

# HISTORIC EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



"A NEIGHBORHOOD IS PRESERVED ONE HOUSE AT A TIME"

AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2009

Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers, Civic Center, 3rd and Kimbark. Questions? Want to get involved? Call Bob Carlson at (303) 774-1977  
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## WINE TASTINGS

The summer has been a little hectic but we do have a firm date for an early fall gathering.

Bob Carlson will host a wine tasting at his home, 501 Emery Street, 7pm on September 18th. Wine selection will be your

choice or to make it more amusing bring an outrageously labeled wine. Please bring food to share instead of/or in addition to



the wine. We will post reminders on the HENA Yahoo Group web site as the date approaches. We are working on another gathering in November and will announce that later.

Please note that the August 28th Wine Tasting has been

cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Please let Bob Carlson know if you would like to volunteer to host a wine tasting at your home, it's a fun way to meet your neighbors!

## NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Don't miss out on our neighborhood's largest event! Join your neighbors on Saturday August 22, 8am - 1pm, for the annual Historic Eastside neighborhood yard sale. Take advantage of this great opportunity to clean out your home, garage, and yard while earning some cash. The cost to participate is only \$3 which includes an address listing

in the Times-Call and Craig's List as well as an address listing with up to 5 items on a map/flyer that is available at certain locations on the morning of the sale. Signs are also strategically placed around the neighborhood. The sale brings crowds of shoppers (we typically hand out 175 - 200 flyers and have about 35 homes participating). Most importantly, though, the sale is known for its social aspect. This is a fun way to catch up with and meet neighbors as well as to

take home that special something your neighbor may be selling. Register by August 17 with Colette Lottor at 303-678-1642 or [rejcb1@msn.com](mailto:rejcb1@msn.com).

The bigger the sale, the more people will stop, so get your neighbors to join you in one large sale or have several going on the same block. People who would like to sell but are concerned they are on a low traffic street can be paired with someone on a busier street.

## HENA Meetings

HENA meetings in 2009 have been held on a quarterly basis since January. All meetings are at 7:30 pm in the Longmont Civic Center Council Chambers on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Our last meeting of the year will be October 8. Since attendance to monthly and the quarterly meetings has been rather sparse it has been decided to have only an annual meeting. This meeting will take place at our neighborhood picnic. If events significantly affecting the neighborhood occur and make it necessary for additional meetings, we will post it on the HENA Yahoo Group site. Be assured we will tend to the neighborhood's business with diligence in all cases.

## HISTORIC TAX CREDITS

The current historic preservation state income tax credit program runs through the end of the year. Eligible properties include historic landmarks and contributing properties with a national historic district, such as the Historic Eastside District. Tax credit applications submitted and receiving preliminary approval by December are eligible to receive tax credits in the year that the improvements are completed. With the State legislature's recent reauthorization of the tax credit program, tax credit applications submitted and receiving preliminary

approval starting in 2010 may be subject to deferral of tax credits depending on the status of the state budget. Tax credit applications are submitted through the City of Longmont and reviewed by the Longmont Historic Preservation Commission. Please contact the City of Longmont Planning office for more information on the program.

In conjunction with City Council's approval of the First Baptist Church at 701 Kimbark Street as a local historic landmark, City Council asked City staff to look at the possibility of expansion of the Historic Eastside District based on

historical surveys completed in the neighborhood and subsequent designations of historic landmarks. The Historic Preservation Commission discussed the idea of expanding the district at their meeting on August 6th and agreed that expansion of the district should be considered. Expansion of the national historic district would not place any regulatory requirements on properties, but it could provide potential economic incentives for contributing properties within the district. This topic will be scheduled for discussion at a future meeting of the Historic Eastside Neighborhood Association.

## Fire Safety

Remember to test your smoke alarms each month. If residents need smoke alarms and cannot afford them, the Longmont Fire Dept. will be happy to provide them at no cost. Contact 303-651-8437 for more information.

## HENA "ADOPTS" COLLYER PARK

Over the years, HENA has spent many volunteer hours and grant dollars to improve Collyer Park. Now, we are going to take it one step further and officially "adopt" Collyer Park as part of the City of Longmont's Adopt-A-Park program. This program was created to enlist community support and 'hands on' assistance with park maintenance as well as instill community pride and a sense of ownership in these facilities. HENA will have a contract with the City's Parks Dept. to do regular once per month clean-up duties such as sweeping the sidewalks and pavilions, raking the playground's sand and removing trash. There will also be some seasonal opportunities such as flower bed planting and up-keep, tree care and fall cleanup. This program is a great opportunity to help the city continue to keep our park looking its best during the current budget crunch. Please consider donating some of your time. Most months, it will only take about 1 hour. Form a block group and volunteer one month or make it a fun family volunteering outing! When volunteers are needed, a notice will be sent via the Yahoo Groups email and the park's new message center to be located by the sidewalk on the Longs Peak side of the park. The Adopt-A-Park leader is Mary Jo Lusnak. Please contact her if you have questions or suggestions: [mjlusnak@yahoo.com](mailto:mjlusnak@yahoo.com) or 303-682-2625.

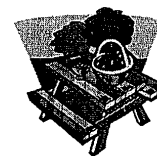
## HENA SUMMER PICNIC

Please join us for the annual HENA Summer Picnic on Saturday Aug 29th, 4:30pm at Collyer Park SW Shelter. This event is funded by a grant from the City of Longmont. HENA will provide free beverages, burgers and hotdogs. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Once again, there will be a "Bouncy Castle" for the kids to enjoy. schedule allows, a fire truck will also visit the picnic!

This year, the Longmont Fire Dept will visit the picnic! Stephanie Thai, Safety Education Coordinator, will be joining us to share info and answer questions about home fire safety such as tips for home fire escape plans, kitchen safety and smoke alarms. If their busy

We hope to see you there!



## CONGRATULATIONS LONGMONT FIRE DEPT.

**Celebrating 100 years of  
Community Service!**

On Saturday, August 15th,  
the Longmont Fire

Department will be holding a Fire Muster to celebrate their 100-year Anniversary. There will be a parade of emergency vehicles beginning at 9 a.m. going from the Longmont Sr. Center, down Main St. to 3rd Ave. After the parade, the fire trucks will be on display

along with the Fire Safety House (trailer) and firefighter demos between 4th and Coffman and 4th and Main. The Fire Block events will take place from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## (EDITORIAL) DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES CLOSE

Has the recent rash of closings in the downtown got you down? Or did you even notice? I was shocked the other day when I saw the [REDACTED] packing up their shop. DaVinci's Restaurant has closed, Rosebud

Antiques and the High Gear Cyclery Bike Shop, among others. All of these places seemed to me to be staples of the downtown business scene. But I looked up one day and they were gone. The restaurants still seem to be full of people, thank goodness, but it is hard to see these other places go. Sure, there are other places to get printer ink, but when I walked into Hardcopy, they knew my name as well

as what ink cartridge I was probably looking for.

Many families seem to be suffering in the economic recession of late, but if we don't want a Main St. full of empty shops and for-sale signs we need to get out there and support these small businesses. There are still many great places on Main st., but they can only survive if they have customers like us!

## HENA E-MAIL AND WEBSITE

As the City's budget gets tighter, we can all do our part to help save some funds, like monies used to publishing this newsletter. We are encouraging you to sign up for HENA E-Mail. This will provide you with a convenient way to receive neighborhood news. There is no cost to join the group.

HENA's electronic message distribution is managed

using a Yahoo Group called CO\_HENA. To send or receive emails to/from the neighborhood regarding relevant neighborhood news you must be a group member. To send a message to the group, address your email to [co\\_hena@yahoogroups.com](mailto:co_hena@yahoogroups.com). If you are not currently part of the email distribution list and would like to join, please email a request to Mary Jo Lusnak, the group's moderator at [mjlusnak@yahoo.com](mailto:mjlusnak@yahoo.com).

You will be sent an invitation to join the group that will include instructions. There is also a help document on the HENA website's Community Pages section. The HENA website remains at the same location [www.neighborhoodlink.com/longmont/hena](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/longmont/hena) Yahoo is only being used for email. We encourage you to join the group to stay better aware of happenings that affect the neighborhood.

