# HISTORIC EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



"A Neighborhood is preserved one house at a time"

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 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

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#### LAST WINE TASTING OF THE SEASON

The last wine tasting of the 2006 season will be at 204 4th Avenue on September 29th at 7:00 pm. This is the home of Terah Kivi and the Morningside Montessori School (caring for children from 2 1/2 - 6 years old). The featured wine will be

Cabernet Sauvignon. Please fully decorated home. The bring either wine or food. featured wines were from

The last wine tasting at Terry and Raymond Amos', was well attended and a huge success. The attendees were treated to an elegant garden setting and beautifully decorated home. The featured wines were from Oregon. Some of the most popular ones being A to Z Pinot Gregio, Blue Moon Chardonnay, and Carabella Pinot Gris.

Homes are being sought for

next year's wine tastings, dates to be determined in '07. Call Lou at 303 774-1977 to volunteer. Every year new hosts are needed. All of our past hosts have been wonderful and we thank them very much.

#### It's Our Park!

Is it the trees? The lighting? The bathrooms? The new playground equipment? The possible gazebo? The picnic structures? or even the garbage cans? What is important to Eastside Residents?

You've seen the surveys and heard about the Collyer Park Master Plan. Since the last survey, a committee has been meeting, reviewing and discussing everyone's suggestions to determine the options that best fit our neighborhood. Now this is the FINAL CHANCE to

review the survey results and see the choices we have for changes in Collyer Park.

PLEASE join your neighbors on Thursday, September 14th at 7:30 pm in the Longmont City Council Chambers for a high-tech, fun, interactive vote on the the improvements that will be made to Collyer Park.



## HERITAGE FESTIVAL AND FUND RAISER

The Community of Christ Church is the white frame church building built in 1924 at 641 Martin st. and recently designated as a Longmont Historic Landmark. The congregation contributes much to our community including the after-school homework program, and providing a location for the HENA English and Spanish classes in the fall.

The congregation is working to preserve the historic integrity of their building. They have applied for a grant from the Colorado Historic Trust Fund to help fund the renovations.

You are invited to help celebrate and support the renovation project by attending the Heritage Festival and Fund raiser Saturday, September 16th, 2006, 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Enjoy a Mexican dinner, music and a silent auction. Donations will be accepted.

#### REVITALIZATION UPDATES

Home **Improvement** Grants: 104 homes in the **HENA** neighborhood Home applied for Improvement Grants which totaled over \$250,000 in grant money requested. With only \$30,000 in available grant money to give away, the selection process will be quite competitive. The Home Improvement Grant committee is in the process of reviewing and scoring the applications. All applicants will be notified by mail about the status of their grant applications by the end of September 2006.

On Street Parking Inventory: Part of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan includes adding "Do Not Park from Here to Corner" signage to the corners where parking is a problem and traffic is bad. Let us know if there is a corner that needs a sign! E-mail Mary Jo milusnak@vahoo.com or call Tanya Ferencak at 303 651-8794.

Sidewalk Inventory: Currently neighborhood volunteers are taking inventory of the neighborhood looking for damaged or broken sidewalks. Once the information is compiled it will be turned in to Mica Zogorski at the City of Longmont who will then place the identified sidewalks on a priority list for replacement or repair. If you are aware of a sidewalk in the neighborhood that needs repair contact Tanya Ferencak at 303 651-8794.

Preservation: Historic The Historic preservation committee is currently compiling all known written and documented historic information about the Historic Eastside. The goal of bringing all this information together is to create more awareness of the historic importance of the HENA neighborhood and promote the value of historic preservation within neighborhood boundaries. The group plans to develop an I-pod walking tour of the Historic Eastside, creating a "Story Corps" Volunteers to conduct oral interviews with long time residents and gather life experiences. There are also plans to create a documentary about the neighborhood for channel 3. Contact Tanya for info. 303 651-8794

#### NEW HENA Officers!

HENA officer elections were held on Thursday, august 10th in the City of Longmont Council Chambers. The results of those elections follow:

Welcome to incoming Copresidents, Cindi Indermill

and Maggie Van Vliet! Heart-felt thanks to out going Co-presidents Sarah Levison and Deborah Stafford.

Welcome and best wishes to incoming Treasurer, Ron Collins! Thanks to outgoing Treasurer, Cindi Indermill and best of luck in your new role as Co-President.

Retained with much appreciation, Newsletter Editor Deborah Stafford.

Welcome and much appreciation to incoming Co-Secretaries, Lois Cartier and Mary Jo Lusnak.

Welcome to incoming Website Coordinator, Mary Jo Lusnak.

The neighborhood appreciates the efforts of all elected officers and the years of support they have provided.



### Eastside vs Westside

On sunday, August 27th the Historic Eastside met up with the Historic Westside at Collyer Park to redeem ourselves after last year's softball game defeat. the day started with a great kids game, with over 25 kids from both neighborhoods participating. The teams were split, with players from both sides on both teams - so everyone was a winner! After a great lunch of burgers, hot dogs, and delicious sides and desserts, plans for the adult game got

under way. It was decided that there were not enough adults to play a good softball game, so a rousing game of volleyball was begun. Two games later, the Historic Eastside had reclaimed neighborhood dignity by soundly defeating the Westies. Plans were made for next year's game and a possible fall event with Westsiders. Overall a great way to meet neighbors and spend a Sunday afternoon. Special thanks to Bob at Abbondanza Pizzeria on Main St. for the use of his grill and to Melinda Anderson for coordinating the event!

#### RAIN HOLDS OFF FOR YARD SALE

Good fortune smiled upon the Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale this year. After an early morning shower threatened to put a damper on the sale, the weather held steady until, literally, minutes after the 1:00 pm ending time the rain began to fall again! Shoppers did not seem to be dissuaded by gray skies and were seen walking and driving slowly throughout our neighborhood, seeking bargains. 41 homes registered this year, spread throughout neighborhood. While sale

success may have varied from home to home, once again, many people reported being pleased to clean out their houses, find new homes for their treasures, and have the opportunity to meet neighbors and others who were following the yard sale trail.

Start saving your stuff for next year's sale! For any clothing furniture, baby equipment, or housewares in good condition that you wish to donate, please contact the O.U.R Center, 303 772-5529.

# HENA MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was held at 7:30pm on Thursday August 13th, 2006 at the Longmont Civic Center Council Chambers. There were 12 neighbors in attendance. Also attending was Tanva Ferencak, Neighborhood Revitalization Specialist for the City of Longmont. The July minutes were reviewed and approved.

HENA Officer Elections:
Nominations were made and
then a vote was taken (see
above article) All nominations
were single and all votes were
unanimous. The group gave a
round of applause the thanks
to departing Co-Presidents
Sarah Levison and Deborah
Stafford for their many dedicated years of service to
HENA.

Revitalization Plan Report: from Tanya Ferencak. (see article on first page)

New Cultural Diversity Committee - this committee will be in charge of overseeing Spanish and English lessons and promoting cultural Diversity in the neighborhood. Preliminary plans are to hold weekly classes at The Community of Christ Church (641 Martin St.) and to include a blended class once a month to practice speaking together. The first committee meeting will be held Aug. 17th at 7pm at the church. The Code Enforcement officer position for the HENA and Kensington neighborhoods is open and taking applications once again. The candidate recently found had to decline for health

CDBG Project Updates:

The damaged monument sign

on Collyer st. is in the midst of being repaired.

New Business: The Eastside/Westside softball game has been scheduled for August 27th in Collyer Park. Melinda Anderson will be coordinating the event. The picnic will be in the southwest shelter with games played in the Columbine Elementary School Playground. Flyers were handed out for the Aug. 26th Neighborhood Yard Sale.

A State Historical Society workshop was attended by HENA residents Glen Sherwood, Maggie Van Vliet, Sharon O'Leary and Sarah Levison. The workshop provided information on how to apply for State Historical Society Grants. The possibility of using Revitalization Grant money as matching funds for one of these grants was discussed. HENA would

be able to apply with other organizations like the city of Longmont or the St. Vrain School district.

The request was made that Wine Tasting Hosts indicate whether their event was "kids welcome" or not.

A Suggestion was made to consider moving the monthly meeting to a rotating day of the week to accommodate those with different schedules. Wednesday and Thursdays seemed to have the best potential. One Saturday meeting per year was also considered. Other suggestions included adding childcare and food. The new co-presidents agreed to look into making a change for next year. Any changes would be published in the newsletter with plenty of notice.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.