



# The Manor Banner

February 2012

## Winter Social – Annual Meeting

Columbine Manor Property Owners Association (CMPOA) cordially invites all members and their families to the 2012 Annual Meeting and Winter Social.

**When:** Saturday, February 11th, 2012 starting at 6 PM

**Where:** Columbine United Church at 6375 S. Platte Canyon Rd.

**RSVP:** Darrel Del Duca at 303-973-5435 or [ddelduc@msn.com](mailto:ddelduc@msn.com)

**Please say how many adults and children.**

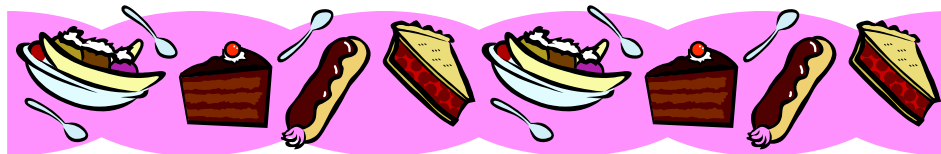
**MENU:** Spaghetti with meatballs and/or sausage

Tossed Salad and Bread

Gluten free food will be available upon request

Coffee, water, and soft drinks will be provided.

Please bring a small dessert to share.



**Board Meeting:** Short Board Meeting will proceed the dinner with election of new Board Members.

**Raffle:** Don't miss the free raffle drawings for all ages!

**Great prizes will be awarded. You must be present to win.**

## **Christmas Lights Contest**

The Second Annual CMPOA Christmas Light's Contest was held in December. The CMPOA board went around the neighborhood the week before Christmas and checked out all the Christmas lights. There were so many great looking houses it was a tough job to pick the best three. The winners received Lowe's gift card (so they can start on next year's contest).

The winners were:

1st - Darrel & Andrea Del Duca at 5149 W. Fremont Ave

2nd - Tammy Edgeworth & Lori Tyler at 7102 S. Platte Canyon Dr.

3rd - Scott & Heather Larson at 5005 W. Hinsdale Cir.

Honorable mention goes to: Mark & Rena'ee Climp, Don & Traci Schade , Troy & Richelle Kaiser, and Jay & Meredith Haworth.

Thanks to everyone in the neighborhood for participating. It seemed that we had even more lights this year than previous years. We are considering expanding the contest next year to include several categories - stay tuned!

## **Our Condolences**

Mr. John Garber at 5152 W. Geddes Cir recently passed away. He will be missed. Our condolences go to Annemarie and family.

## **Waste Management Reminder**

The 2012 home owner's membership fee and trash pickup payment was due 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. If you haven't got your payment in yet, please get it to Darrel Del Duca or a board member as soon as possible. Thank you very much to all who have sent in their payment.

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

## **Free Recycling Service with Waste Management**

**If you are already signed up with Waste Management through our neighborhood's Property Owner's Association, or are new to Columbine Manor, and would like to sign up through the Association to begin service, you have some great options for recycling.**

**Through agreement within our contract with Waste Management, we in Columbine Manor are allowed to use any bin we choose to place recyclables in. This can be an old plastic trash can with a lid, or even plastic milk crates. For wet weather, plastic containers with lids are ideal. Due to sudden gusts of wind we often experience around here, if using an open container, please try to place heavier items, such as glass, on the top to weigh down loose sheets of paper. This will avoid creating litter in the neighborhood. Plastic containers are sturdier, although even cardboard boxes can be used to fill with recyclables, during dry weather.**

**If you would like to use containers that Waste Management provides, you have two options – two medium sized milk-crate type bins for \$20, or a 96-gallon totter with a lid on wheels for \$80. These will be delivered to you. You may be able to avoid paying for a bin altogether if you go to the Waste Management transfer station at 2400 W. Union Ave., Englewood, CO, 80110. One resident was given the two small bins for no charge when he visited the station. If you would like to order bins, call 303-797-1600. Even if using your own containers, you'll want to call to receive a pick-up schedule; Waste Management picks up recycling every other week. On the back of the schedule is a complete list of all items that are accepted, and those that are excluded. Since this is considered "single stream" recycling, there is no sorting involved. You place everything – paper, aluminum, cardboard, glass, plastic, etc., in just one bin. Recycling now just couldn't be easier! Thanks to all participating.**

**If you have any concerns or questions about this free service, please call Darrel Del Duca - 303-973-5435, or email: [ddelduc@msn.com](mailto:ddelduc@msn.com)**

# How to Drive Safely in a Residential Area

By an eHow Contributor

Safe driving in residential areas is important. Obstacles on residential streets are different from those of major highways, so it is important to be alert even though you are traveling at a reduced speed. There are ways to make sure that your trip through our neighborhood streets is a safe one.

- **1**  
Know the speed limit. Our streets have a speed **limit** of 25. That means 25 should be the **MAXIMUM** that we drive through Columbine Manor. Driving over the speed limit affects reaction time on streets where every second counts.
- **2**  
Stay alert. It only takes a split second for a child or animal to dart into the street. Take notice of children walking home from school or a car backing out of a driveway. Always assume that these people don't see your vehicle and be prepared to act accordingly.
- **3**  
Watch for traffic signs. There can sometimes be trees or parked cars obstructing the view of signs. Stop signs and school crossing signs are important for the safety of the neighborhood. Come to a complete stop when you see a stop sign. Slow down when you see a sign announcing a school.
- **4**  
Limit distractions. Fiddling with the radio or talking on a cell phone can be disastrous when driving in a residential area. Taking your eyes off the road can result in missing something very important, such as a soccer ball that rolls into the roadway and the young child who runs out to retrieve it.
- **5**  
Watch for pedestrians. Pedestrians have the right of way in an intersection. Instead of being annoyed by the delay, show patience. An injured child will cause you a lot more emotional distress than any temporary anxiety about being late for anything.

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**Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office**

**NEWSLETTER**

**Alumni/Neighborhood Watch Newsletter**

**First Quarter 2012**

**<http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/citizeninfo/nhw1stQtr2012.pdf>**

## 2011 Christmas Party Pictures



Everyone enjoyed the pizza and desserts.



There were games for the kids



Santa visited





There was a White Elephant Gift Exchange for the kids and adults

## Columbine Manor Christmas Party 2011

By Doreen Smith

Good cheer and good neighborhood friendships fostered wonderful holiday spirit for our annual Christmas Party at Columbine United Church. We enjoyed a great turnout, with many returning, familiar faces, as well as quite a few new ones. Everyone enjoyed seeing our littlest neighbors dressed in their best for the holiday! A surprise visit from Santa was a huge hit with the kids; we had about 15 little ones enjoy sitting on his lap and playing with their holiday favors that Santa brought them.

This years' party included the usual entertaining games: the Minute to Win it Contest, and the old favorite, the White Elephant Gift Exchange. There were some true "White Elephant" entries, as well as some items that enjoyed many trips through several hands - wine and Starbucks gift cards being the favorites.

If you don't happen to know how the term "White Elephant" ever got started, I can tell you, as I ran across this amusing factoid in the Denver Post recently. Apparently, in ancient Siam (now our modern Thailand), kings that were annoyed with certain courtiers would make them a gift of a white elephant.

These animals were considered sacred. The huge downside was that they were extremely expensive to care for, and the hapless new owner would never be able to get rid of it because he was now under obligation to care for the sacred animal. Hmm, sounds a lot to me like the phrase “whatever you own, owns you.” Good thing we can get rid of our own “white elephants” much more easily!

A children’s White Elephant Gift Exchange made its debut this year with overwhelming success. The kids really seemed to enjoy the game. Robyn Hall did a great job facilitating this exchange, as well as the one for the adults, and ensured that there were smiles all around!

Everyone enjoyed pizza entrees, salad, and delicious homemade desserts. Gluten-free pizza was provided for neighbors with dietary restrictions and was much enjoyed, as well.

Good food, entertainment and conversation made for a super Christmas party. We can all look forward to more fun next season!

### **Recipes from Two Rivers, Wisconsin**

#### **Banana Cake**

**½ cup shortening**

**1 ¼ cup sugar**

**2 eggs**

**2 cups cake flour or gluten free flour + 1 teaspoon Xanthium gum**

**1 teaspoon vanilla**

**1 teaspoon baking soda**

**1 teaspoon baking powder**

**1 cup milk**

**¼ teaspoon salt**

**2-3 ripe mashed bananas**

**Mix all ingredients. Grease and flour 13x9 pan. Pour batter in pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.**

## **Potato Pancakes**

**3 cups peeled, small cubed potatoes**  
**2 eggs**  
**½ small onion**  
**1 teaspoon salt**  
**2 Tablespoons flour or gluten-free flour**  
**¼ teaspoon baking powder**

**Peel and cube potatoes. Soak in water 15 minutes. Drain and wipe. Put ½ cup cubed potatoes in blender. Cover and grate with rest of ingredients. Add remaining potatoes. Use “Chop” setting until all are chopped. Fry in well-oiled pan.**  
**Serve with applesauce on side.**

## **BOARD MEMBERS 2011/2012**

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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).