

OCTOBER 2014

A NEIGHBOR'S PERSPECTIVE

(A Note from Tom Fesing)

What makes a community a great place to live? Is it the parks, businesses, the neighbors? I would say it's everything, everything that OUR East Montclair neighborhood has; old homes, history, large yards, gigantic trees, beautiful parks and GREAT PEOPLE! I am a fairly recent resident of the East Montclair neighborhood as of this spring and I love it here. In less than a week I met the majority of my neighbors on my block and they all made me feel at home and part of the community. Yes, there is crime, traffic, blight, but the thing that shines the brightest is the people. Our fellow neighbors come together as one to make our community brighter each and every day.

Our neighborhood association was created in 1972 as an effort to have residents come together as a community to help each other in the wake of new apartment housing development that was occurring within the neighborhood. The efforts of the early founding members created what we know now as Verbena Park. Over the years the association was fully engaged and had many members within our community. A few of these early residents are still part of the East Montclair Neighborhood Association today. With the influx of many new residents and changes within our neighborhood we should come together not because we have to, but because it is important for the future of our neighborhood and its legacy that will last well beyond us. It is time that we all come together again and create a COMMUNITY that we are all a part of.

We have great restaurants and hidden gems within our neighborhood ready to be discovered and explored. Have you ever tasted authentic El Salvadorian food? Well we have El Chalate one of the only restaurants in Denver that serve traditional dishes and sell authentic El Salvadorian grocery products too! The Ranch House Café is an old-school diner that is a great place for a simple breakfast, lunch or dinner. Buffalo Bills Wings and Things have probably the best soul food on this side of Denver. There is also a new "soccer" themed local drinking establishment, The Office Tap House. It is time we as a community start patronizing these great businesses and more. Our local businesses can be an ally within our community and draw more new businesses in along the way.

What I foresee in the future for our neighborhood association is community events above and beyond the monthly meetings that are critical to the success of the organization and its impact. I envision multiple gatherings throughout the year in McNichols and Verbena Park as well as at the local community centers. Neighborhood walks, ethnic and local food festivals and events, along with engagement of our local businesses and city leaders within government and law enforcement.

There are great things in store for our neighborhood but WE are the ones that have to make it happen as a COMMUNITY...NOT ALONE, BUT TOGETHER!

EVENTS OF INTEREST

Oct. 13 - Columbus Day
Oct. 21 / 6:00 pm - EMNA General Meeting
Oct. 29 - 12th Annual Rake-Up Colorado
Oct. 31 - Halloween (pages 5 & 6)
Nov. 2 - Daylight Savings (Turn the clocks back one hour)
Nov. 4 - Election Day
Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day

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720-913-2000

GANG BUREAU

Let them know about graffiti!

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Be aware that ALL of our neighborhood is now in District 2!

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DPD is on FaceBook!

All "2-CAB" meetings are posted there!

CITY DEPARTMENTS

All City-related business or non-emergency information/questions:

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E-mail: 311@ci.denver.co.us

Fax: 720-913-8490

Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Neighborhood complaints may be filed **online** at <http://www.denvergov.org/apps4/311/>

Do You Have an Interesting Story?

Experience with a local Business?

Do you want Change in the neighborhood?

Want to Share a Recipe?

Contribute to EMNA's Newsletter!

Deadline for November 2014 issue

October 22, 2014



EMNA General Meeting

October 21, 2014 at 6:00 pm
East Montclair Community Center
6740 E. Colfax Ave
(Corner of Colfax & Newport)

EMNA News

EMNA News is published bi-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 and president.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: You are invited to submit letters to the editor on any subject you choose, such as comments on the newsletters, neighborhood concerns, a good neighbor, suggestions for general meetings or projects, etc. Please send your letters to Newsletter Editor, P O Box 201273, Denver, CO 80220-1273. You may also email them to russelljc303@gmail.com.

COUNCILWOMAN'S COMMUNIQUÉ (*Mary Beth Susman from District 5*)

It's so great to add my thoughts to your newsletter again! I am your city council representative for East Montclair. Many know the city fixes potholes and cracks down on speeders but did you know City Council also serves as the voice of the people on any number of other issues? City Council works to improve affordable housing and transit options, and to grow the city's economy; and we respond to citizen concerns on trash pickup, street sweeping, zoning and neighborhood inspection issues, and of course, traffic and parking.

I am actively working on improving transit options in the city through advocating for a better bus system featuring more frequent buses and clearly defined routes that actually go where people want to go. As our city grows both economically and in population, I am working to make sure this prosperity is felt by all citizens and that growth is done in a smart manner. I'm also working to improve the safety of neighborhoods like East Montclair in coordination with our fine District 2 police officers.

I am so happy to see the resurgence of activity in the East Montclair Neighborhood Association. Registered Neighborhood Organizations are a great way for citizens to organize around issues of interest. Under the leadership of Isaac, Greg, John, and others, EMNA will provide renewed community engagement for your neighborhood. I look forward to working with you to make East Montclair, and Denver, a better place to live.

I host office hours the first three Thursday's a month from 10 am to 12 pm. Locations and more details can be found on my [website](#). I am also willing to meet with any constituent in the district on any issue anytime. Please feel free to contact my office to set up an appointment at 720-337-5555 or by emailing councildistrict5@denvergov.org.

BONNA'S BLOG (*Some notes from Bonna Gayhart*)

BECOME AN ELECTION JUDGE: Major changes since I served as an election judge. First, the pay has increased. Judges are now paid \$10-\$14/hour plus paid training! Second, students 16 years of age & older can now be election judges. High schoolers can apply at www.denvergov.org/election judges (student listing).

Denver Elections Division is seeking election judges to help work the upcoming November election. To qualify, adult applicants must be Denver registered voters and pass a criminal background check. Computer savvy and Spanish bilingual judges are especially needed. Anyone can apply online at www.denvergov.org/searchjobs (election judge posting).



TRASH CARTS ARE COMING! Yes, our dumpsters are to be replaced in October. When your cart is delivered, it will contain complete instructions for its use. If you're elderly or disabled and concerned about putting the cart out and retrieving it – fear not! “Special Container Service” will be available to assist you. When your cart arrives, call 311 to find out how to obtain this “Special” service!

ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS AVAILABLE: Both the Senior Resource Center and Volunteers of America offer help – and, of course, can always use volunteer workers! The **Senior Resource Center** offers a “Chore Service Program” for a variety of chores in any home or apartment up to three (3) times a year. Services include major household chores such as preparing to move, deep cleaning of interior, first floor window washing, seasonal yard clean-up, etc. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Loretta Trujillo at 303-235-6952 or ltrujillo@SRCaging.org. **Volunteers of America** (VOA) offers seasonal yard clean-up, a “snow buddy program” to help with shoveling snow, “Meals on Wheels” to provide a nutritional meal, handyman services, etc. For more information, call VOA at 720-264-3379.

DENVER LIBRARY'S USED BOOK SALES: Now their used books are available all year long! Visit the Coffee Mug, the delectable coffee shop in the Central Library. Book prices begin at 50 cents and books of all types are available. The Coffee Mug is open M-F, 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. & Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed Sunday). To donate books, DVD's, or CD's, take them to any branch library. If you have more than a few, call 720-865-2045 to schedule a time for delivery.

Halloween Health and Safety Tips from the CDC: For many people, autumn events like Halloween and Harvest Day are fun times to dress up in costumes, go trick-or-treating, attend parties, and eat yummy treats. These events are also opportunities to provide nutritious snacks, get physical activity, and focus on safety. Below are tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and party guests.

- ⇒ **S**words, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- ⇒ **A**void trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- ⇒ **F**asten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- ⇒ **E**xamine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- ⇒ **H**old a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.
- ⇒ **A**lways test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.
- ⇒ **L**ook both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- ⇒ **L**ower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- ⇒ **O**nly walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- ⇒ **W**ear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- ⇒ **E**at only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the cook well.
- ⇒ **E**nter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Otherwise, stay outside.
- ⇒ **N**ever walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.



Follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone!

Halloween treats should only be consumed if they are packaged appropriately. Parents can help protect their children by making sure that treats are wrapped in their original, unbroken packages—no loose candy, open glasses or bottles, fresh fruit, or home-made goods.

If after eating a Halloween treat there is evidence that it may have been tampered with, or it has a strange taste, or if a child feels sick, parents or guardians can call the Rocky Mountain Poison Control Center. The Poison Control Center is open 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year,

Emergencies: In case of poisoning or chemical exposure, dial 1-800-222-1222 and speak directly to a poison control specialist. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please dial 911.

EMAIL: Info@rmpdc.org; Source; Denver Police Department & New York City Police Department

BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS: Well, it's October and Fall has come to Denver. With the changing of the season also comes time to consider making the change for East Montclair. EMNA is soliciting neighborhood members to become board members for 2015. This is a great opportunity to make a difference and participate in what happens and effect change. It is a rewarding and challenging opportunity for anyone interested. Many of you have great ideas and imitative so put them to use. The officer positions available are: President / Vice President / Secretary / Treasurer / Board Member at Large (3)

If you are interested, please contact any of the current members and let them know. We will be voting on board members at the Annual Holiday Party in December. Besides board members, we always need folks to head committees. Also, if you are part of EMNA, be there to vote as this is your right as a member to say who will represent you. If you have questions on the duties, again contact us. It is very rewarding and highly recommended.

Along with the safety tips for humans, it is important to remember the safety of our pets as well. Below are some tips from Carrie Harrington from the article Halloween Scares for Pets in the magazine Dogs and Cats Colorado Style.



Keep Pets Indoors: Make sure pets can't escape during the commotion of frequent visits to your home by trick-or-treaters. Also, unaccustomed sights and sounds can be frightening for animals, and people in costume may seem especially menacing. Pets will be happier- and safer- in a quiet room far away from the front entrance. Outdoor cats, especially black cats, should be brought inside for this occasion. Unfortunately, black cats have been implicated in many beliefs and superstitions for centuries. This is one night to make sure that your cat is brought indoors.

Treats Can Be Toxic: Halloween candy is not good for pets and chocolate, in particular, could prove deadly for dogs because it contains a potent toxin called theobromine. Chocolate is also poisonous to cats, but since they are usually picky eaters, it is seldom a problem. If your pet ingests chocolate, consult your veterinarian or the Animal Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 immediately. The first signs of chocolate poisoning are vomiting, diarrhea, increased urination, and rapid heartbeat. Also make sure not to leave candy wrappers within a pet's reach. Wrappers can get stuck in an animal's digestive tract and make them ill, or cause choking or even death.

Dangerous Decorations: Keep holiday decorations away from your pet's reach (or tail). Curious pets are at risk for getting burned or singed from candle flames and may cause a fire by knocking over jack-o'-lanterns or other ornaments. Fake cobwebs have been known to cause intestinal damage in cats and can be especially hazardous to small birds that can easily become entangled in the webbing.

Costume Care: Holiday pet parades and events have become increasingly popular, especially in pet-loving Denver. Check that the costumes are flame retardant and nontoxic. Remove any small or dangling accessories that can be chewed and swallowed. Costumed pets should never be left unattended. And if your pet hates the costume, take it off. Don't cause your pet any undue discomfort or stress. *(From Jennifer Callender)*



**SOME
PICTURES
FROM THE
EAST
MONTCLAIR
PICNIC AT
VERBEENA
PARK ON
OCT. 5TH**



**FROM AN OLDER NEWSLETTER, BUT BASED ON RECENT EVENTS, WE THOUGHT IT
APPROPRIATE TO REPRINT**

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HEAR GUN SHOTS (from Technician Reyes Trujillo, Denver Police District 2)

Recently, we have an increase in complaints of shots fired in some of our neighborhoods and I would like to share some prevention tips. As many of you who know me, I regularly tell our neighbors to not accept shots fired as the cost for living in the city. REPORT, REPORT, REPORT and tell other neighbors to also report. We have nuisance laws in our city that we can use for those who can't follow the rules especially when they choose to mishandle a firearm and use it as a toy.

What to do if you think you hear gunshots: Call 911 immediately. Report as accurately as possible where the shots came from. If you want the responding officers to talk with you, let the 911 tele-communicator know. Likewise, if you don't want the officers to contact you, tell them that. Do not investigate by going outside; wait for officers to arrive. If you are outside, find cover immediately.

If you have seen a person with a gun, give a specific description when talking with the 911 tele-communicator. Report such things as type and color of clothing, age, height, build, gender, race, address where you saw the person, and direction headed. Give vehicle information and direction of movement when appropriate.

If this is a recurring problem in your neighborhood, invite neighbors to a community watch meeting. You and your neighbors may learn more about the problem by documenting dates and times shots have been heard. Share this kind of information with your Denver Police District Commander to help with directing patrol efforts. But make sure you call 911 when you hear the shots fired. Document occurrences and have all neighbors call police when they hear shots fired. We don't know if you don't report and in the past, we have been able to save lives by locating victims of gunshots when no one saw the event but rather reported the shots fired.

EMNA GENERAL MEETING NOTES — AUGUST 27, 2014

- Colorado State Representative, House District 8, Lois Court introduced herself to the members of EMNA. She is essentially our representative from Colfax Ave and below.
- Councilwoman for District 5 Mary Beth Susman introduced herself to discuss some items affecting East Montclair (EM) and to take any questions.
 - There will be some redistricting within EM effective in July of 2015. Basically Colfax Ave will be the dividing point. District 5 will south of Colfax and District 8 north of Colfax.
 - The Business Improvement District is being worked right now. This initiative has been approved by the City Council to expand from Eudora to Monaco. This is an initiative that will be voted on by us in November.
 - She also brought up the Colfax Corridor Connections which is a study that is set to improve the transit within the area.
 - District 2 has had the most drop in crime than any other district in the area. This is due to both you and your neighbors as well as the Denver Police Department. This shared cooperation needs to be kept in place to ensure we continue being the lowest and to keep crime out of our neighborhoods.
 - A question was brought up regarding what the city was planning to do with Quebec St and the traffic on it. This went into an extended discussion. It was recommended that Ms. Susman set up a separate meeting with the City Planners to go over it to which she agreed. She will get with the EMNA President or Vice President once a date has been set.
- There was a meeting to discuss crime in the EM neighborhoods. It was held on September 11, 2014 at 6 p.m. at the East Montclair Community Center, 6740 East Colfax Ave. 80220.
- The Phoenix on the Fax has some new residents downstairs now – A Brew House and a Salon.
- Some members brought up the Denver 311 not giving enough information to guide them to the area that would specifically be able to help with specific matters. EMNA is going to look into this and hopefully get an answer or some guidance.
- New Officers for EMNA:
 - Carrie Sitz: Boardmember at Large
 - Duane Viett: Boardmember at Large
 - John Russell: Secretary and Editor for the EMNA Newsletter



**EAST MONTCLAIR
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

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.

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- Building Membership _____
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- Attend hearings _____
- Other _____
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- Special Events & Refreshments _____
- Property Upkeep Committee _____

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