



# The Manor Banner

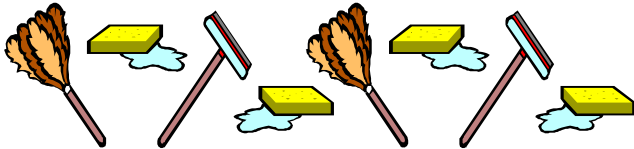
April 2009

*"Neighbors Committed to Community"*  
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## EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 4

The 2009 Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 4. Please mark this date down on the calendar for the kids. In the event of inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for the following Saturday, April 11. Please look for a separate flyer that will be distributed for this fun event.



## SPRING CLEAN UP

The Annual Columbine Manor Property Owners Association Spring Clean Up will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009. We will have a large roll-off container placed in the neighborhood. This will be a great opportunity to get rid of all your large trash items piling up around your home.

We also would like to get some volunteers to spend a couple of hours cleaning up the entrances to the Manor. This clean up effort will start at 10:00 A.M.



## PLANT SALE MAY 2

Columbine Manor Property Owners Association again is sponsoring a plant sale. Do you want to improve the value of your property? One of the cheapest ways is with attractive plantings around your house.

Mr. Don Godi, "our local landscaping architect", will provide us with very high quality plants at wholesale prices to members of CMPOA. Catalogs will be available through your local board member to enable you to order your plants. Orders are due by April 30. We suggest that you go to our local stores Lowes, Home Depot and O'Toole's to see what kind of plants you would like. Write the names down and order them through CMPOA. The two advantages are you will be getting plants at wholesale prices and getting very high quality plants personally picked out by Don. Don will have your plants at his home at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have a special plant in mind and the local stores do not have it we might be able to get it through Don.

These plants also will make very nice Mothers Day gifts as it is on May 10 this year.

## **AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM**

A great way to possibly save money – AARP provides a driving safety program.

- It's an 8-hour classroom refresher course for drivers age 50 or older.
- Minimal fee, and no tests!
- Auto insurance discounts in most states– call your insurance company.

For the program, call toll free 1-888-227-7669 for a course near you, or visit [www.aarp.org/drive](http://www.aarp.org/drive). Using 80128, there were three places that came up that offered courses. The three were Columbine Library, the Buck Center and Littleton Hospital.

## **DRIVING TIPS**

Studies show that chatting on a phone while driving increases your crash risk by 400%. Such driver distractions are a factor in 4.9 million vehicle accidents with 34,000 fatalities in the U. S. every year. Texting while driving and hand holding a G.P.S. device increases accident risk exponentially.

Have you looked recently at your driver's license expiration date? I did and so did my wife. Surprise, surprise, both had expired. If the expiration date exceeds one year, you will be required to take all driving tests to renew your license.

By the way, do not leave the key in your car's ignition, while buying gas or while you are in a do-it-yourself car wash. There are at least two reasons. One it is easier to lock yourself out. The other is if your car doors are unlocked and you are distracted, it allows for a quick act of stealing your keys.

## **ANNUAL LETTER TO DOG OWNERS IN THE MANOR**

We have received several complaints from our members about dogs barking in and around the neighborhood. We have told these members to try and contact the dog owners. Advise the owners of the issue and see if that will solve the problem. If that does not solve the problem, then the next step is to call Arapahoe County Animal Control at 720-874-6750. Please be respectful of your neighbors and control your animals. We should not be greeted with constant barking whenever we go outside our homes.

Thanks

CMPOA Board

## **2009 WASTE MANAGEMENT MEMBERSHIP FEES REPORT**

The sign-up effort for the 2009 Waste Management and Membership was completed in February. We ended up with 117 Waste Management participants and 120 Columbine Manor Property Owner's Association members out of the 130 households in Columbine Manor. Thank you to everyone for getting your checks to us in a timely manner.

This is the first year of our new three year agreement with Waste Management. We continue to receive a good deal from Waste Management.

## **DO NOT CALL REGISTRY**

From the website of the Federal Trade Commission -

Here's what you need to know about the National Do Not Call Registry program: FCC regulations prohibit telemarketers from using automated dialers to call cell phone numbers. Automated dialers are standard in the industry, so most telemarketers are barred from calling consumers on their cell phones without their consent. The federal government does not maintain a national cell phone registry. Personal cell phone users have always been able to add their numbers to the National Do Not Call Registry — the same Registry consumers use to register their land lines — either online at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) or by calling toll-free 1-888-382-1222 from the telephone number they wish to register. Registrations become effective within 31 days of signing up and are active for five years. There is no cut-off date or deadline for registrations. Business-to-business calls are not covered under the Registry.



## THE 10 COMMANDMENTS FROM A PET'S STANDPOINT

- I. My life is likely to last 10-15 years.  
Any separation from you will be painful for me. Remember that before you get me.
- II. Give me time to understand what you want from me.
- III. Place your trust in me. It is crucial to my well-being.
- IV. Don't be angry with me for long.  
Don't lock me up as punishment.  
You have your work, entertainment and friends. I have only you.
- V. Talk to me sometimes. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice.
- VI. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it.
- VII. Please don't hit me. I can't hit back.  
But I can bite and scratch, which I really don't want to do.
- VIII. Before you scold me for being uncooperative, obstinate or lazy, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right foods or I've been in the sun too long or my heart is getting old and weak.
- IX. Take care of me when I get old. You too will grow old.
- X. Go with me on difficult journeys.  
Never say, "I can't bear to watch." Or "Let it happen in my absence."  
Everything is easier for me if you are there. Remember I love you.

--- Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Co



## INTERNET SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

Did you know?

- 50 million children a day access the Internet
- 49% of children did not report solicitations to anyone
- 90% of children the JeffCo D.A.'s office has talked with give out too much personal information online

Safety Tips from the Cheezo Unit from the JeffCo D.A.'s office:

- Place the computer in a visible area, not in child's bedroom.
- Use gender-neutral screen names.
- Talk to children about Internet safety and participate with them online.
- Children should not believe anything said to them over the Net from an unknown source.
- Tell children they do not have to respond to messages sent to them, whether by email or instant message.
- Children should never give out personal information, screen names, passwords or credit card information online.
- Use a good virus detection program.
- Do not rely on filtering software to supervise your children's computer usage.
- Know who your children are communicating with online. Get to know their online friends just as you would their other friends.
- Promote an environment where your children can talk openly with you.

This unit specializes in proactively going after sex offenders online. Also they make presentations and appearances in the metro area. There is not a charge but donations are accepted. Contact Investigator Mike Harris at 303-271-6936 or [mharris@jeffco.us](mailto:mharris@jeffco.us).

## JOKES

### Board Members for 2008/2009

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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.

#### Only in America –

...do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes in front.  
...do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a diet soda.  
...do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.  
...do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.  
... do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

#### Ever Wonder –

Why the sun lightens our hair but darkens our skin?  
Why don't you ever see the headline "Physic Wins Lottery"?  
Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?  
Why is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'?  
Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor while dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons?  
Why is the person who invests all your money called a 'broker'?  
Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?  
Why is there not mouse-flavored cat food?  
Why Noah did not swat those two mosquitoes?  
Why they do not make entire planes out of the same material as the indestructible black box?  
Why sheep do not shrink when it rains?  
Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?  
If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?  
If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

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