

HISTORIC EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



"A NEIGHBORHOOD IS PRESERVED ONE HOUSE AT A TIME"

MAY - JUNE 2008

Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers, Civic Center, 3rd and Kimbark. Questions? Want to get involved? Call Cindi Indermill at (720) 494-8756
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NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The City of Longmont's Neighborhood Group Leaders Association voted to accept our grant request for \$8875 to further the Collyer Park Master Plan. The grant requested money for:

- Pavillion lighting with motion detection (safety

improvement for the park)

- A kiosk to post neighborhood news

- Landscaping around the Buffalo tree sculpture for a "prairie grasses" look

- Improvements for the area near the volley ball court that includes a park bench, a trash receptacle, a bike rack

and a flower bed.

HENA Collyer Park Committee volunteers will be helping out with the project doing some of the work and reviewing plans with the Parks Dept to get the new equipment in place.

Please email mjlusnak@yahoo.com if you're interested in volunteering. Thanks to Bob Carlson, Lois Cartier, Mary Jo Lusnak and Sharon O'Leary for their time spent researching and writing this grant.

WINE TASTING

Come and join your friends and neighbors for the kick-off of HENA wine tastings beginning at 7:00pm, on May 9th. Our first gathering will be departure from our usual routine. We will gather in the bar area/patio at Tony Rigatoni's - 526 Main

Street. Rather than bringing wine, or food, Rigatoni's will provide beverages at Happy Hour prices as well as half-price appetizers. As some of you know Rigatoni's is under new ownership and anxious to re-introduce you to good food and service. The weather should be pleasant and their back patio open. A second gathering is

scheduled for 7:00 p.m., July 26th at the home of Ted and Glenda Rogers - 426 Emery Street. This will be an adults-only gathering. The featured wine will be one of your choice. Please bring either wine or food (appetizers) to share.

We still need hosts for late summer/early fall tastings. All you have to do is volun-

teer your house, other people bring the wine and goodies and even provide the glasses! Call Bob Carlson 303 774-1977 to get your date.



HENA ANNUAL YARD SALE RETURNS

As you begin your Spring cleaning, don't forget to start setting aside your "stuff" for the annual HENA yard sale. This year's yard sale will be held on Saturday, August 23. We have averaged 35 - 40 participating homes each year and the sale has drawn large crowds of shoppers to our neighborhood. Watch for details in the next newsletter or call Colette, 303-678-1642, for more information.

SUMMER PICNIC

HENA will celebrate the end of the summer with a picnic in Collyer Park. Last year's event was very popular. A volunteer is needed to organize this event. Please call or email Mary Jo Lusnak at 303-682-2625 or mjlusnak@yahoo.com if you are interested in organizing this event.



POLICE

The Longmont Police Dept. has contacted HENA to provide information to the neighborhood on how they can be reached. As always, if you have an emergency requiring immediate police assistance, call 9-1-1. But if you have an on-going problem solving request, a beat officer can assist you according to their schedules.

Currently, HENA beat officers are lead by Sgt. Chris

Schmad (303-774-4839; Fri-Mon 9pm - 7am). Assisting Chris are officers Andy Feaster (303-774-4300 ext. 3113; Fri-Mon 6:30am-4:30pm), Melinda Burnett (303-774-4300 ext. 3183; Wed-Sat 9pm - 7am), Stacey Graham (303-774-4300 ext. 4099; Mon-Thurs 2pm - 12am) and Staci Stallings (303-774-4300 ext. 4025; Fri-Mon 9pm - 7am).

This information is also on the HENA website along with beat officer email addresses.

HENA ZONING

Several neighbors have suggested that the time may be right to petition for a change in zoning designation for the HENA neighborhood from the current RLE to R1(residential single-family dwellings). RLE stands for "Residential Low Density Established" This zone is designed to "preserve predominantly residential areas that were substantially developed prior to 1940, and to promote appropriate redevelopment consistent with the single-family heritage and design character of the neighborhood, such that overall density of the district does not exceed six units per acre." Under this zoning, depending on the number of houses versus acreage on a block, a new multi family dwelling could be constructed in the HENA neighborhood or a lot could be split to build an additional house (Note: a lot split was recently approved at Atwood and 5th) If you are interested in this issue and could lead or join a task force to correct it that would help the neighborhood immensely!

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION

We were recently asked about the steps and benefits of having a property designated an historic landmark. The City may consider designating a landmark if the landmark is at least 50 years old or has significant historic value such as site of a significant historic event or identified with someone who significantly contributed to the development or cultural, social, institutional heritage of Longmont. Designation of a landmark by the City is a formal recognition of a landmark's/property's contribution as an historic resource in the community. Applications, usually submitted by the property owner, are reviewed by the City's Historic Preservation Commission and approved by City Council. There is no application fee. If your home is surveyed by the Revitalization Plan's historic survey all the research will be done and your application will be processed quickly.

Some of the benefits to being designated are:

- Eligibility for the City's building permit fee waiver and sales and use tax rebate program
- Eligibility for State and Federal tax credits

- A bronze plaque provided by the City for display on the property. Historic Eastside Neighborhood currently has 40 properties designated as historic landmarks with many other properties that could qualify.

The criteria for State Income Tax Credit Program to rehabilitate a property are: 1. The structure must be over 50 years old 2. The property must be designated as an historic landmark or be a contributing property within a designated historic district - HENA has a National Historic District - 3. Applicant must be the property owner 4. Rehabilitation costs must be at least \$5000 and 5. The project must be completed in 24 months.(exterior painting is covered)

The City has a liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission who coordinates the application through the designation process and is available to answer questions on the benefits and restrictions of designation, the process itself and can provide information and forms for applying for State Historical Preservation Tax Credit. Contact Brien Schumacher at 303 651 8764 or e-mail brien.schumacher@ci.longmont.co.us

HENA E-MAIL & WEBSITE

HENA's electronic message distribution is managed using a Yahoo! Group called CO_HENA. To send a message to the group, address your email to co_hena@yahoo.com. That's it! You must be a group member to send. Please limit this email group for HENA and neighborhood related news. To request an invitation to join, please send an email to mjlsnak@yahoo.com. Our website address is www.neighborhoodlink.com/longmont/hena/

MEETING DATES FOR 2008

HENA meetings in 2008 are scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of the month on alternating months starting in January. All meetings are at 7:30pm in the Longmont Civic Center Council Chambers. Our next meeting is May 8th followed by July 10th, Sept. 11th and Nov 13th. Co-leaders Bob & Mary Jo propose a change to quarterly meetings in 2009. Vote at May meeting.

SUMMARY OF REVITALIZATION GRANT FUND USAGE

The \$100,000 Revitalization Grant awarded to the Historic Eastside in 2005 was spent in full by the end of 2007 as required. (Note: some contract work will be completed in 2008) The receipt of this grant provided wonderful opportunities for our neighborhood. Thanks are due to many neighbors who worked hard to make this happen: starting with the writing of the grant, followed by the many, many meetings and surveys that determined how to spend the funds and then, finally, the work (and more meetings) required to put our plan into action. So many neighbors were involved in this effort that names cannot be listed here. Special thanks are also due to the dedicated City of Longmont employees that helped us through this process and worked right along with us.

In 2005, the HENA Neighborhood Revitalization Plan was written based on input from neighborhood surveys and meetings. The plan was divided into focus areas and assigned funding based on the area's importance to the neighborhood. A committee of volunteers from the neighborhood was organized for each focus area to work on spending the \$100,000. This article will provide a brief summary of what was accomplished. To see the Revitalization Plan and other associated documents, go to the HENA website.

The "Pride in Residence" focus area received 39% of the grant funds. The largest expenditure was for home improvements grants. The number of grant applications and funding requests was extremely large compared to the \$30,000 budget. There were 104 applications requesting approx. \$250,000. Since the neighborhood surveys indicated that our old trees were a priority, tree trimming requests for front and side yard trees were funded for 12 residents. This work was performed under a single contract (to get a discount) for approx.

\$8700.00. The remaining grant funds were awarded to 14 residents for home maintenance projects such as painting, foundation repair, front porch restoration and new doors. "Pride in Residence" also funded the alley clean ups and June 2007 large item pick-up (approx. \$9400.00) as well as the children's "jump castle" at the 2007 Summer picnic in Collier Park.

The "Collyer Park" focus area received 26% of the funding. The park was improved by the purchase and installation of historic lighting and wrought iron waste cans that were identified in the Collyer Park Master Plan. In addition, funds were spent to conduct a survey about the park. Based on this survey and a well attended neighborhood meeting, design standards were set to further clarify the Master Plan. The Park committee used these standards to modify the design of the park's new bathroom. The committee also initiated The Art in Public Places funded project that transformed a large tree stump into a carved buffalo head.

The "Historic Preservation" focus area received 16% of the funding. Signs were purchased for the top of street signs on the perimeter of the HENA neighborhood that will display our horse and buggy logo. A plaque was purchased for the front of Community of Christ Church stating its history. The remaining funds (\$15,000) were used for a historic survey of HENA homes. The survey will be performed in early 2008 on 35 homes total including the 800 block of Emery, 800 block of Kimbark, 300 block of 9th Avenue and the 100 - 300 blocks of 8th Avenue."

The "Community Forest" focus area also received 16% of the funding which provided the city forester with \$16,000 to plant trees in the city right of way throughout the HENA neighborhood.

The remaining 3% was spent on "Community Involvement" focus area funding Spanish and English classes plus numerous community meeting expenses and expenses for surveys and mailings.