump station to an existing conduit to supply recycled water to some parks at Stapleton. It will go under 11th Ave. between the pump station and Syracuse and extend under Syracuse to Montview Blvd. Construction is scheduled to begin in later summer 2006.

Conduit 306 will deliver recycled water to a golf course and some parks in Lowry. It will run under 12th Ave. to Ulster, turn and follow a utility easement in Heritage Estates parking lot, proceed east through an easement on the north end of Lowry Heights, through an easement on the west side of the Post Office, cross 11th Ave. and connect to an existing pipeline in Lowry. This is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2006.

Denver Water knows that this project will be an inconvenience to the neighborhoods. They plan to work closely with the contractors to limit the impacts. However, these will be active construction sites and impacts to all will be unavoidable. Information updates will be posted on the Denver Water web site at [www.denverwater.org/work](http://www.denverwater.org/work). For more information contact Joe Sloan, Community Relations, 303 628-6320, [joseph.sloan@denverwater.org](mailto:joseph.sloan@denverwater.org).

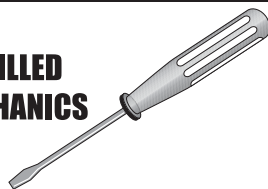
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Many of you have had trouble remembering the beginning and end of our membership year because we split it along unusual lines, Oct. 1-Sept. 30. If you don't know dates dues are due, it's hard determining membership status without a cancelled check or total recall about paying cash at the picnic. Now we think we've solved the problem. Sort of. Maybe.

This year, when you pay your dues at the picnic, you will be paying for the entire 2007 calendar year. No more Oct. 1-Sept. 30 year. You pay in July 2006 for all of 2007. Easy. Simple. Especially if you come to the picnic with check in hand and membership form (from Page 7 of this newsletter) all filled out in **BLOCK LETTERS**. So there is less chance of a mix up since the back of the form contains your mailing label. Please fill out the form today and write your check - made out to HMCAI - and put both in a place where you can find them readily when you leave home July 4th and head for Montclair Park and the picnic. You will have our sincere thanks.

If you don't or can't come to the picnic, you're invited to fill out the membership form on page 7 and mail with your check to: HMCAI Treasurer, PO Box 200125, Denver, CO 80220-0125.

If you pay dues after the picnic, July 5 through December 31, you will also be paying for all of 2007. In July 2007, when we celebrate our 100th birthday, you'll pay dues for all of 2008. Simple. Easy. No more split membership years.

## White Elephant Sale

The annual White Elephant Sale to benefit St. James Catholic School is set for Thursday, August 3, through Saturday, August 5. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale of thousands of gently used items will be held in the school's basement, with entrance from the parking lot at Oneida and 13th. All items will have price tags. White elephants remaining on the last day of the sale will be sold at half price.

Sale items are now being solicited. They include books, artworks, children's clothing, bedding, patio furniture, kitchenware and most other household items. Donations can be bagged or boxed and left outside the school doors facing the Oneida St. parking lot until the week before the benefit.

To make arrangements for pickup of furniture and other heavy items, donors should contact committee members Cathy Jochem (303-333-2529), Mike Regan (303-393-8463) or Jane Moore (303-333-9775).

The annual sale is a popular event at St. James and last year raised \$14,000 for the school.

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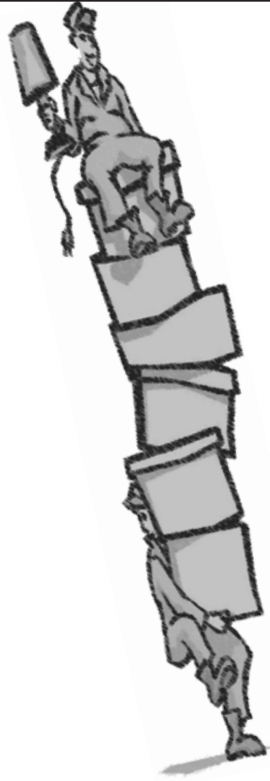
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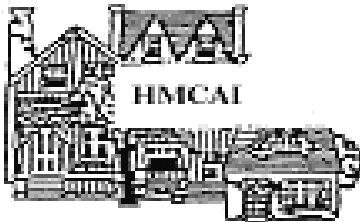
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