MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT … Jan Franklin

Hello, Neighbors:

Lately there have been some subtle changes in our newsletter, and this month we have made even more. If you will notice below, we now have highlights on the front page so you will know where your favorite articles are. We have also added a column for “Letters to the Editor” and encourage your comments on the newsletter, neighborhood concerns, or anything else that is on your mind. We still have meeting minutes and the treasurer’s report, but they have been moved to the back pages. Please let me know how you like the changes, and if you have any suggestions to make our newsletter even better.

EMNA/MHYC PILOT PROJECT

We are excited to announce that we have joined forces with Mile High Youth Corps on a new pilot project. We are going to have some of MHYC’s youth help residents with yard work and fall cleanup. Here’s how it works:

• We are asking EMNA members to refer seniors or other residents who are in need of help with light yard work and can’t afford to pay someone to do it for them. I will have the referral forms shortly, and will get them out to everyone. Please get your referrals in as soon as possible. You can refer yourself or anyone you feel is in need. You can mail the forms to me at 1435 Syracuse Street, Denver, 80220, e-mail the forms to me at jani-jaye@yahoo.com or call me at 303-377-4895 for pick-up.

• Workdays have been tentatively scheduled for three Fridays: September 26, October 10, and October 24. The hours will be between 12:30 and 4:00 pm. We estimate that work could be done on 2-4 homes each day depending on what needs to be done.

• Once we have received the referral forms, Kristen Grigsby of MHYC will contact the home owner to set up a visit to the residence to review the work requested and determine if it is feasible. Once the site visit is complete, she will schedule a time when the Corps members will go to the residence and complete the projects. The home-owners will need to be present during the work, and the project will have to be something that the young people can complete safely with the time, tools and manpower allotted.

EMNA and MHYC are excited to be partnering on this worthy project. Kristen says, “Since this is the first time we will be collaborating on a project like this, we will surely fine tune and adjust procedures along the way. Hopefully it will be a great success and turn into more than a pilot project in the future.”

This is a part of EMNA’s plan to “give back to our neighborhood.” We thank you in advance for your interest and your referrals. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Next General Meeting:

On October 15th at 6:30 pm, there will be a “magic lantern” slide show, “Denver’s Neighborhoods, From Auraria to Montclair”, presented by Tom Noel and Dennis Gallagher.

Tom Noel (Nicknamed “Dr. Colorado,”) has done much to make local history accessible through his series of walking tours of Denver’s historic neighborhoods, churches, saloons and cemeteries. He has published numerous history books and articles on Montclair, Denver and Colorado.

Dennis Gallagher (Current Denver City Auditor) was State Senator, served on Denver City Council as well as Denver historian. Read Getting to Know Denver: Five Fabulous Walking Tours by Francis J. Pierson and Dennis J. Gallagher.

Let’s pack the house!

-Heidi Snow
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

August 2, 2008

Jan,

I just finished reading the August newsletter, and I wanted to send you a quick note to tell you how much I enjoy the EMNA newsletters. They are very informative with things we all should know in our neighborhood: police contacts, meeting info, local ads, and all that good stuff !!!!!

I very much look forward to getting my newsletter every month !!!!! You and your staff do a great job of putting the information together and sending it to us. I have lived in my house for 26 years and plan on another 26 years of getting your newsletter. My heart felt thanks to you and your staff for all your hard work and efforts. You do a great job !!!!! Keep up the great work !!!!!

Bill Craney
1240 Willow Street

HELP US TO HELP YOU!

The East Montclair Neighborhood Association (EMNA) is constantly looking for ways to help you - our neighbors. We’ve had a successful year with the yard sale, picnic, National Night Out, finding great speakers to talk to us at our general meetings, and ensuring information gets to you about things affecting the East Montclair neighborhood and surrounding areas.

We’re always trying to come up with new and innovative things to do, and this is where we could use your help. What’s on your mind?

- Items you’d like discussed at the general meeting
- Activities that neighbors could participate in
- Things you’d like to see happen
- Things you’d like to see not happen
- Ways to give back to our community.

At our last board meeting, one of our board members brought up the idea of getting a double-decker bus this Holiday Season, touring the neighborhoods and seeing the outdoor decorations. What a great idea, and wouldn’t it be a lot of fun?

Another board member suggested that we expand "National Night Out" and have a "Neighborhood Night Out" possibly once a quarter. That would be another way for you to meet and socialize with some of your fellow neighbors, let “the bad guys” know that we are about our homes and neighbors, we’re watching them, and we won’t tolerate their negative actions within our community.

We are also looking for folks to help out by volunteering. Although it’s great to come up with the ideas, we need people to come together to make them happen. We want to build a “Team EMNA” and make it a formidable force to make East Montclair the best neighborhood in Denver. So, please – help us to help you! Contact any board member with your ideas (in left column).

-John Russell, Board Member At-Large

EMNA News

EMNA News is published monthly by the East Montclair Neighborhood Association. The newsletter is distributed to neighbors and businesses in the East Montclair area. It was started in 1972, and has continued to this day. Contributions of articles and letters are welcomed and published in the newsletter at the discretion of the editor.
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Traffic Problems
Neighborhood Enforcement
Sgt. Ron Johns
720-865-6942

NOTE: If you call 911 from your cell phone, please specify that you need DENVER 911.

CITY DEPARTMENTS
All City-related business or non-emergency information/questions:
Call: 311
E-mail: 311@ci.denver.co.us
Fax: 720-913-8490
Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

There is no charge for this service.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - NEIGHBORHOOD WALK
EMNA had our annual Neighborhood Walk on Tuesday, August 5th. Everyone met at the corner of Colfax and Tamarac. District 3 Commander, Kris Kroncke, was there to help us kick off the walk. Two police officers walked with us, not only for our protection, but to help show our stand against crime in our neighborhood. We ran into some kids, and the policemen shook their hands. The kids were so-o impressed.

As we walked, some of the older members spoke about the history and architecture of our neighborhood. We saw a lot of litter in the area, papers, bottles, etc. We didn’t meet with any neighbors, but were sure they knew we were there.

It was a fun time, and we enjoyed getting to know our new members. We had ice cream at the Dairy Queen on our way back to our starting point.

Pictured from left to right are: Rob Wilson, Bob Kriewald, Betty Aguilar, Barbara Frakes, Commander Kris Kroncke, Jan Franklin, Marie Garza, Steve Healy, Tera Pagel Holzschuh, Amy Wasserman, Cris Dixon, Denice Hanger, Officer Malik Gatling. Taking the picture was Officer Matthew Baughman.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD ALERT
Heads up if you “Pay at the Pump”
The price of gas is high enough without the added expense of credit card fraud. If you are like most people, you probably use a credit or debit card to pay for your gas at the pump. With gas prices continuing to set record highs, the temptation for someone to use your credit card to pay for their gas is growing.

A scenario might look like this: You use your credit/debit card to purchase gas at the pump. Next, you receive a printed receipt showing the amount of your gas purchase; however, when you receive your credit card statement, there are additional charges for gas made on your card, at that station, that you did not purchase!

To keep this from happening to you, press the CLEAR button on the transaction key pad after you take your printed receipt. Unless you press the CLEAR button, your credit card information is stored in the machine until the next customer inserts their card, enabling someone to buy gas using your credit information.

Be careful and always CLEAR out your transaction information when you are done pumping gas. -J. Grayson Robinson, Arapahoe County Sheriff

DENVER POLICE CITIZENS’ ACADEMY
Starting on Wednesday, September 17 the Denver Police Department is beginning its latest Denver Police Citizens’ Academy. This group of students will meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the Denver Police Department Academy, 2121 Akron Way, to acquaint themselves with various police procedures. Some of the activities involve learning about K-9, SWAT and gang units, use of force by officers, investigations, narcotics, traffic enforcement and citizen preparedness.

Please call or email DPD Technician Michael Rappe at 720-913-6878 or Rappe@denvergov.org.
RECYCLERS’ CORNER
Denver Launches Composting Collection Pilot Program

The next generation in recycling - Denver Composts! Denver residents have proven they are great recyclers and thanks to a grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, we are now ready to take recycling to the next level in Denver by testing composting collection through a new pilot program. Organic material, like food, food-soiled paper and yard debris, is the single largest item we throw away in our landfill and it’s 100 percent compostable.

The residential composting collection pilot program is scheduled to begin this October and will test collection services at 3,000 Denver homes. Each home will be provided with a green, 65-gallon composting cart (the same size as the purple Denver Recycles carts) and a small kitchen pail to collect organic material inside the home. The green carts will be serviced weekly during the growing season, then every-other-week through the winter.

The areas eligible for the pilot program have been selected to provide a representative sample of the City & County based on a number of different factors. At this time, our funding limits us to 3,000 homes. Residents receiving a brochure in the mail are eligible for service and invited to participate.

The composting collection program will accept organic material that includes yard debris such as grass clippings, plant trimmings, small branches, weeds and leaves; food such as fruit and vegetable trimmings, meat, dairy, coffee grounds, bread and other processed food; and food-soiled paper such as used paper plates, paper coffee cups, tea bags, coffee filters, paper milk cartons (no foil lined cartons), paper ice cream cartons and much more. The program will strictly prohibit any type of plastic materials, as these are contaminants that prohibit the ability to compost the organic material.

For more information or to track the progress of the pilot program, visit us online at www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycle.

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Don’t Toss Out That Old TV Set Yet!
Important Update on the Digital Television Transition

In February 2009, all television stations will stop broadcasting in analog over-the-air signals and officially switch to digitally broadcasted signals. The switch to digital broadcasting is federally mandated and is designed to improve quality and free up airwaves for emergencies.

What does this mean for you? Only residents using an antenna with their television (either rooftop or “rabbit ears”) will be affected by this change and there are ways to avoid having to toss your TV out. Residents can simply purchase a converter box that will convert the digital signal into a format the television can display.

To assist analog TV owners, Congress created the Converter Box Coupon Program, which will provide up to two coupons per household (worth $40) towards subsidizing the purchase of converter boxes. The converter boxes are being sold by large national chains and are expected to cost between $50 and $70 each. Residents can request converter box coupons by calling 1-888-DTV-2009 (1-888-388-2009) or visiting the National Telecommunications and Information Administration website at www.dtv2009.gov. The deadline for requesting coupons is March 2009.

If you must replace a television, the City & County of Denver encourages residents to recycle their old televisions and other electronics and not to throw them in the trash. Like most electronic waste, televisions contain hazardous materials such as lead. When television sets are broken they can release these hazardous materials and spread them to trash collectors and the environment. A list of local companies accepting televisions for recycling can be found online at www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles under the “Recycling Directory.” Please note there is usually a fee in the range of $5 to $50 for recycling televisions and monitors depending on the size, make and model.
FROM CAROL BOIGON, COUNCILWOMAN AT-LARGE:

RUNNING RED LIGHTS CAN KILL

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, Highway Loss Data Institute, in 2006, almost 900 people were killed and an estimated 144,000 were injured in crashes that involved red-light running. About half of the deaths in red-light crashes are pedestrians or occupants in other vehicles who are hit by the red-light runners.

To address this safety issue, Denver is piloting a red-light camera program and has placed cameras at four key intersections throughout the City. Cameras were placed based upon statistics showing that these intersections are among the City’s highest accident areas involving right-angle crashes. The one-year pilot will be evaluated to determine if the cameras are an effective way to improve traffic safety.

The program will use a combination of road sensors and cameras to identify vehicles that run red lights. Police officials will review each picture to determine whether a violation occurred. Tickets will be mailed to the vehicle owner. Fines are $75 per violation, with increasing fines if the original fine is not paid.

The four intersections piloting this red-light camera program are:
- Northbound at 36th and Quebec
- Eastbound at 6th Avenue and Kalamath Street
- Eastbound at 6th Avenue and Lincoln Street
- Westbound at 8th Avenue and Speer Boulevard

An institute review of international red light camera studies concluded that cameras reduce red-light violations by 40-50 percent and reduce injury crashes by 25-30 percent.

FROM COUNCILWOMAN, MARCIA JOHNSON:

I would like to know if EMNA would be interested in sponsoring a low-cost veterinary neighborhood outreach program. Dr. Shannon Rich is a veterinarian and works for a non-profit animal hospital. He is concerned about the prevention of animal disease in the Denver Metro area. Also of concern is the fact that rabies and common dog parasites can spread to humans, particularly young children.

Dr. Rich wants to bring his pet vaccine clinics to underserved families in low-income neighborhoods in Denver. He will not charge for exams and vaccines are $10-$12. Ideal locations will allow him to return for additional clinics 3 times in 4-6 week intervals so he can administer the boosters for the puppy series.

Dr. Rich is looking for facilities in low income neighborhoods and communities with seniors on fixed incomes. Interior space is not required since all he uses is 2 tables and a tent. A parking lot or a park will suffice. He has a small budget to pay for the space rental, but would obviously prefer to have it donated. The facilities can be public, non-profit or privately owned. He is licensed in good-standing and is insured for each clinic.

Dr. Rich held a clinic in March in the parking lot of a restaurant in Commerce City that was a huge success. He vaccinated over 200 dogs in one day and the turnout was so good that he extended the clinic hours from 2:00 p.m. until they ran out of vaccines at 6:30 p.m. He is now able to bring additional vaccines, assistance, tables and tents as needed. He has a Spanish speaking assistant with him. If there are other language needs, he will make every effort to accommodate them but may need your assistance in recruiting community translators.

Please let Jan Franklin know if you would be interested in having EMNA sponsor this clinic. You can e-mail her at janijaye@yahoo.com or call her at 303-377-4895. Thank you.

BUSINESS MEMBERS

Place your ad or business card in our newsletter. 

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Many of our members prefer patronizing neighborhood businesses. Let them know you’re here.
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER LAUNCHES SEARCH
for 150 exceptional residents making a difference

In celebration of its 150th anniversary in 2008, the City and County of Denver is looking for 150 exceptional residents making a difference for the future of the Mile-High City to honor during a special reception this fall, Mayor John Hickenlooper announced today.

Nominees for the award, entitled Denver’s 150, can be anyone of any age, including community leaders, teachers, business people, artists or students. The main criteria: These residents should be doing something extraordinary, something noteworthy and something that is bettering the City for generations to come.

“This milestone in our City’s history provides an excellent opportunity to recognize Denver’s greatest asset: its people,” Hickenlooper said. “I look forward to honoring an outstanding and diverse group of Denver residents who are leading us into our next 150 years.”

The City will accept nominations for this distinct tribute until Sept. 15, when a committee of representatives from both the public and private sectors will select Denver’s 150. Selections will occur from across several different categories, including the arts, business, the environment, government, health, neighborhood, non-profit and faith-based.

Then, on Nov. 22, the actual anniversary date for the City’s 150th, the City will host a reception unveiling and applauding Denver’s 150.

Nominations are open only to individuals who reside in the City and County of Denver. There is no age restriction – youth, adults and seniors are eligible. To recommend someone for this honor, residents should visit denver150.com for an official entry form or call (720) 913-1637 for more information.
DENVER URBAN GARDENS

Founded in 1985, Denver Urban Gardens is a non-profit organization formed to foster community interaction and provide valuable food and recreation sources through community gardens and small parks. Working with communities throughout the metro area, DUG provides technical support in garden design, construction and horticultural education while helping to strengthen ties between agencies, community groups, institutions and individuals.

Free Seeds Find Good Homes

Where does food come from? DUG helped over 5,000 Denver residents answer this question by offering free vegetable seeds and transplants this spring.

The Free Seeds and Transplants program provides low-income Denver residents with the opportunity to grow their own food. This helps them to reduce their food budget, increase their access to fresh produce, provide a fun and educational experience for their children, celebrate cultural and ethnic diversity and for many, it offers a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment.

This year DUG distributed over 20,000 vegetable seed packets and 52,000 transplants. So as you drive, walk, or bike through Denver’s neighborhoods, please take notice of the gardens that have been grown with love and care by the participants of the Free Seeds and Transplants Program.

Goodsearch Makes Good Cents!

Support DUG when you surf the net. Goodsearch is a fund raising internet search engine. Every time you use Goodsearch and click on Denver Urban Gardens, one cent is pledged to DUG. Doesn’t sound like much, but if just 100 gardeners search 10 times a day, DUG nets $365 a year. Help raise funds for DUG while doing everyday tasks. Use www.goodsearch.com. It makes cents.

For more information on Denver Urban Gardens and its programs, go to www.dug.org.

CHECK OUT EMNA’S WEBSITE!
http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/eastmont/
or Google East Montclair Neighborhood

NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINTS

If you would like to file a complaint with Neighborhood Inspection Services about violations such as trash and weeds in yards, abandoned or junk cars, illegal dumping, too many people living in one house, etc., you can do it on-line. Go to the Neighborhood Complaint Form at: http://www.denvergov.org/NIS-Concerns/complaintform.asp

ASK A BOARD MEMBER

If you have any questions about our organization or have any neighborhood problems that need to be resolved, contact any board member. (You can find the list of board members on page 2 of this newsletter.) We will do our best to help you or put you in touch with the proper resources to resolve your problems. We believe that working together will help make ours an even better neighborhood.

EAST MONTCLAIR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The East Montclair Neighborhood Association is a supporter of the beWell Health and Wellness Initiative and the Healthy Neighborhoods Council. The goal of the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative is to improve the “State of Health” in the focus neighborhoods of Northeast Park Hill, Park Hill, East Montclair, Northwest Aurora and Stapleton by the year 2012 through Community Engagement and Education; Awareness and Prevention; Projects, Programs and Policies; and Research. Be a part of this movement by joining our neighborhood association.
**East Montclair Neighborhood Association**

**ACTIVITIES & CLASSES**

Schlessman Family Branch Library  
100 Poplar St.  
720-865-000

All classes are held in the community room on the second floor. All programs are free and open to the public. No registration required.

TTY for persons who are deaf or hearing-impaired, 720-865-1472. If you would like to schedule an interpreter, call at least one week in advance of the event.

For full program descriptions or classes at other library locations, please visit our website: http://www.denverlibrary.org/calendar.

**SEPTEMBER**

- **Children**  
  Tuesdays: All Ages Storytime (10:30 am) beginning 9/9/08  
  Thursdays: Book Babies (10:30 am) beginning 9/11/08

- **Teens**  
  Wednesday, Sept 3: Word Up Readers Book Club (3:30 pm – 4:30 pm)  
  Wednesday, Sept. 17: Evolver Teens-Group Activities (3:30 pm—4:30 pm)

- **Adults**  
  Wednesday, Sept 10: Internet Safety (12 noon—1:00 pm)  
  Thursday, Sept 11: Booktalkers (10:15 am—11:00 am)  
  Tuesday, Sept 16: Travel Tales—Burma (2:00 pm—3:00 pm)  
  Sunday, Sept 21: Become a Homebound Volunteer (2:00 pm—3:00 pm)  
  Monday, Sept 22: Create a Savvy Book Club (6:00 pm—7:00 pm)  
  Thursday, Sept 25: Your Library Card (12 noon—1:00 pm)  
  Sunday, Sept 28: Celebrate Banned Books (1:00 pm—2:30 pm)

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**September 20th HomeStart Conference Targets First-time Homebuyers**

Qualified buyers may receive up to $3,500 toward closing costs

American Sunrise Communities (ASC), a nationwide non-profit organization working with Forest City Stapleton, Inc., is educating potential homebuyers on the affordable home buying process, and urging prospective buyers to register now for a free September 20th conference to learn about affordable home buying opportunities at Stapleton.

The HomeStart Conference will be held on Saturday, September 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Denver Improv Theatre, located at 8246 E. 49th Avenue, across from Borders Books in Stapleton’s Northfield Retail Center. The HomeStart Conference will educate potential buyers about Affordability and Deed Requirements, Money Management, and Homebuyer Counseling programs, as well as provide information about Stapleton’s 29th Drive Row Homes, which feature all new designs consisting of one, two and three bedroom units with attached garages. The 29th Drive Row Homes are priced from $114,400 to $169,400 (prices and specifications subject to change without notice.) These “income-qualified” homes may only be purchased by individuals whose annual household gross income (before taxes) does not exceed $40,200 for a household of one person to a maximum of $66,650 for a household of six people.

In order to attend the free conference, interested buyers must register either by calling 1-888-AM-SUN-CO (888-267-8626) or register on-line at www.stapletondenver.com or www.americansunrise.org. Space is limited and participants must arrive between 9:30 and 9:50 a.m. on the day of the conference to be admitted.

**HomeStart Conference Organizer:**

American Sunrise Communities  
7351 E. 29th Avenue  
Denver, CO 80238
The music will be a blend of contemporary music and hymns played on keyboard, guitars, drums, piano, and other instruments. Seating will be informal, at round tables. If people want to sit on the floor, they are welcome to do so.
**BURGLARY AND AUTO THEFT OFFENSES THAT WERE REPORTED IN THE EAST MONTCLAIR AREA**

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**PARKING**

EMNA is currently using the East Montclair Community Center for meetings. As you may know, the parking lot located behind the building is not owned by EMCC or the City of Denver, but by the neighboring church. Pastor Zayas has outlined his requirements regarding the use of his parking lot.

1. The lot is not to be used on Friday evenings or on Sundays at all.
2. Any other day of the week, the back half of the lot can be utilized for meeting parking. If it looks as though no church activities are going on, then the front half can be used. (Wednesday evenings are scheduled prayer sessions, so please do not use the front of the lot.)
3. AT NO TIME should anyone use the two reserved parking spaces that are clearly marked.

Please respect these parking regulations so that we can continue to use the parking lot for future meetings. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and attention, and thank you for using EMCC to host your organization's meetings.

-Kristen Grigsby, Mile High Youth Corps

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**GLORY DAYS**

Don't miss the ninth annual Glory Days celebration at the Lowry Town Center. This free event, produced by the Lowry Foundation and brought to you by the Lowry Community Master Association and the Lowry Town Center Merchants, is scheduled for September 6 and 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**ELECTRONIC RECYCLING AT THE LOWRY ENERGY FAIR**

The inaugural Lowry Energy Fair is hosting an electronic recycling drop-off during Glory Days on Saturday, Sept. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to p.m. For a $5 donation bring old and unwanted electronic items to the corner of 1st Place & Rampart Way, located behind the hangars. Computers, televisions sets, monitors, fax machines, radios and anything with a cord will be disposed in a environmentally friendly way.
A NICE LITTLE STORY

Last month, Lee Eitel was talking to one of her neighbors about joining EMNA. His name is Ted Berg, and he contacted me about joining as a business member. I told him that if he joined (which he did), he could put his business card in the newsletter, free the first month (which he also did).

One of our senior neighbors (she wouldn’t let me give her name), saw the ad in the newsletter for Ted’s business, Trees Unlimited. She gave him a call and asked him about removing a bush in her yard. Long story short, he came over and took care of it.

She told me that the gentleman was very polite, reasonable, gave her a senior discount, and took care of the bush in short order. She said that it was so nice to be able to use someone who lives in our own neighborhood.

This is a wonderful example of neighbors reaching out to neighbors. And, isn’t that a great reason to belong to our neighborhood association?

-Jan Franklin
East Montclair Neighborhood Association

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Jan Franklin, President, at 6:30 pm. It was announced that the Annual EMNA Picnic would be held on July 19th, 11:00 am, at Verbena Park.

- There was a short presentation by Shanda Vangas from Mile High Youth Corps. MHYC utilizes the energy of 16-24 year olds in the areas of environmental conservation, community improvement and affordable housing construction. These young people earn scholarships and stipends for their involvement. They will be working with EMNA to help seniors in need of yard work or handyman needs.

- A representative of Passport to Healthy Living, gave a brief overview of the program and handed out the schedule of free classes offered at the East Montclair Community Center and surrounding areas.

- Becky Goyton from Denver Recycles gave information on the recycling program. The only plastics accepted in the purple carts are plastic bottles, no plastic tubs or plastic bags. Shredded paper must be put into a paper bag. She addressed appliance recycling and the household hazardous waste program (one time a year pickup or drop off) which includes medications and CFL bulbs. She also discussed the leaf drop, X-mas tree recycling and the organics programs.

- The new commander of Denver Police District 3, Kris Kroncke, was introduced to the membership. He is the replacement for the former commander, Tracee Keesee who was promoted and moved to another area. Tech. Amy Esten (District 2) and Tech. Cari Jimenez (District 3) gave a presentation on Neighborhood Watch and the benefits of creating a watch in each block of our neighborhood. They are available to help residents with establishing a watch on their block. A question and answer period followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. -Taryn Browne, Secretary

MILE HIGH YOUTH CORPS
Join our pledge hike benefiting outdoor programs for youth!

Join the 5th annual Hike for Youth “hike-a-thon,” benefiting three environmentally-focused youth agencies in the Denver-metro region. On the morning of Saturday, September 13, hikers of all ages and abilities will hit the trails of Golden Gate Canyon State Park to raise money for programs that connect youth to the outdoors. Whether you want an easy stroll through the fall woods, a strenuous 6-mile hike with your pup, or something in between, we have a hike for you, your employees or your kids group! Visit www.hikeforyouth.org for more information or to register online. With specific registration questions, contact hikeforyouth@cmc.org or call 303-433-1206.

Adults hike for $25 and youth (ages 5-17) hike for $10. Or sign your colleagues up as a Corporate Club and hike for $250 for a team of 10. All hikers are encouraged to raise a minimum of $100 in pledges to support the benefiting agencies and top fundraisers will win awesome prizes like outdoor gear, REI gift cards, digital cameras and more.

The three benefiting agencies are cityWILD, Colorado Mountain Club’s Youth Education Program and Mile High Youth Corps.

Difficult hikes will begin at 9:00 am, moderate at 9:30 am and easy hikes at 10:30 am. All hikes will end by 12:00 pm in time for the after-hike party. The 2008 Hike for Youth is sponsored by the Ferranti Foundation and REI.

-Anna Black
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Jan Franklin, President at 6:30 pm. John Russell asked the membership to give any ideas for meeting programs and association activities to any of the EMNA board members. All ideas will be looked at and possibly used for future programs.

- First was a presentation by Glenna Norvelle of the Denver Public Schools. She is an assistant to the Superintendent. She gave a report on the status of the school district as of the start of the school year. Enrollment is up from previous years with a demographic student population of 56% Latino, 21% Anglo, and 18% African American. There has been an emphasis on early childhood education with an increase in full-time kindergarten and pre-school students. Improvement on the CSAP tests has been noted in all grade levels and middle school students are no longer going down in reading proficiency. Several questions on Finance and common curriculum were not answered, but Ms. Norvelle did assure the members that she would find the answers and relay them back to the association.

- The second presentation was by the Denver Police Department. Both the District 2 and District 3 Commanders were introduced. District 2 Commander is Rhonda Jones and District 3 is Commander Kris Kroncke. The DPD gang unit, run by Captain Mike Calo was explained in detail. He urged everyone to call in any gang activity or suspected activity to the Gang Bureau. His phone number is 303-351-4081.

  District 2 Community Resource Officer Amy Esten was present and also encouraged calls to her for any questions and to report gang activity. Her number is 720-913 1095.

  Det. Gerard Alarcon of the DPD Gang Unit talked about graffiti and its impact on neighborhoods and crime rates. He also encouraged phone calls to report graffiti which can result in home owner problems if it is not taken care of. Graffiti left on buildings may result in a fine on the owner if not removed in 48 hours. People wishing to remain anonymous can call the Graffiti hotline at 720-865-7867. All calls are investigated by Det. Alarcon and his partner Det. George Gray. He encouraged the membership to sign a release that would allow the city to clean up the graffiti when it is reported. This would mean no cost to the property owner for the clean up. His phone number is 720-913-0540. Forms were distributed at the meeting and can be obtained at the gang unit offices.

- The third presentation was by an organization, Partners for Health, which has been conducting a study of the Stapleton Development neighborhoods and the surrounding neighborhoods of East Montclair, Greater Park Hill, Northeast Park Hill and Northwest Aurora. The study looks at the current level of health in the area, how people feel about their health status and what is available to improve it. The results will be used to evaluate health standards, what is needed for improvement and how it can be accomplished. This has been a voluntary study with a good participation by East Montclair. This group also provided a large spread of refreshments for the evening, including sandwiches, drinks, chips and cookies.

There were 38 members and guests in attendance. -Submitted by Laura Edler

DENVER MARATHON

There is much excitement around this year’s event after receiving many accolades from last year’s race, including making Runner’s World Magazine “Marathons You Should Do in 2008” and voted “Best Marathon in 2007” by Colorado Runner Magazine. Here in Denver, the community has shown great support for this event with fan participation growing every year.

This year’s race will take place on the morning of Sunday, October 19th. Like last year, the race will start and finish downtown in front of the State Capitol, travel past many of Denver’s major landmarks such as the Denver Public Library and the Denver Art Museum, loops its way through "LoDo" highlighting Larimer Square, Pepsi Center, Union Station, and Coors Field, then winds through City Park, Cheesman Park, and Washington Park and their neighborhoods creating a community-wide celebration throughout the city. The final stretch of the marathon will run through Denver’s art district on Santa Fe Drive past the Museo de las Americas to the finish line and a post-race festival in Civic Center Park. More information will follow in our next newsletter.
**East Montclair Neighborhood Association**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday, August 13, 2008

Members present: Jan Franklin, President; Rob Wilson, Vice-President; Taryn Browne, Secretary; Cris Dixon, John Russell, and Heidi Snow, Board Members At-Large; and Laura Edler, Stepleton CAB.

I. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 5:57 pm by Jan Franklin.

II. Minutes & Treasurer’s Report  
The June General Meeting and July Board Meeting minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer’s Report was also read and approved.

III. Committee Reports  
A. Jan reported on the Healthy Neighborhoods Council Health Fair which will be held on August 21st at the MLK Library from 5:30—8:30 pm. Volunteers are needed.

B. Laura reported on the Stapleton CAB. Forest City (developer of Stapleton & Fitzsimmons) requested evaluations. An EMNA rep is needed on the taskforce for the redesign of the City jail on Havana & Smith Road. Meetings are every two weeks from now through December 9th. The FBI’s regional headquarters will break ground behind Sam’s Club in Stapleton.

C. A Nominating Committee is needed for the December elections. Vacant board positions will need to be filled.

IV. Old Business  
A. Newsletter: Jan reminded the board that articles can be submitted by members for the newsletter. Cris suggested the minutes and treasurer’s report go to the back of the newsletter instead of the front where they are currently. The board agreed. Jan has noticed the print quality has declined. She spoke to the Office Depot manager and he suggested having the newsletter done off site through the Internet. Jan will also get an estimate on printing, labeling and mailing the newsletter.

B. EMNA Representative Letter: Laura Edler, Jan Franklin & Heidi Snow have returned the Rep Letter agreeing to the guidelines as an EMNA rep on their particular committees. Two other EMNA reps have yet to return their letters agreeing (or not) to abide by the guidelines. They had ten days to return the signed letter, and that deadline has passed. It was discussed how to proceed and agreed that they will be relieved of their representative duties to EMNA.

C. Unsinkables/RADAC: There will be no further inquiries into the Unsinkables or RADAC programs at this time. EMNA will have periodic neighborhood walks organized by Heidi and Cris.

D. Yard Work Project: Jan met with Shanda Vangas of the Mile High Youth Corps where it was agreed that they would provide young people to do yard work for EMNA residents on Fridays during September and October. Two to three homes could be worked on each afternoon. The board is to provide addresses and names. Cris asked if there is a cost or donation for this work, and Jan will check into it.

E. EMNA Copier: A copier will be purchased for EMNA use. John checked around and discovered that the toner for the current copier is more expensive than buying a new copier which also has a fax and printer. The old copier will be donated to charity. A final discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

V. New Business  
There was no new business.

VI. Open Discussions  
A. The board discussed how to generate more interest from members and it was decided that Jan would do an email blast, which John will write, asking for ideas from members and also reminding members about the next General Meeting.

B. Jan reported that some alleys in East Montclair have been paved, and more will be paved in the Spring.

VII. Adjournment  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. -Taryn Browne, Secretary
JOIN EMNA

EMNA wants you to get involved and make a difference in your neighborhood!

Goals: improve our quality of life, provide a neighborhood voice, and have fun!
Benefits: receive our newsletter and be able to vote on issues brought before the organization.
If you are interested, please join us and participate in our activities.

2008 EMNA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

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DUES: Family: $10.00 for voting members (max of 2, age 18 or older)
Business: $25.00 (includes business card ad in next issue)
Annual Mailing Fee: $5.00

If you are a first time member, where did you hear about us? __________________________

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Family Dues: 110.00 Postage: 47.20
Member Donation: 20.00
Mail Fees: 35.00
Total: $ 180.00 Total $ 184.09
Bank Balance: $ 2838.62
Petty Cash: 125.19
Ending Balance (8/26/08): $ 2963.81

-Lee Eitel, Treasurer
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