



The Manor Banner

OCTOBER 2010

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

Christmas Party –
Friday December 3, 2010
6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars!



ENTRANCES PAINTED

We hope you have noticed the new paint job at the entrances, but if not take a look next time you enter Columbine Manor from the east entrances. The weeds were pulled and the area cleaned up. A big thank you goes to Darrel Del Duca, Annemarie Garber, Hiroo and Hannah Shiba and family, Robyn Hall and family and Joe Wuest for taking the time to improve the entrances. Also thanks go to Eric Reed for use of his paint sprayer.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY

Mark the date, **Friday December 3rd at 6:30 pm**, for the annual CMPOA Christmas Party at the Columbine United Church located at 6375 South Platte Canyon Road. Please note that the date has changed from the previously announced day.

Bring your favorite desert to share with neighbors. The CMPOA board will provide pizza and salad for all. Activities for all ages including the "White Elephant Exchange", raffles plus watch the kids enjoy a visit with Mrs. Claus.

Look in the next newsletter for more details.

BLOCK PARTY

The Oktoberfest Block Party was held on Saturday September 18th. Geddes Circle was blocked off at the top of the circle. The party was held in front of 5102 W. Geddes. About 45 people attended the party and had a great time meeting and visiting with their neighbors. Bratwursts and hot dogs were grilled. Everyone brought delicious side dishes and desserts. Thanks go to Eric Reed for the use of his grill.

The kids ran around and did body bowling, ladderball and bean bag toss. The Fire department did not make it this year, but the kids still had fun.

There was a Bean Bag Toss tournament for adults and kids. Adult winners received Lowes gift certificates the kids received Baskin Robbin's gift certificates.

The weather was perfect and everyone had a good time eating and visiting.





FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY - LPS ASKS TAXPAYERS FOR A MILL LEVY INCREASE

Question to be on November 2, 2010 ballot
On July 29, 2010, the Littleton Public Schools Board of Education approved language for the item on the November 2, 2010 ballot that asks voters to approve a mill levy increase. The increase would generate \$12 million annually for LPS and would help future education cuts by the state from being as detrimental, beginning in school year 2011-2012.

Since 2008, the nation's economy has suffered and Colorado has been affected, as well. As a result of state funding cuts to K-12 public education (LPS receives about 60 percent of its funding from the state), LPS had to reduce its budget by about 10 percent, or \$14 million, in three years. Class sizes went up, fees increased, two schools were closed, programs were cut, about 200 jobs were cut, and school supply budgets rolled back to the level they were 20 years ago. The school year was shortened by two days to accommodate two furlough days for all employees. All students have been affected by these cuts.

It is projected that the state will require similar cuts again from K-12 education in 2011-2012 and beyond.

The Board of Education struggled with the idea of an election, but ultimately felt that it was necessary to move forward and let the community decide.

The mill levy increase would allow LPS to:

- Continue to provide academic excellence and an educational program of the highest quality and standards;

- Maintain class size;

- Provide a comprehensive education, including art, music, and P.E.;

- Provide curriculum and instruction necessary for success in college, post-secondary education, and the workforce;

- Maintain adequate numbers of well-qualified teachers;

- Continue to provide students with a safe learning environment.

Additional information is available at

www.littletonpublicschools.net.

(click on BudgetMatter\$).

DIRECTORY CHANGES

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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

LARGE ROLL-OFF CONTAINER

The container was another successful effort in keeping our neighborhood clean and looking good. Plus it saves you money. You filled another container to the brim with unwanted stuff. There are a few problems we confront every time we have one of the roll-offs in the neighborhood. It takes the entire Manor Board to clean up the mess and load the container correctly. Please be considerate of the following requests.

Large Roll-Off Container, Continued

First: PLEASE load the container from the front to the back. If you dump your stuff next to the container's door, no one else can get in. If you can not open the door and walk in, please call one of the board members for assistance.

Second: PLEASE STACK your items in an orderly fashion. Break down tables, chairs, old cabinets etc. before you put them in the container. If you can not, please call me as I love to smash things. It relieves a lot of tension.

Third: If you drop something on the ground PLEASE PICK IT UP. We found boards on the ground with nails sticking out just waiting for someone to step on them and be hurt. Trash was left on the street with the expectation that someone else would clean it up. Bring a broom so you can clean up your mess.

Fourth: IF THE TRASH WILL FIT INTO YOUR REGULAR TRASH CAN - PUT IT THERE. Waste Management will take it. It is a waste of all of our money to put household trash into the roll-off that is to be used for large items.

A reminder for future reference – a metal recycling drive does not happen every time there is a roll-off. It will be clearly stated when we are picking up metal. Please keep your items for the next time we pick up metal.

AS ALWAYS NO PAINT, BATTERIES, TIRES OR TOXIC ITEMS ARE ALLOWED.

Darrel Del Duca for the Board

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