



The Manor Banner

August 2011

OKTOBERFEST BLOCK PARTY!

Saturday, Sep. 24

Noon -3:00 pm

5102 W. Geddes Circle



The whole neighborhood is invited to the Oktoberfest Block Party! Geddes Circle will be blocked off at the top of the circle and the party will be in front of 5102 W. Geddes. The main dish (bratwurst and hot dogs) and drinks will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

A – L bring a salad/side dish * M – Z bring a dessert.**

There will be games for the kids, including the ever popular body bowling. We also will have a Bean Bag Toss competition like the one at the summer picnic. There will be prizes for adult and kid teams.

Once again, the fire department will be invited. Their attendance depends on if they are free from emergency calls.

Come visit with your neighbors and meet other residents of Columbine Manor!

Please RSVP to Joe Wuest at 303-904-0117 or
famwuest4@gmail.com

CMPOA Annual Summer Picnic

On June 12th, over 50 of our neighbors enjoyed the annual CMPOA picnic at our park. Good BBQ, games, and conversation with our neighbors made the day a success. The date was a sunny and fair day to enjoy Schneid's Smoke Shack meats, salads and yummy desserts. It was great to see a lot of new neighbors at the picnic. There was a very spirited bean bag toss competition. Everyone enjoyed the water balloon toss. Thanks to all the board members for a job well done!

Curb Number Painting

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped paint house numbers on the curbs in the neighborhood. Over two weekends in June, all the numbers were repainted in Columbine Manor. Jim Barnhill did a great job of organizing the volunteers and leading the painting. **Thanks to Tim Hall, Gene Burns, Chris Graves, John Ford, Nick Hawkins, and Martha Barnhill.**

Watch out for this Spider

There have been several sightings of Brown Recluse Spiders in the neighborhood. One resident has been bitten (Rich Bialkowski). Rich is still suffering from the bite 12 weeks later. Here is some information to help you recognize the spider:

Brown recluse spiders are usually between 1/4 in and 3/4 in, but may grow larger. While typically light to medium brown, they range in color from cream-colored to dark brown or blackish gray. These spiders usually have markings with a black line coming from it that looks like a violin with the neck of the violin pointing to the rear of the spider, resulting in the nicknames fiddleback spider, brown fiddler or violin spider. Since the violin pattern is not diagnostic, and other spiders may have similar markings, for more assurance in identification it is imperative to examine the eyes. Most spiders have eight eyes; recluse spiders have six eyes arranged in pairs. See picture below. Brown recluses are rarely aggressive, and actual bites from the species are rare. The spider usually bites only when pressed against the skin, such as when tangled up within clothes, towels, bedding, inside work gloves, etc. The initial brown recluse bite frequently is not felt and may not be immediately painful, yet such a bite can be serious.

The brown recluse bears potentially deadly venom. Most bites are minor with no necrosis. However, a small number of brown recluse bites do produce severe lesions (i.e., necrosis). The bite forms an ulcer that destroys soft tissue and may take months to heal, leaving deep scars. These bites usually become painful and itchy within 2 to 8 hours, pain and other local effects worsen 12 to 36 hours after the bite, and the necrosis develops over the next few days. Over time, the wound may grow to as large as 10 inches in extreme cases.



Yard-of-the Month

The winners of the Columbine Manor Yard-of-the-Month for July are:

Chris and Helen Beyer of 5131 West Fremont Dr.

They get to display the Yard-of-the-Month sign in their yard and receive a \$50 gift certificate to a local home supply store.

Congratulations!



Travel Safety Tips

These suggestions are from the website, www.stratfor.com

Situational awareness is key, whether you're at home or traveling. You should take advantage of your neighborhood watch program so you understand the amount and scope of crime that's happening in your neighborhood, as well as some wonderful online tools such as RAIDS online. They push out on a daily basis the volume and the scope and the kinds of crime that's happening around you. That just makes you more aware of the trending of crime as it unfolds in the location where you live. I fully understand that a lot of this kind of online information is not available to many of our viewers outside of the United States, but that still doesn't stop you from visiting with your local police to understand the amount of crime that's happening in your area.

It is very important to have good dead bolt doors. Dead bolts are keyed from the outside and then latched from the inside. Your dead bolt lock should be pick resistant, and it's also important to remember to lock your doors, for over one third of all burglaries happen when people simply forget to lock their doors.

It is also important to have a good alarm system and remember to turn it on before you go on vacation, and it's important that you test that alarm system monthly. As you can see, this one has fire, rescue and police that you can also use in a panic mode.

Before you go away, make sure you tell a trusted neighbor about your itinerary and provide an emergency contact number for you. Also remember to cancel the newspaper and hold your mail if you're going away for an extended period of time. It is also important to think about things like maintaining your yard, if you have a yard service, as well as to close your garage before you leave.

Lighting is very important whenever you are trying to protect a house, whether you're on vacation or not. It's critical that you have good perimeter lighting on the exterior of your residence and that you maintain that while you're on vacation. Also, you want interior lights that come on via a timer, and you could stage those around the house, for example in a bathroom or bedroom. But what you're trying to do is to give the appearance of normalcy while you're away so people think that you're at home.

Beware! The Sheriff is Here!

In spite of the “NO THROUGH TRAFFIC” signs, our neighbors to the west have been commuting and speeding through our neighborhood again. The Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Department volunteered to set up speed traps soon.



Bike Path Intersections – Who has the right of way?

On July 15, a bicycle ran into a vehicle on the bike path intersection at Hinsdale Circle. There are “YIELD” signs on the bike path warning bikers and pedestrians. There are “BIKE ROUTE” signs and white stripes on the street warning motorists of the potential of bikers being present.

So, who has the right of way? An Arapahoe County Deputy Sheriff says the motorists have the right of way. However, in the event of a motorist speeding or driving in a reckless manner, the driver could be found guilty of contributory negligence and be partially responsible for the accident.

Please, approach the bike path intersections slowly and look both directions before going through the intersection!

Our Condolences

Recently, Donna Walker of 5163 W. Geddes Circle passed away. We would like to offer our condolences to her family.

Upcoming Events

Oktober Block Party - September 24

Chirstmas Party -- December 2

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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

Newsletter Article

If you want to have an article included in the next newsletter, please send it to Joe Wuest at famwuest4@gmail.com.