



The Manor Banner

JUNE 2010

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

Summer Picnic -

Sunday, June 13th

Block Party -

Saturday, September 18th

Dumpster/Recycling Drive -

Weekend of
September 24th

Christmas Party -

Saturday, December 4th

Mark your calendars!



Columbine Manor Annual Picnic

Sunday, June 13

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Columbine Manor Park

BBQ from Schneid's Smoke Shack, Rolls, and Beverages
will be provided by CMPOA

Bring your family and favorite lawn chair or blanket

Plus a salad or dessert to share:

A-O bring a salad or side dish

P-Z bring dessert

Family games: Old favorites including bean bag toss, ladder ball, horse shoes, and
some new surprises!!

RSVP to LuAnn McGuire 720-981-9515 or rpm98mcg1@comcast.net



CRUCIAL SAFETY TIPS

Because of recent abduction attempts in daylight hours in the Littleton area, refresh your self of these things to do in an emergency situation...

1. Tip from Tae Kwon Do: The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!
2. Learned from a tourist guide: If a robber asks for your wallet and/or purse, Do Not Hand It To Him. Toss it away from you. Chances are he is more interested in your wallet and/or purse than you, and he will go for the wallet and/or purse. Run like mad in the other direction!
3. If you are ever thrown into the trunk of a car, kick out the back tail lights and stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy. The driver won't see you, but everyone else will. This has saved lives.
4. Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc. and just sit (doing checkbook, or making a list, etc.). Don't do this! The predator will be watching you and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in on the passenger side, put a gun to your head, and tell you where to go. As soon as you get into your car lock the doors and leave. If someone is in the car with a gun to your head, do not drive off. Instead gun the engine and speed into anything, wrecking the car. Your air bag will save you. If the person is in the back seat they will get the worst of it. As soon as the car crashes bail out and run.

5. A few notes about getting into your car in a parking lot or parking garage:
 - a. Be aware, look around you, look into your car, at the passenger side floor, and in the back seat.
 - b. If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door.
 - c. Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle and the passenger side. If a male is sitting alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back into the mall or work and get a guard/policeman to walk you back out. It's always better to be safe than sorry.
6. Always take the elevator instead of the stairs.
7. If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, always run! The predator will only hit you (a running target) 4 in 100 times; and even then, it most likely will not be a vital organ. Run, preferably in a zig-zag pattern.
8. As women, we are always trying to be sympathetic: Stop! Ted Bundy, the serial killer, was a good-looking, well educated man, who always played on the sympathies of unsuspecting women.
9. Another Safety Point: Someone heard a crying baby on her porch one night and she called the police because it was late and she thought it was weird. The police told her 'Whatever you do, Do Not open the door, we already have a unit on the way'. There were reports of a serial killer using a baby's cry recoding to coax women out of their homes.
10. Water Scam: If you wake up in the middle of the night to hear all your taps outside running or what you think is a burst pipe, do not go out to investigate. These people turn on all your outside taps so that you will go out to investigate and then they attack.

Stay alert, keep safe, and look out for your neighbors!

TECH TIPS.....



Picasa - Free Photo Editing and Management Software

If you're into photography as a hobby, and you're looking for software to help you manage and edit your photos, Picasa is a free tool you should check out. Picasa consists of a desktop program that you must download and an optional online storage and display service.

The Picasa desktop app features automatic scanning of one's drives for photos and grouping of similarly named photos into virtual folders; that is, the photos appear on screen in "folders" labeled "CompanyPicnic" but remain physically right where they are. Picasa even has a facial recognition feature that effectively says, "Oh, look, there's Sis, we'll put this pic in the 'Sis' folder." You can add tags to photos to group them under Picasa, too.

Picasa's photo editing features include red-eye reduction and color enhancement as well as standard features such as cropping, resizing, adjusting contrast and brightness, etc. You can also make slideshows and arrange photos in a timeline display. Picasa supports a number of online photo printing services as well as standard desktop printing.

Search, Tag and Upload With Picasa
You can search by keywords in the Picasa search bar, which will search filenames, captions, tags, folder names, and other metadata associated with a photo. Much like Google Search, Picasa supports Boolean operators so you can specify search strings such as "Brad but NOT with Sue OR dog." This can help you find exactly the photo you have in mind among hundreds of photos of Brad.
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Picasa Web Albums are the online photo-sharing component of the Picasa application. Similar to Flickr or Photobucket, Web Albums let you upload photos from your desktop, phone, and other sources to public or private albums. Up to 1 GB of storage space is provided free of charge; if you need more photos online, you can lease up to 6 TB of storage space. That's enough space for about 6 million photos in 5.0 megapixel format. Web Albums have a "Blog This" feature which enables one to easily post a photo stored in Web Albums to a blog posting.

Picasa is a good photo editing, organizing, and online distribution application. If you are interested in trying it out, just do a internet search for Picasa and download it for yourself!



ENTRANCE CLEAN-UP

The two entrances into Columbine Manor off of Platte Canyon Dr. are in need of some weed pulling and general cleanup. Join your neighbors on Saturday June 5th at 9 AM for a quick entrance cleanup. We will meet at the north entrance and go from there. Bring gloves and a small trowel, we will supply trash bags. The more help we get; the quicker it will go. Should be an hour at the most.

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

LOST IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Beading Case.... All black with snaps and 4 trays. Silver, metal charms, metal rings, etc.

I think I left it on top of my car and drove off. It may have fallen in the neighborhood.

Please call Sandy
303-981-0072

EASTER EGG HUNT

The 2010 Annual Easter Egg Hunt took place on Saturday April 3rd at 1 PM. The hunt was held at 5061 W. Geddes Cir (due to soccer games at the park).

The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. A total of 42 kids participated. The youngest looked for eggs in the front yard. The rest was split into two groups and hunted in the back yard. Everyone found plenty of eggs containing candy.

There was also a coloring contest and a guess-the-amount-of jelly-beans-in-a-jar game.

Big thanks to Robyn Hall who led the activity and LuAnn McGuire and family for hosting the hunt.

DUMPSTER AND RECYCLING DRIVE

During the May 15th weekend the CMPOA sponsored a Waste Management large item trash pick up and recycling drive. There was a dumpster and a trailer on West Geddes Cir. The dumpster was filled by Saturday night. A full trailer was taken to the recycling center. We received 54.25 for the aluminum and copper, and \$104 for the metal scrap, for a total of 158.25 for the treasury. This will help towards the many activities planned for Columbine Manor. We plan on repeating this event in September.

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