



The Manor Banner

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UPCOMING EVENT **COOKIE EXCHANGE**

We're having a neighborhood cookie exchange for anyone who would like to participate. It will be Thursday, December 11th, 7:00 PM at the Del Duca's 5149 W Fremont Ave. Please bring 2 dozen of your favorite Christmas Cookies to share. Any questions, please contact Andrea Del Duca, (303)973-5435.

WASTE MANAGEMENT **UPDATE**

Updated information on the new contract for trash removal in Columbine Manor --

The good news is that Waste Management will not be increasing our monthly charge of \$9.65 for 2009. The bad news is there will be a fuel surcharge added to our bills. This is determined by the cost of fuel on the day the contract is signed. An example of the charge at 15% would be an additional \$1.45 per month for a total of \$11.10 per month or 113.20 per year. This is still a bargain as other companies are charging much more for a lot less. Remember we receive a free 90 gallon trash can plus free recycling. Their service has been excellent. As far as I know, there have been no problems with trash pickup in the Manor. Of course with the falling gas prices, the fuel surcharge will be less than the 15% example.

Darrel Del Duca
President CMPOA



Welcome to New Neighbors

Over the last few months there have been several homes bought in the neighborhood. We would like to welcome these new neighbors to Columbine Manor and hope to see them at upcoming neighborhood events.

Welcome to:

Anthony and Stella Sanfratello (Geddes Cir.)

Scott and Heather Larson (Hinsdale Cir.)

Chris and Courtney Krieger (Hinsdale Cir.)

Monica Parker (Fremont Dr.)

.Columbine Manor History

Columbine Manor has been around since the early sixties. The property owner's association has gone through several incarnations. The most recent started in 1998. If anyone has any memorabilia from any time in our history, the board would like to know about it. Depending on what is gathered, a history might be developed for the neighborhood.

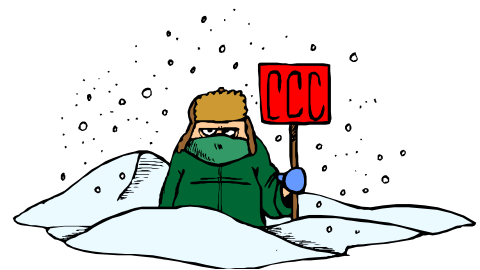
Contact Darrel Del Duca
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Senior Transportation

This information came from the website of Arapahoe County. The county and First Transit have teamed up to provide First Ride senior transportation services. The program was previously managed by Seniors Resource Center, Inc. It helps seniors in Arapahoe County continue to live independently in the community through transportation to medical/dental appointments, senior dining centers, grocery shopping and food banks.

The new contractor will provide Arapahoe County seniors designated transportation in small, wheelchair-accessible buses. All buses are visually identifiable with the logo First Ride making it easier for seniors to recognize that their vehicle has arrived.

To make a trip reservation, call First Ride at 720-540-5566. Please note the new phone number.



SNOW SHOVELING HELP

We may get snow this winter, let's hope so. If you need help with shoveling snow, let one of your board members know. We will get you some help. There are plenty of people in the neighborhood with snow blowers willing to help out (and have been helping their neighbors for years).

With that in mind, if anyone needs any kind of assistance let your board member know. One of the things that makes this a great neighborhood is the way we look out for each other

SAFE DRIVING BY DARREL DEL DUCA

I have been a certified Smith System Driver training instructor for over 10 years. The Smith System of driving is used by over 90% of the large fleet companies in the USA. Examples of those fleets include the Post Office, Xcel, Qwest, and many other large and small companies. I will be writing a series of articles on safe driving in the next few issues of the Manor Banner.

This time of year it is always a good idea to brush up on your winter driving skills. We may get snow this year.

1. Be prepared to drive by staying fit, getting enough rest before driving. NEVER drink and drive. Slowing down is the easiest thing to do for safe driving.

2. Have an auto safety check list:

- Car in good condition
- Engine tuned up
- Battery is rated for heavy duty winter conditions
- Right type of tires for winter driving
- Windshield washer fluid full
- Good windshield wipers
- Exhaust system in good working order
- Headlights and taillights working

3. Emergency equipment that should be in the car includes a properly inflated spare tire, lug wrench, jumper cables, blanket, jack, flashlight, flares, and a First Aid kit.

4. To start you engine, turn the ignition on for five seconds without pushing down on the gas pedal. Most late model cars are fuel injected. So fuel is automatically fed into the engine when you turn on the key.

5. Make sure you know where the battery is located. If your battery is dead, position the assisting vehicle so the batteries are as close as possible. Jumper cables will have two clamps at each end - one red and one black. Attach the red one to the positive terminal, indicated with a + sign on the dead battery. Connect the other end to the positive + terminal of the live battery. Next attach the black cable to the negative – terminal of the live battery and then to a grounding point away from the dead battery. Start the engine of the assisting vehicle and let it run a few moments. Then start the stalled engine.

6. You can't avoid what you cannot see. Clean all you windows. Visibility is the key to safe winter driving. It is a good idea to use your windshield washer fluid before pulling onto the road because a dirty windshield can blind you for a few seconds.

7. If it is snowing, turn on your wipers and low-beam headlight or fog lights if you have them. It is a good idea to turn the radio down or off. Sometimes you can hear things you cannot see.

8. Rain mixes with dirt and oil left on the roads making them slick as ice. Reduce your speed especially on curves. Leave extra distance between you and the car in front of you. Use the four second rule. This rule works at any speed.

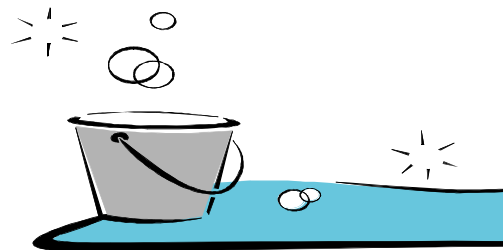
The four second rule is finding a fixed object in front of you such as a utility pole or road sign. When the car in front of you passes the fixed object start counting, one thousand one, one thousand two, one thousand three and so on until you pass the fixed object. If less than 4 seconds, slow down you are too close.

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BOARD MEETINGS

The monthly meeting of your Board of Directors for CMPOA is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend any of the meetings. If you would like to attend, please call Darrell Del Duca at 303-973.5435. We will add a chair at the table.



Helpful Cleaning Tip

Uses for Vinegar:

Vinegar is useful for cleaning household appliances. Here are a few examples of how vinegar can make your life easier:

Clear mineral deposits from a steam iron.

Fill the water tank with white vinegar. Steam iron a soft utility rag. Repeat the process with water.

Clean deposits from a drip coffee maker. Fill the reservoir with white vinegar and brew. Rinse with two cycles of cold water.

Clean soap scum from a washing machine. Once a month pour one cup of white vinegar into the washing machine and run the machine through a normal cycle, without the clothes.

If you would like to place an article in the Manor Banner, please send your article to:
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