



# The Manor Banner

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## EASTER EGG HUNT

The 2010 Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 PM. The Hunt will be held at LuAnn McGuire's house, 5061 W. Geddes Cir. There are soccer games at the park.

Please mark this date on your calendars for the kids. A coloring contest will be held, with prizes. Come out and have a good time with your neighbors.

## COMMING SOON

### Plant Sale -- May 22

CMPOA is sponsoring a plant again this year. Mr. Don Godi, our local landscaping architect, will provide us with high quality plants at wholesale prices to members of CMPOA. Catalogs will be available through your local board member. Orders are due by the first week of May. The two advantages are you will be getting plants at wholesale prices and getting high quality plants personally picked out by Don. Don will have your plants at his home at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 22nd



## **ANNUAL MEETING AND WINTER SOCIAL RECAP**

The Annual Meeting and Winter Social were held on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at Columbine United Church. There was a great turnout. Everyone enjoyed the spaghetti dinner and desserts brought by all.

At the Annual Meeting, several Columbine Manor business items were completed. Two bylaw changes were proposed and voted upon. The first was to remove the requirement for a maximum number of board members. The second change was to increase expenditures outside the budget that the board could authorize from \$300.00 to \$500.00. Both bylaw changes were approved. The second order of business was to vote in new board members. Michael Derou finished his term and left the board – many thanks to all the hard work put in by Michael. Darrel Del Duca and Joe Wuest returned to the board. Robyn Hall and Mo Redmond were new nominees. All four nominees were approved by the CMPOA membership. After the business concluded, everyone had a good time eating while socializing with fellow neighbors. There was also a drawing for several gift cards (Home Depot, Barnes & Noble, Red Robin, etc.). The kids had their own drawing for Baskin Robbins gift certificates.

### **New Board**

The CMPOA board held an officer election meeting shortly after the Annual Meeting.

Your new board officers are:

Joe Wuest -- President  
Hiroo Shiba – Vice President  
LuAnn McGuire – Secretary  
Darrel Del Duca -- Treasurer



## **2010 WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MEMBERSHIP FEES REPORT**

The sign-up effort for the 2010 Waste Management and Membership was completed in February. We ended up with 118 Waste management participants and 119 CMPOA 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 second year of our latest three year agreement with Waste Management. We continue to receive a good deal from Waste Management.

## **ATTENTION ALL WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTICIPANTS**

### **Waste Management Pickup Date Change**

**Waste Management is changing your trash pickup day from Tuesday to Monday. This starts Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please adjust your calendars for this change!**

**The last day for Tuesday trash pickup will be March 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**The first day for Monday trash pickup will be April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Recycling day also will change to Monday. The first Monday for recycling will be April 12.**



## WEST SIDE CLEANUP

We have been contacted by our neighbors to the west, Columbine Knolls. They want to clean up the zone between Columbine Manor and Columbine Knolls. We met with the Executive Director of Columbine Knolls Recreation District Brett Rodewald and past president of their homeowners association, Lee Woodberry, to discuss the options.

At the present time we are looking for grant funds from Open Space programs, South Suburban and any other sources of free money. The money will clean up the area of Sheridan between Fremont Ave. on the north and Platte Canyon Dr. on the south. Brett will be attending workshops on how to get funding and is the lead in getting all organizations involved. We will be having meetings in the future to discuss the outcome of his investigations.

We are looking for members from Columbine Manor Property Owners Association to be on the committee. This would ensure that our needs are met and to suggest ideas on how the clean up would look. This undertaking will take sometime to complete but is long overdue. Any input from our members would be greatly appreciated.

Any of our home owners that currently backup to Sheridan should share concerns they may have with the committee.

Please contact Darrel Del Duca at (303) 973-5435 or e-mail at [ddelduc@msn.com](mailto:ddelduc@msn.com) if you would like to be on the committee or have any concerns that need to be addressed.

## TECH TIPS.....



Here are some basic tips for searching on the internet using Google ([www.google.com](http://www.google.com))

### Guidelines for better search results

- **Keep it simple.** If you're looking for a particular company, just enter its name, or as much of its name as you can recall. If you're looking for a particular concept, place, or product, start with its name. If you're looking for a pizza restaurant, just enter pizza and the name of your town or your zip code. Most queries do not require advanced operators or unusual syntax. Simple is good.
- **Think how the page you are looking for will be written.** A search engine is not a human, it is a program that matches the words you give to pages on the web. **Use the words that are most likely to appear on the page.** For example, instead of saying [ my head hurts ], say [ headache ], because that's the term a medical page will use. The query [ in what country are bats considered an omen of good luck? ] is very clear to a person, but the document that gives the answer may not have those words. Instead, use the query [ bats are considered good luck in ] or even just [ bats good luck ], because that is probably what the right page will say.
- **Describe what you need with as few terms as possible.** The goal of each word in a query is to focus it further. Since all words are used, each additional word limits the results. If you limit too much, you will miss a lot of useful information. The main advantage to starting with fewer keywords is that, if you don't get what you need, the results will likely give you a good indication of what additional words are needed to refine your results on the next search. For example, [ weather cancun ] is a simple way to find the weather and it is likely to give better results than the longer [ weather report for cancun mexico ].
- **Choose descriptive words.** The more unique the word is the more likely you are to get relevant results. Words that are not very descriptive, like 'document,' 'website,' 'company,' or 'info,' are usually not needed. Keep in mind, however, that even if the word has the correct meaning but it is not the one most people use, it may not match the pages you need. For example, [ celebrity ringtones ] is more descriptive and specific than [ celebrity sounds ].

## **Board Members for 2010/2011**

Joe Wuest (President) 303-904-0117  
Hiroo Shiba (Vice President) 303-973-4764  
LuAnn McGuire (Secretary) 720-981-9515  
Darrel Del Duca (Treasurer) 303-973-5435  
Jim Barnhill (Member) 303-979-4594  
Bob Engel (Member) 303-933-2038  
Annemarie Garber (Member) 303-979-5457  
Joe Steinbach (Member) 303-979-2672  
Robyn Hall (Member) 303-948-8808  
Mo Redmond (Member) 303-932-8195

## **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 any of the meetings, please call Joe Wuest at 303-904-0117.

## **.ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DOING YARD WORK?**

There are some people in the neighborhood who need help with their yards. Chores could include assisting with the spring yard clean-up or mowing the grass during the summer. Payment for services would be arranged between you and your neighbor. If you are capable and interested, your contact information should be given to a board member. Your information will be passed on to neighbors who have asked for help.

## **SHOWER AND DRAIN ISSUES IN COLUMBINE MANOR**

This information was given to us by Rich Bialkowski. He recently had work done on his home. During the upgrading of a drain in the bathroom shower he discovered that the

P-trap drain pipe was made of copper. Upon touching the pipe it had corroded to the point of failure. The entire p-pipe drain pipe had to be replaced. The plumber that worked on Rich's home advised him that the copper p-traps only last about 40 years. If your home fits this criteria, look for this problem before doing any work or if you see any water seeping from pipes.

Thanks for the tip, Rich.

## **ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS**

We will be publishing a new Manor directory soon. Any updates and corrections are needed before we publish the new one.

As always if you are a business owner and live in Columbine Manor, you are encouraged to place your business card in the directory. This has been very useful in the past. This can benefit neighbors by potentially saving money on goods or services.

Please contact Darrel Del Duca at (303) 973-5435 or e-mail at [ddelduc@msn.com](mailto:ddelduc@msn.com) with any new or corrected information.

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