



# The Manor Banner

December 2011

**Annual Columbine Manor Property  
Owners Association Christmas Party!  
Sunday, December 18th**

**Starting at 5:00 PM**

**Columbine United Church, 6375 South  
Platte Canyon Road.**



**Pizza, salad and drinks will be provided by the Association.  
Please bring your favorite dessert to share. Come enjoy the  
company of your neighbors!**

**Please bring a wrapped item for a White Elephant Gift Exchange  
if you would like to take part in the exchange. This year we will  
have a separate White Elephant Exchange for children under 12  
years old.**

**A special visitor from the North Pole is expected. Also, for fun,  
there will be Minute-to-Win games for both kids and adults.**

**Please RSVP to Hiroo Shiba, 303-903-8007 (email:  
hiroo.shiba@q.com) or Joe Wuest, 303-904-0117  
(email: famwuest4@gmail.com) no later than Friday,  
December 16th, 2011 and please include the ages  
of any children attending.**

## **Holiday Appreciation**

During the holiday season, please remember your Waste Management workers, paper delivery person and any others who provide service in the neighborhood.

### **2012 Waste Management and Membership Fees**

**The 2012 home owner's membership fee and trash pickup payment will be due before the 1st of February 2012, if you want to have the discount on trash hauling. The cost for trash pickup will be \$140.45 and the membership fee is \$25 for a total of \$165.45.**

**This is the same as last year -- a great deal. A letter from the board is included with this newsletter.**

**If you are not interested in participating in the Waste Management deal, your membership fee of \$25 still is due by February 1st.**

## **2012 ANNUAL MEETING**

The CMPOA Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at Columbine United Church.

Mark your calendars! Also, we are looking for new board members; let any current board member know if you are interested.



## **Time for the Second Annual CMPOA Christmas Light's Contest!**

We will be awarding three prizes this year to houses in the neighborhood that have the best Christmas light displays. So, get out there and light those houses up, put up the flashing reindeers, and make Excel happy. Prizes will be Lowes gift cards of \$30, \$20 and \$10. Judging will take place the December 14th. Good Luck!

### **Keep an Eye on Your Pets**

There has been an increase in sightings of coyotes in the neighborhood. Many of our neighbors have heard their howling late at night or early in the mornings. Please keep an eye on your pets since they are easy prey for these coyotes.

On a separate note, we would like to print any wildlife pictures in the Manor Banner.

Send your pictures to Joe Wuest at [famwuest4@gmail.com](mailto:famwuest4@gmail.com).

### **Burglary in the Neighborhood**

One of our neighbors experienced a burglary recently. While they were out of town, a burglar gained access through the back door of their garage which was apparently left unlocked. A power scooter and some tools were stolen. The Arapahoe County Sheriff was called and a report filed.

Please remember to keep your rear doors to garages locked. Let a neighbor know if you are going to be out of town, so they can keep any eye on your house.

### **Safest Seats on an Airplane**

**Myth:** That the safest seats on all commercial aircraft are those next to emergency exits.

**Reality:** Aisle seats close to the over-wing emergency exits are safer. These seats are commonly in the mid-front section of the plane. If you sit in the window seat next to an emergency exit, you may be worse off in the event of a crash that jams the exit. Aisle seats near several exits give you more escape options in a crash.

**Lifesaving precaution:** When you take your seat in the plane, count and memorize the number of rows to the nearest exits. **Reason:** If smoke fills the cabin after a crash, you may have to feel your way in the dark to an exit. This precaution is based on the tactics that crash survivors have actually used to get out of a plane.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Annual Meeting – February 11, 2012**

## Old Time Recipes From Wisconsin

### Banana Cake

½ cup shortening or oil  
1 cup sugar or 1/3 cup sugar + 1/3 cup brown sugar + 1/3 cup agave nectar  
2 eggs  
2 cups flour (can substitute gluten free flour and add 1 tsp Xanthan gum)  
1 tsp vanilla  
1 tsp baking soda  
1 tsp baking powder  
1 cup milk or ½ cup water and ½ cup whole milk  
¼ tsp salt  
2-3 ripe bananas, mashed

Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

### Quick Devil's Food Cake

2 cups flour (can substitute gluten free flour, and add 1 tsp Xanthan gum)  
6 Tbls cocoa  
1 tsp baking soda  
½ tsp baking powder  
1/8 tsp salt  
2 eggs  
¾ cup oil  
1 cup water  
1 to 1 ½ cups sugar or ½ cup sugar + ½ cup agave nectar

Bake at 350 degrees 30 - 40 minutes.

Old Time Saying: Kissin' don't last, but good cookin' do.

## How To Preserve a Husband – Anonymous

Be careful in your selection. Do not choose too young. When selected give your entire thoughts to preparation for domestic use.

Some insist on keeping them in a pickle, others are constantly getting them in hot water.

This may make them sour, hard and sometimes bitter.

Even poor varieties may be made sweet, tender and good by garnishing them with patience, well sweetened with love and seasoned with kisses.

Wrap them with a mantle of charity. Keep warm with a steady fire of domestic devotion, and serve with peaches and cream. Thus prepared, they will keep for years.

### **BOARD MEMBERS 2011/2012**

Joe Wuest (President) 303-904-0117  
Joe Steinbach (Vice President) 303-979-2672  
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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](mailto:famwuest4@gmail.com).