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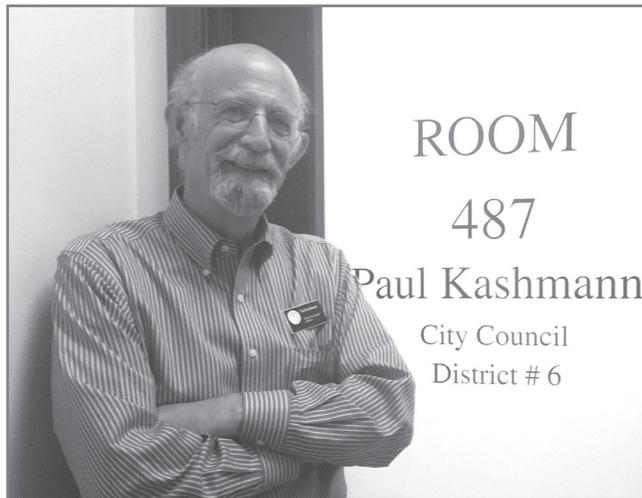
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Meet our new City Councilman, Paul Kashmann

Many of you have known Paul Kashmann as publisher of the Washington Park Profile. Paul moved to Denver in 1971, and 7 or 8 years later he was offered a job selling advertising space at The Profile. He loves to tell the story that his first month's commission was a mere \$17 which prompted him to give his notice.

Then Publisher Debbie Brown begged him to stick it out and he did, for the next 36 years. Kashmann took to writing articles and shooting photos for the paper while continuing to sell ads and soon publishing became a passion as it got deep into his blood. As a single father raising two small children on his own, working for the Profile allowed him the flexibility to give his kids the attention they needed growing up.

By 1980 he was offered a partnership agreement with Brown and not long after he bought her out. He credits the community of well-educated readers, residents, retail businesses and dedicated staffers for their support to make the newspaper a success. He grew to take neighborhood news very seriously. Through the years at The Profile he worked with 6 different Denver Mayors, Currihan, McNichols, Peña, Web, Hickenlooper and Hancock as well as *Cont. on page 6*



President's letter:

Whew! Summer is done. I know a lot of exhausted Cook Park volunteers right now. This summer was an active one. Read inside for a recap on events you attended or ones you may have missed. As much work as it was, we're all ready to do it again next year.

For me, the very best thing about our summer events is having the opportunity to meet so many wonderful neighbors while enjoying our community.

If you'd like to volunteer next year for any one of the events we plan please contact me personally. I honestly feel there is no better joy than community service in hopes of making someone else's life better. You'll have fun!

I hope you'll take note that our newsletter has grown to 16 pages from the previous 12. This was a result of bringing on new advertisers. We are thankful for the success of our neighborhood paper and we owe it all to the local businesses that support us. Please buy local as often as you can and visit the businesses you see as you read. Their support allows us to bring you the paper for free and allows us to financially contribute to our surrounding events and causes. This year we awarded gifts of money to the Leedsdale Cop Shop, The National Night Out event, Place Bridge Academy's book drive and the 1st annual Cook Park Garden Tour.

We hope you'll enjoy this Fall issue.

Thanks for reading!
Nancy Barlow,
President of the CPNA

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Have you ever been to a "Little Free Library"?

by BeeGee McKenzie

June 10, 1815, Thomas Jefferson said to John Adams "I cannot live without books; but fewer will suffice ..." My imagination allows me to fancy those words echoed through the ether and nestled in the ear of Todd Bol of Hudson, Wisconsin. In 2009 Todd designed the first "Little Free Library" to look like a village school house and set it up on his front lawn. Todd did it as a heartfelt tribute to his Mother, a school teacher, who loved books. When John shared his thoughts with his partner Rick Brooks, the Little Free Library burst into view and became a reality. The Little Free Library became a spot where one could "Take a Book. Leave a Book" with no fuss - no charge - at any time - day or night.

The concept spread very quickly. Hoping to best the number of libraries established by Andrew Carnegie, a goal of 2,150 locations for Little Libraries was set. By January 2014 there were over 15,000 and are in evidence worldwide; By February 2013 all 50 states and 40 countries worldwide were participat-



BeeGee McKinzie shows us her "Little Free Library".

ing in this venture. The estimated and amazing figure of 1,650,000 books were borrowed and donated between 2010 and 2013. The Little Free Libraries were not without problems here and there. In several cities people were denied the ability to set one in place. The citizens of those towns were quite vocal in their objections to such actions. It did not take long for those local city councils to establish new regulations allowing the Little Libraries erected on the folks' properties.

You too can set up your own Little Free Library. You can design [or buy] whatever style you wish. One that holds six or eight books is usually a good size and comes in all kinds of sizes, shapes, and colors. If you need ideas, there are photos of Little Libraries on the web. There is also information on how you can register and become a member of the Little Free Library family. This is great because you can then be listed in your city so your community knows where to find you.

Small rural communities with no libraries really benefit from having Little Free Libraries donated to their areas. There may be a possibility you can make one for them too - what a great way to say hello - we are all one.

Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization based in Hudson, Wisconsin. On their web page you can contact them via e-mail to get information. I did and now I have what I had so long wanted - thanks to my family and a friend - I have my Little Free Library. Visit www.littlefreelibrary.org to learn more and locate one nearby.

Look around our neighborhood as well as areas near us and you'll notice we have several, not all are registered however.

FINANCIAL FOCUS: No secrets to investment success

Many people look for the “secrets” to investment success. Is it timing the market just right? Is it finding those hot stocks or getting in on the “ground floor” of the next big thing? Actually, these types of moves have little relevance to the vast majority of investors — even the most successful ones. So let’s take a look at some steps you can take that can be effective in helping you work toward your financial goals.



- It’s time in the market...not market timing. Some investors think they can succeed at “market timing” — buying when the price is low and selling when the price is high. And this would indeed be a good strategy if they could predict highs and lows. No one can accurately forecast these peaks and valleys, though. So, instead of ducking in and out of the market in a vain attempt to catch the highs and lows, simply stay invested. The more time you spend in the market, the lesser the impact you’re likely to feel from short-term price swings. And if you’re always invested, you’ll always be in a position to benefit from the next market rally.

- It’s “buy and hold” — not “buy and sell.” Even if you aren’t trying to time the market, you may be tempted to buy and sell frequently as you look for new and better opportunities. Yet, this constant buying and selling can be costly. Frequent trading, with all the additions and subtractions from your portfolio, can make it hard for you to follow a consistent, unified investment strategy. You’re better off purchasing quality investments and holding them for the long term, until either your needs change or the investments themselves no longer possess the same attributes they did when you purchased them.

- It’s building a strong foundation — not getting in on the “ground floor.” Many people regret not being one of the initial investors of a company that has done spectacularly well. But most new companies don’t achieve anywhere near that level of success. So, instead of looking for the next big thing on the “ground floor,” try to build a strong “foundation” consisting of a mix of quality investments suitable for your risk tolerance, goals and time horizon. This type of investing may not sound glamorous, but a strong foundation is better equipped than a possibly shaky ground floor to withstand the shifting winds of market forces.

- It’s cool-headed thinking – not chasing “hot stocks” — If you browse the internet or watch one of the investment shows on cable television, you are bound to read or hear about “hot” stocks. But by the time the news reaches you, these stocks may already be cooling off. Even more importantly, they might not be right for your needs in the first place. Instead of chasing after hot stocks, which, by their nature, carry a strong emotional component (namely, the desire for quick, big gains), try to coolly and dispassionately analyze your situation to determine which investments are really most appropriate for your goals.

There really aren’t any shortcuts to reaching your desired financial destination. But by taking the slow and steady path, you can work toward getting there.

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Arzella Dirksen, growing people & gardens

By Barbara Fallon



Denver Urban Garden near RMSEL School, Established 1985
 This Cook Park Community Garden at RMSEL focuses on growing community alongside abundant produce. The garden provides a comforting place for gardeners, where one can go to have someone to talk to, but can also be a fantastic place for solitary reflection. Arzella Dirksen, garden leader, calls it “a very caring garden and group of people” and states that people are always willing to step up and help fellow gardeners in need of assistance or who just need a bit of help catching up.
 - reported on the D.U.G. website.

“What is the city but the people,” stated the bard, William Shakespeare.

Denver celebrated its 150th birthday on November 22, 2008, and on that same day, Arzella Dirksen was honored as one of 150 residents recognized as a hero who helped make Denver great.

Arzella and Mel Dirksen came to Denver in 1953, when there were no one-way streets with a common sentiment that one-way traffic would speed through the city and raise dust that would “dirty the curtains.” There was no bridge on Cherry Creek at Monaco. Mel and Arzella rented at 9th and Dexter for nine years, saving to purchase their home in the Cook Park neighborhood, where they’ve resided ever since. Rental money saved (with price appreciation over time) equated to the difference between the home purchased for \$18,000 and the market value nine years ago.

With their three children in school, Arzella sought work outside the home, and she had a firm plan, seeking (1) resources available, (2) needs of the community, (3&4) a short-term project that would lead to long-term potential, (5) life-long learning, (6) involving volunteers, (7) be about problem solving, (8) have a media foundation, (9) not constrained, and (10) be a patient, life-long pursuit.

Though planned, and after courses including communications, Arzella almost miraculously “landed” a job at Channel 7, eventually working with reporters. During her media career, Arzella went on to work for Channel 4, where she stayed for 13 years as an associate with Tom Martino.

However, it was for her significant volunteer work that Arzella was honored by Denver, specifically her leadership in Denver Urban Gardens, where Arzella has served on the board for 6 years. Arzella’s and Mel’s Mennonite roots are from the farmlands of Germany and Russia, where the strong Mennonite farmers introduced sturdy “red” wheat. The Mennonites, of which the Amish are off-shoots, immigrated in 1883 to America, settling in Pennsylvania and traveling on to the Kansas
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heartlands, then to Colorado. With consideration of their faith, in lieu of military service, Mel served as an orderly for two years at Denver General Hospital (now Denver Health & Hospital).

Arzella's skills nurtured the gardeners at the Cook Park Urban Gardens (CPUG), located at Mexico and Holly, for 32 years, where Arzella states "the people make the difference." The CPUG embodies 13 first-generation families, where gardening cultures are shared and flourish with 50 cultivated plots. Pot-luck dinners are enjoyed three or four times through the season where the families share recipes and lives. Once monthly, the gardeners share general "clean-up" along with shared breakfast and coffee. For over 25 years, overflowing bounty from the gardens has been harvested weekly and delivered to Project Angel Heart.

Arzella is known for her delicious home-baked pies, a favorite being strawberry-rhubarb, the fruits of Arzella's gardens. She has been featured (front page!) as the "Zucchini Queen" in the Denver Post and again in the Post for her expertise in the growing of basil, with raving reviews for her pesto recipes. (recipe below)

With an adventuresome spirit, Arzella learned to ski at 40 years of age and became part of the ski patrol at Arapahoe Basin. She loves and rides horses! She and Mel golfed. She fished with the grandkids and taught the little ones the art of fishing. Arzella served on the Cook Park Neighborhood board, including serving as President CPNA, for a number of years. Arzella is currently packing for an Alaskan cruise.

Life also presented challenges for Arzella. Her mother suffered a stroke, losing her ability to speak, after delivering still-born twins when Arzella was nine. Communication by other means, such as touch, became essential. Mel, her life-long spouse, died in 2012. The celebration of his life was awesome at the Mennonite church where the Dirksens worshiped. The congregant's robust "Gott is die Liebe" ("God is Love") and "Guide my feet" were magnificent. These were the salt of the earth.

Thank you, Arzella, for sharing your zest for planting, harvesting, living, learning, and loving. Thank you for making Denver and us better than we would have been without you.

If you now have the urge to whip up some basil pesto, Arzella is sharing her recipe!

Arzella's Basil Pesto

- 2 cups fresh basil leaves
- 3 or 4 garlic cloves, peeled
- 1/4 cup pine nuts
- 2 T lemon juice
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan
- salt & pepper to taste
- 1/3 cup olive oil, more or less to your taste

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New local home business group

by Debbie Vandre

It all started on Nextdoor.com when Heather Fall posed the question: Are you a small business owner in the Cook Park Neighborhood? Activity from her post exploded and for several days, if not weeks, neighbors were weighing in and sharing their own businesses with each other. So, Heather had a great idea: Why not meet informally once a month and get to know each other face-to-face? Let's help Heather grow the group and spread the word to our small business community.

Are you a small business owner within Cook Park or do you know of one that would enjoy this type of networking? We would love to meet you. Come join other business owners within the neighborhood where we meet, greet, socialize and network with one another over food or drink. Friends and relationships are being built. Come join the fun. All trades and services are welcome.

Heather Fall with Mary Kay Cosmetics is the organizer. You can contact her on Nextdoor.com or 720-560-2009. Cook Park small business network meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at Esters at 4:00pm.

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Are you obeying traffic signs? Are you guilty of speeding? Let's work together and SLOW DOWN for a safer community.

by Stephanie Casey

If you've attended one of the District 3 CAB meetings on a regular basis or checked in with Nextdoor.com you know traffic is a common topic of discussion and concern in the entire community. It's not just a common topic but you could say... well...a hot topic of conversation! It seems to be a growing issue not only within the community but also within the entire Denver area. People are in a hurry and less apt to slow down for other drivers or pedestrians. So what can you and I do? Well, if you answered yes to one or two of the questions above then you can take the first step to drive a little bit more carefully. Now that school is back in session we all really need to be more conscientious of the kids. Make sure you slow down and take notice of the flashing yellow lights at school zones. And by all means leave that cell phone alone while you're driving. Good driving starts with all of us; we can be more patient, more respectful of others and in general try to set an example for not only our kids but other drivers. Let's begin in our own neighborhood by obeying traffic signs, stopping at red lights and making sure we drive at the posted speed especially where kids and animals are more apt to be. I invite you to attend the monthly CAB meetings so you can voice your traffic concerns and get updates as to what's being done.

National Night Out rocked it again this year.

by Nancy Barlow

If you missed the 2015 National Night Out (NNO) this year you missed the best one yet. We estimate there were nearly 500 people who came out to meet our emergency responders, enjoy live music and fill up on free food from local restaurants and volunteers. The 20-piece swing band, Highlands Ranch Swing Set, was a new addition this year and they were a crowd pleaser.

Then came the helicopter. That was a thrill. Cook Park's NNO is unique because we have sufficient real estate in our park to land a helicopter. And, Denver Police look forward to being able to show off their magnificent machine for the community to appreciate so they specifically choose our park to do so. Talking to the pilot during his time on land he thanked us for including him. And, the send off was just as good.

In attendance were Chief White, our new Commander Megan Dodge and several officers from District 3 and Glendale Police, and Paul Kashmann, our newly elected City Councilman. The Leetsdale Cop Shop served their traditional ice cream sundaes.

Although many local businesses were on hand to feed and entertain a hungry crowd, we would like to thank our financial sponsors for covering the cost of the event. Thank you Addison Auto, Breakfast Inn, Cook Park Neighborhood Association, Carpet One, East Evans Business Association, Evans & Case, Target, Topps Properties and Virginia Village. Lastly, thank you to my comrades helping me on the organizing committee: Beth Trudgeon, Kyle Griffin, Debbie Vandre and Jill Butterly.

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Recently my wife and I moved! As Barb and I try to get settled, exhausted from packing and unpacking, yet excited about our new home and community, we hope to be better acquainted with our new neighbors! Consequently, when cars drive by our home, we squint! We wonder if the drivers live close to our place. When people walk their pets in front of our yard, we squint! We wonder how far the dogs have walked their owners! Could these people, and pets, be our new neighbors? When kids ride their bikes, or skateboards or scooters down our street, Barb and I squint! We wonder which kid goes with which kid. Could these kids belong to parents living in houses on our cul-de-sac?

And then there is the uncomfortable wave that Barb and I employ. I am sure that our new neighbors think we are doofuses as we wave heartedly at some while at other times half-heartedly in an obvious, "I am not quite sure who you are" kind of greeting! Oh, we recognize Oscar alright after weeks of squinting! Oscar drives that amazing black truck! But the nerve! One of our neighbors, (maybe wanting to be Oscar?), drives the same truck only in a dark blue! Barb and I greet Oscar with enthusiastic "How are you doing?" waves as he drives down our street while oftentimes mistaking Oscar for his wanna-be, evil twin! While Barb and I squint to distinguish one amazing truck from the other, we note that the wanna-be Oscar squints, (scowls?), hard at us as our enthusiastic waves turn into awkward, slow dropping movements of our arms and of our jaws!

Cook Park friends! Let me share with you some advice. First of all, do not move! It is much too much work. Secondly, take the time to go across the street and say "Hello" to those moving into our community. Spare them the squinting. Their eyes are already sore from looking at hundreds of boxes. Extend a welcoming handshake to them. Tying up their hands will prevent them from foolish waves of indecision. Take the initiative! Be a friend! Be a good neighbor!

Remember the story of the Good Samaritan from Luke 10 of the Scriptures? Jesus told the story to answer somebody's question, "Who is my neighbor?" See! Even way back when, Jesus was concerned about people's eyesight! He encouraged people to befriend others up-close, face to face, beyond the squinting and scowling. And Jesus obviously was concerned about the well-being of peoples' hands and arms! Why, after all, use them to wave foolishly at others when hands and arms can be better served building friendships, building communities, building a world?

Squint less Cook Park! See more! Wave the protocol of who makes the first move! Just do it!
Pastor Mike Lemke, Cross of Glory Lutheran Church



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GET READY, GET SET (& BE READY TO) VOTE!!

(First in a series of four with quiz following in 2016)

By Barbara Fallon

You say you are weary of “politics,” of candidates, of the television attack ads and it’s not even the summer of 2016 when we elect the president of the United States and other public officers, including a United States Senator and Colorado’s delegation to the House. Consider that you may be tuned out because as an observer you are not an engaged participant. In Colorado’s 2008 presidential caucuses, the first step to nominate candidates, only 5.5% of eligible voters participated. Were YOU counted among the FEW?



Back in the day, we studied Civics - the who, what, where, when, and why of what it meant to be an American in the here and now - precisely so that we could know and reflect on our history and institutions. A decade or so ago, valuable information about the election process, the voting system, even about the caucus system - where to caucus and where to vote in your neighborhood - was provided in local media. Rarely is this public service provided today.

Colorado Civics 101: Colorado is one of only 16 states using the caucus system. Colorado is the only state with a pure caucus system today, which means we do not vote for the president in a primary election. In an election year, each major party in Colorado has to nominate candidates, write a platform, and organize efforts to get out the vote (GOTV) on Election Day by holding precinct caucus meetings. Precincts are the smallest political unit in the state. They generally hold a thousand or fewer people: basically a neighborhood. Your caucus is a meeting of those nearby precincts organized within a district within a county and reflects you and your neighbors.

Years ago, caucus meetings were held in a neighborhood home within the precinct – a wonderful

way to get to know neighbors. We voted at a local voting site within the precincts. I remember, as an election judge, families coming in together with their newly come-of-voting-age member for that young man or woman to vote for the first time, and the family going out to dinner together to celebrate. Today, caucus is usually held in a public building (a school or church, with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance a compelling factor.

I have never, in my recollection, missed a caucus because I am selfish about my vote and passionate about voting with the most knowledge possible. The 2016 presidential election has the makings of a very interesting election. We only earn the right to criticize if we have paid our grassroots dues to know our leaders and to hold each leader accountable. Watch for more election news – organization and calendar – in the next three editions of the Cook Park Newsletter. It is a privilege to vote in a free country; it is also a sacred responsibility.

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HUGE SUCCESS – 1st Annual Cook Park Community Garden Tour

by Stephanie Casey

The first annual Cook Park Community Garden tour took place on August 8th and from what I could see and hear it was a huge success! My husband and I ventured out and we had a great time visiting the 10 gardens right here in our own community. I quickly realized we don't need to travel very far to see some really amazing, beautiful and bountiful gardens! Who knew we had so many talented neighbors who obviously take a great deal of time, energy and care to grow, maintain and harvest their gardens. While each of us had our favorites all the gardens deserve a lot of praise. There were gardens with chicken coops, metal sculptors made by assorted artists, water features, koi, a beautiful Japanese-inspired garden, vegetables galore, music, areas to relax with lighting, beehives and yes even an urban garden where I was able to (at the approval of the tour guide) harvest some rhubarb for chutney and the leaves for making my own stepping stones. Did you know...the Cook Park Community Garden is part of the Denver Urban Gardens? Organized urban communal gardens have existed since the 1890's. Denver was one of the first cities in the country that organized cultivation communities.

A great deal of thought and organization went into this year's tour from the marketing to the brochure with map to the sponsors who helped make it all possible. Thank you Pat Horgan for such a superior job of organizing this! I personally took a lot of photos and got a lot of ideas that maybe I can incorporate into my own garden. I can't wait until next year for the 2nd annual CP Community Garden tour to see what our neighbors come up with!



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Cook Park Neighborhood 4th of July Parade and Picnic was a BLAST



In continuing the tradition of the annual July 4th bike parade and picnic, this year's event proved to be very well attended and organized. Jen Villarreal (neighbor) and Kelli Lee (Cornerstone Home Lending) stepped up this year to help organize the parade and picnic so all of our neighbors could celebrate our independence with lots of food, prizes, games and FUN!

Based on the number of hot dogs cooked and served about 250 neighbors gathered at Mexico and Krameria in all of their glory and festive attire. Young and old were decked out in all kinds of red, white and blue outfits as well as bikes that were completely transformed into a patriotic mode of transportation.

This year's event ended at the very well known and welcoming Cross of Glory Church which proved to be a very good location because of its open grass area, shaded back area with tables and open doors for folks to use restroom facilities. Pastor Mike Lempke was extremely excited to have us use his church and has invited us to continue on the tradition there.

While the Denver Fire Department was invited to attend they weren't able to due to other emergency situations; however, we're ever grateful for the Denver Police Department and their willingness to volunteer an officer to lead the parade as well as allow the mounted patrol to come by with their beautiful horses.

A special thanks to all of our sponsors who helped us provide another great event for our community. Thanks to King Soopers, Safeway, Cornerstone Home Lending, PSCU, CPNA, Kids Choice Dental, Emerge Salon, Fast n Friendly and Addison Auto Center.



Local Real Estate News

Denver's market is still on the rise. Here is an overview from Debbie Vandre. For more information on our neighborhood, contact Debbie Vandre at 303-517-0891 or email her at Debbie@VandreProperties.com

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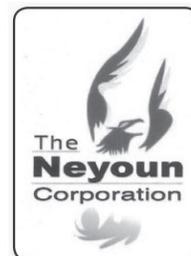
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PERSONAL RETURN <small>(Federal + 1 state)</small>	\$85
PERSONAL RETURN <small>(plus Sch. C)</small>	\$100
PARTNERSHIP/S-CORP <small>(1065 & 1120s)</small>	\$125
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Above & beyond on the beat: Lieutenant Phil Epple and Officer Bennie Gallardo

by Barbara Fallon

I recently became aware of an organization, Citizens Appreciation of Police, which honors Denver law enforcement officers who go above and beyond duty. I attended the award presentation this summer of two officers honored at this quarterly ceremony. The officers are Lieutenant Phil Epple and Officer Bennie Gallardo. I am pleased to relay their stories.

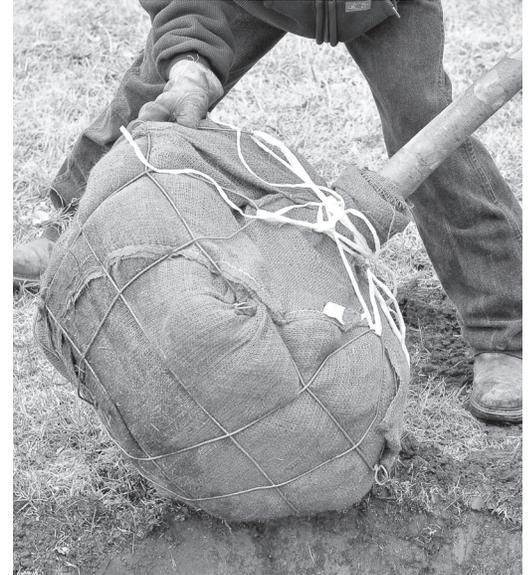
Lieutenant Phil Epple is one of our new officers at District 3. Then Sergeant Epple, assigned at the time to District 4, became aware of the theft of a tree from property at West Cedar and South Knox Court, the former location of a gas station that was vacated 25 years ago. The tree was not just any tree but a special tree as part of a small park funded and maintained by a long-time active neighbor lady to personally eradicate blight.

When Sgt. Epple learned of the uprooting and theft from the park and realized the devastation to the woman who had worked to beautify the corner, he envisioned a plan to replace the tree and plant additional trees and shrubs. Sgt. Epple's partner, Brian Dougherty, fortuitously owns Big Sky Renewal with access to the necessary equipment to get a big job done. Sgt. Epple and Mr. Dougherty volunteered their Saturday to provide, plant and restore the corner to the delight of the woman who had long labored to make at least one Denver corner better.

The generous deed shows the commitment Sgt. Epple has for the Denver community that he honorably serves and protects. Thank you Lieutenant Epple and welcome to District 3 Police.

Officer Bennie Gallardo, assigned to Denver International Airport, took a call from the children of an elderly man flying from Chicago to Calgary with a connection in Denver apparently "lost" because he did not arrive in Calgary. Officer Gallardo, with sharp detective work, located the older gentleman, who did not speak English, wandering around Concourse B. Officer Gallardo contacted the family and assured them he would work to get the man on a flight to Calgary in the morning. The officer checked on the traveler through the night. In the morning, he was able to locate an HSS security guard who was able to translate for him. The elder traveler had not eaten for a few days, and Officer Gallardo purchased food for the hungry man. He secured a United boarding pass to Calgary for continuation of his journey; then Officer Gallardo personally waited and escorted the traveler to his seat. Only then did the officer have dispatch call the family with time and flight information so they could be there to pick up their "lost" and now found member.

Welcome to Denver on behalf of Officer Bennie Gallardo, who gave over and above to the international flier and great service to our Canadian neighbors!



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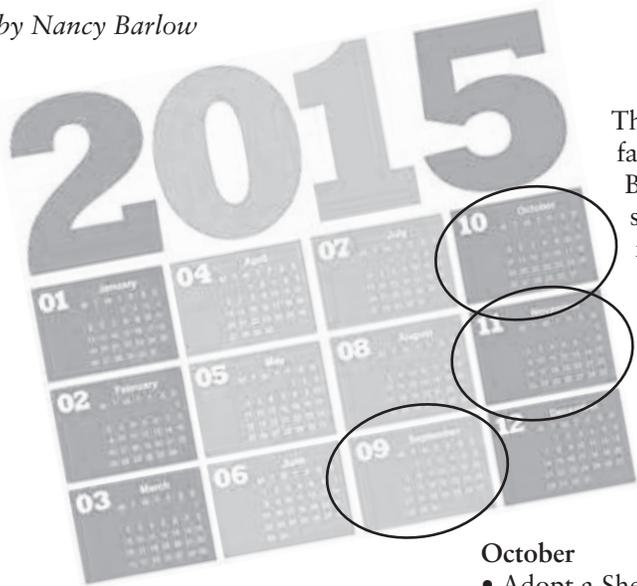
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In the category of: Did you know?

by Nancy Barlow



The months of September, October and November all have special and familiar holidays such as Labor Day, Halloween and Thanksgiving. But did you know that these three months are also known for some serious (and not so serious) designations? Perhaps you'll start a new family tradition by celebrating something a bit obscure or paying tribute to a cause that is close to your heart.

Anyone want to join me in October for a big bowl of popcorn sprinkled with a dash of sarcasm over at Denver Dumb Friends League?

September

- Classical Music Month
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Fall Hat Month
- International Square Dancing Month
- National Blueberry Popsicle Month
- National Courtesy Month
- National Piano Month
- Chicken Month
- Baby Safety Month
- Little League Month
- Honey Month
- Self Improvement Month
- Better Breakfast Month

October

- Adopt a Shelter Dog Month
- American Pharmacist Month
- Apple Jack Month
- Awareness Month
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Clergy Appreciation Month
- Computer Learning Month
- Cookie Month
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Eat Country Ham Month
- International Drum Month
- Lupus Awareness Month
- National Diabetes Month
- National Pizza Month
- National Vegetarian Month
- National Popcorn Popping Month

November

- Aviation History Month
- Child Safety Protection Month
- International Drum Month
- National Adoption Awareness Month
- National Epilepsy Month
- National Model Railroad Month
- National Novel Writing Month
- Native American Heritage Month
- Peanut Butter Lovers Month
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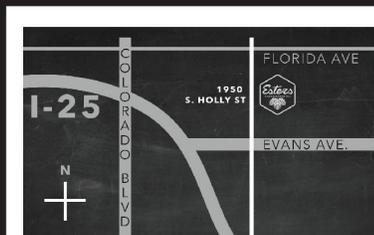


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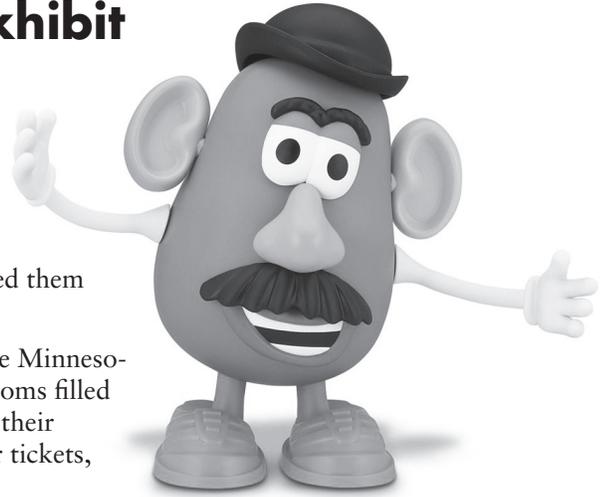
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TUESDAY KIDS EAT FREE
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“Toys of the 50s, 60s and 70s” - Colorado History Museum exhibit runs until early October

Gumby. Barbie. Slinky. Mr. Potato Head. Wham-O. Spirograph. Hot Wheels. The names of these popular toys capture the craziness, the joy, the sheer fun of being a kid. But beneath those nutty names are rich veins of nostalgia, memory and history. The stories of the kids who played with these toys, the adults who bought them, the child-rearing experts who judged them and the people who invented them reflect the rhythms of American life.

Toys of the '50s, '60s and '70s is a playful traveling exhibit developed by the Minnesota History Center. Not only does this exhibit exude FUN with its themed rooms filled with games and toy treasures, but it also encourages visitors to play and let their imaginations run wild. Now on display at the History Colorado Center. For tickets, go to www.historycoloradocenter.org



Tomorrow starts now for Denver Preschool Program students

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To find out how to enroll your child in a quality preschool and the tuition funding available for your family, visit dpp.org or call 303-595-4DPP.



Chimney cleaning is neglected by most homeowners



Though chimney cleaning is recommended twice a year, many homeowners neglect to do so. This home improvement task is essential, though, if you use your fireplace regularly.

Chimney cleaning is necessary for both health and safety reasons. Cleaning your chimney on a regular basis will help keep your home free of allergens. The build-up of dirt and creosote will also be prevented. Dirt can block your chimney's flue, causing smoke to back up into your home and make your fireplace noxious. Excessive creosote can potentially ignite and cause an uncontrolled fire hazard. The first step is to schedule an annual inspection of your chimney as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

The second step is to have your chimney cleaned. Hiring professional chimney sweeps that are equipped and trained can maintain the cleanliness of your house as they draw smoke out of your chimney and remove creosote deposits in your system.

You may choose to clean more often depending on use. At the very least a cleaning can be done after a cord of wood has been burned. A yearly inspection will reveal your chimney's condition and a professional chimney sweep can take care of it.

Managing Human-Goose Conflicts in Urban Areas

Colorado Parks and Wildlife



Canada geese reside year-round locally throughout much of Colorado, and large numbers of migrant Canada geese occupy parts of Colorado during the fall and winter. Canada geese provide valuable hunting and viewing opportunities, but, in urban and suburban areas, local concentrations of geese can lead to conflicts between geese and people. During established hunting seasons, the disturbance associated with hunting activity is an effective way to reduce goose use of specific locations. In suburban and urban areas, however, hunting is usually not an option, and Canada geese often create problems during the spring and summer. In these situations, the alternative approaches summarized below can be useful.

Canada geese are protected by federal and state laws. Non-lethal control activities (e.g., activities in which there is no direct contact with geese and that do not result in harm to geese, goslings, eggs, or nests) do not require federal or state permits (do check local ordinances), and most non-lethal activities can be conducted throughout the year (except using trained dogs for hazing—see below). Any activities that result in handling, damage, or destruction of geese, or their eggs or nests, require permits. The primary control activity conducted under available permits is egg and nest control of locally-breeding geese. This activity is usually conducted following, and in conjunction with, non-lethal control methods.

Habitat Alteration

Stop Feeding: Do not feed or allow feeding of geese or other waterfowl on your property. Efforts to frighten geese away can be thwarted if nearby neighbors are feeding the geese. If geese are being fed in the area, it will be very difficult to persuade them to move elsewhere.

Landscape Modification: Geese dislike visual barriers between ponds and feeding areas. Planting trees, thick bushes, or a dense hedge between grassy areas and water may make your property less attractive to geese. While the living barrier is growing thick enough to be useful, you may need to use other methods, such as temporary fencing or repellents, to keep the geese from establishing in the area. Geese prefer mowed grasses; so leaving a buffer area of tall grass and wildflowers can create a visual and physical barrier to resident geese.

Exclusion and Barriers: Some people are successful by placing physical barriers, such as fences and boulders, to prevent geese from entering an area. The fence should be at least two feet high and have openings no larger than three-by-three inches. Chain link, chicken wire, construction fence, and wood can be used. Where appropriate, electrical fencing can provide a harmless—but effective—shock to discourage geese from entering an area; check with your local authorities to see if there are safety restrictions on electrical fencing.

Repellents: There are several commercial repellents advertised to keep geese off of lawns. These products must be applied according to label directions to be effective; they may need to be reapplied after rain, or twice weekly in dry conditions. Approved repellents are made from biodegradable, food-grade ingredients and are not toxic to birds, dogs, cats, or humans.

Hazing Methods

General: A permit is not required to scare, repel, or herd geese to protect your property, as long as the birds are not killed or harmed. Hazing geese can involve vigorously chasing geese with a broom or water hose. Repeated hazing can cause geese to relocate, but you must begin again if geese return. Hazing is most effective when geese first arrive at a location.

Noisemakers and Pyrotechnics: Check with local authorities before starting noise-making, but loud and surprising noises can be a deterrent to resident geese. Where allowed, 12-gauge ‘cracker shells’ and other sharp, percussive sounds can prompt geese to move to another, more peaceful location. Be sure to let neighbors know in advance of noise-making plans.

Scarecrows, Balloons, Scare Tape: As a short-term tactic, often used with other methods, geese can sometimes be scared away using various shapes and movements. Scare tape is thin, shiny ribbon, often silver on one side and red on the other. Place the reflective tape where it is visible to the geese and make a low fence across the area where you don’t want geese to cross. Tie short lengths of the shiny ribbon on the cross tape—the flashing and rattling of the tape can frighten geese. People, pets, and wind can break the tape, so it needs to be inspected and repaired daily to be useful.

Swans: Some locations have acquired swans (with clipped wings—so they cannot fly) and released them on a pond or lake to frighten away geese. This method is not recommended where the swans will come in regular contact with people, as they can be aggressive to humans as well as geese. Check local laws to be sure swans are allowed in your area. Be aware that swans can also breed, and care must be taken to ensure you don’t create an over-population of swans, instead!

In summary, if you want to discourage Canada geese, respond quickly, stay persistent, and try to use more than one method at a time. If feeding is occurring in the immediate area, all other methods to discourage geese may be of little use. Be certain to check local ordinances and obtain any necessary permits (as outlined, above) before beginning any control measures.