



The Manor Banner

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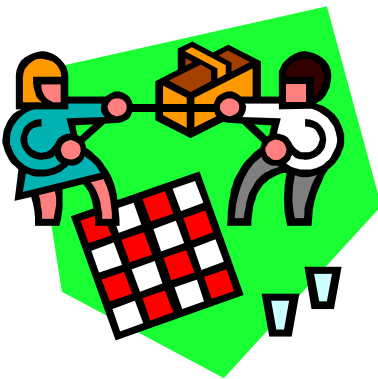
Columbine Manor Annual Summer Picnic
Sunday, June 12, 2011, 1PM-4PM

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



Bring your family - Invite your neighbors

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Plus a salad or dessert to share

- A-K bring a dessert
- L-Z bring a salad/side dish



Family Games – including Bean Bag Toss Competition with Prizes

Water Balloon Toss

Horseshoe Pitching

Ladder Ball

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Amazing Total for the Columbine Manor Japan Relief Fund
Doreen Smith

All of the generous donations from our neighborhood resulted in a grand total of \$575! \$380 will be sent to the Red Cross and \$195 will go to Save the Children. Our fund raiser was a huge success, and many thanks go out to everyone that participated. To follow is an update as to how our funds will be allocated.

Donations to the Red Cross have supported relief efforts in the more than 2,000 shelters in Japan. Currently, donations are being used to enable people to move out of shelters into pre-fabricated houses planned by the government. These funds are being used to outfit each house with six electrical appliances. An estimated 280,000 people will be able to begin their recovery.

Save the Children has been active in Japan for twenty five years and as such, they were well-poised to respond immediately to the disaster. Donations have helped fund "child friendly" spaces in shelters, many of which have gone without electricity and running water. As of mid-April there are still reports of these conditions. This organization has helped children and families with basic hygiene kits, and they are distributing thousands of education kits to children that lost every possession, including school supplies.

I imagine our contribution will really make a difference to some families. So, what's so amazing about the figure \$575? Well, to be honest, the original sum came to \$555. I was pretty enamored with that number. It looked so cool. But, I am glad I didn't send those checks in right away after the deadline.

At our last board meeting, Joe Steinbach quietly asked if he could still contribute. And here came the best donation of all. One of our neighborhood children, a six year old girl named Lianna, saved and donated her own money. One night she looked away from a TV advertisement for Save the Children and flatly stated that she wanted to help. Lianna has a deeply compassionate heart and understands hardship. Her life could have been intolerably difficult. Born to a teenage mom addicted to drugs, she was taken in by Joe and Jan Steinbeck at the age of two months. She refers to them as mom and dad although recently her half-aunt legally adopted her. (Don't even try to figure out who's who in Joe's family – he is one of seventeen children!) Bold and fearless, she recently held her grandmother-by-adoption's hand as she lay dying, until she reported she saw the angels come and take her grandmother away. Boy, I cannot wait to meet this special little girl!

Any way I look at it, our fund drive was a huge success. Lianna's contribution introduced the number seven to all of those fives. Her birthday even falls on a seven – it's June 7th. There are many fun facts about the numbers five and seven. Five is considered the number of balance. It is also the number of the human being – picture Leonardo da Vinci's famous drawing of the body with all four limbs spread symmetrically, with its perfectly balanced head that controls the limbs' movement. Five is said to symbolize mankind, health, and love. As we all know, a "high five" is a social gesture of celebrating. There are five senses: sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell. The five Olympic rings symbolize the five continents (I like the way the rings link as if to say, "We're all in this together!"). In Japan, the number five is significant. The major religion, Buddhism, classifies five elements of earthly existence: earth, fire, wind, water, and void (or sky, the heavens, or Spirit). With the five elements, it basically is all about balance, harmony, and celebrating the human body, mind, and spirit. Ordinary life reflects this – it's not possible to buy a set of dishes in a set of four or six in Japan. They are sold in sets of five and ten!

Here are things I ran across about the number seven. In the Bible, the number seven equates refinement. Seven symbolizes God's perfection, His Sovereignty and holiness. The New Testament has seven loaves and fishes, and forgiveness seventy times seven. As we all know, there are seven days in a week, seven deadly sins, seven continents, and seven colors in a rainbow. And Lianna

We should be proud of our neighborhood. We set out to gather funds for humanitarian relief for stricken people far away. I'd say we succeeded in spades, and landed on this fun number that could be said to represent balance, harmony, love, and God's perfection. It's a big gift to offer people we may never meet. We should definitely give ourselves a "High Five"!



Turf Mites May Be To Blame For Brown Lawn Patches

CSU Extension helps homeowners to identify turf problems and solutions

Littleton, Colo. - Is your lawn plagued by patches of straw-colored or silvery dying grass? If so, you are not alone. Many homeowners along the Front Range are seeing their yards awaken to spring, but instead of finding lush, green grass, they are fighting patchy and dying turf.

The damage to the turfgrass may be the result of two pinhead-sized pests: the reddish-brown Clover Mite or the green-colored Banks Grass Mite, according to Arapahoe County's CSU Extension. Turf mites are very small relatives of spiders that thrive by feeding on turfgrasses in warm, dry exposures from January to April.

"Mite injury to lawns is widespread this spring as a result of the very dry winter," said Arapahoe County's CSU Extension Horticulture Agent Robert Cox. "The Extension has received many samples and inquiries about dead lawn patches, and many are the result of turf mites feeding on drought-stressed grass."

Feeding mites can injure large areas of turfgrass on exposures that get more sunlight, such as south and west-facing lawns, particularly those on slopes. The damage can range in size from one square foot to hundreds. In many neighborhoods, all south-facing lawns on one side of the street are affected, while north-facing lawns on the other side of the street are green and unaffected.

Mites can't tolerate moist conditions, so watering during winter dry spells would be the most effective preventative measure. For homeowners facing damage now, small affected areas of turfgrass may recover with watering. However, if the damage is extensive or if the affected areas do not recover by mid-May, consider re-sodding or re-seeding. To establish new seed, use a core-aerator to create holes every two inches and then scatter grass seed over the area. Check with your water district to see if it offers lighter watering restrictions for homeowners who need to water more frequently to establish new sod or seed.

For other lawn problems, the Extension horticulture agent provides on-site LawnCheck consultations for a fee to help with identifying and solving insect, disease and other turf problems. A limited number of appointments are available during the growing season and are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

CSU Extension horticulturists and volunteer Master Gardeners answer questions about lawn and garden care year-round at 303-730-1920 or by e-mail to csu-extension@co.arapahoe.co.us. For more information on lawn and garden care, please visit www.arapahoeextension.org

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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



2011 EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was a lot of fun. We had about 30 children participate. They had a great time looking for eggs then finding the candy inside. We had many neighbors there to watch the kids and socialize with food and drink. Please join in the fun again next year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

Summer Picnic - June 12
Oktoberfest - September 24
Christmas Party - December 2

2011 LARGE ITEM TRASH REMOVAL AND METAL RECYCLING UPDATE

Again this year we filled a large trash container to the brim cleaning up our neighborhood. A special thanks to those who volunteered their time, energy, trucks and trailers. Very special thanks to those who handled the metal for recycling. It is a lot of hard and sometimes dirty work to get the metal to the recycling plant. We added \$156.40 for scrap metal and \$131.75 for scrap aluminum for a total of \$288.25 to our treasury.

Thanks to Eric & Brooke Reed for the use of their trailer and to Mark Climp for the use of his pickup truck. Special thanks go to Tim Hall for the use of his van. Plus, all his hard work to sort and transport the metal to the recycling plant was appreciated. Your board members need to be thanked for breaking down items for the metal recycling and working to keep the area around the dumpster clean. Good job everyone! It is this kind of effort that makes Columbine Manor the great neighborhood that it is.

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