



The Manor Banner

June 2012

Columbine Manor Annual Picnic

Sunday, June 10, 2012

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Columbine Manor Park

(NW corner)



BBQ from Schneid's Smoke Shack, rolls, and beverages
will be provided by CMPOA

Bring your family, neighbors, and favorite lawn chair or blanket
plus a salad or dessert to share:

A-K bring a dessert

L-Z bring a salad/side dish

Family Games: Old favorites including Bean Bag Toss Competition,
Ladder Ball and Water Balloon Toss

RSVP to Jay Haworth 303.933.9572 or
haworthj@gmail.com

Acts Of Kindness (AOK) Kids Club

The CMPOA board is starting a new Kids Club to our neighborhood! All children are invited to attend our first meeting in June. Future meetings are planned for twice a month. Fun will include activities like bowling at Fun City; arts and crafts with snacks; games in the park; walks to Carson Nature Center and lots of playing. There will be a drawing at each meeting for winners, who have done random acts of kindness for neighbors. Most activities will be free. Let's bring old-fashioned loving kindness and caring, along with fun and friendship, to our neighborhood through our children. Please contact Robyn Hall, 303-948-8808.

Notes from the President

In 2012 the Colorado Legislature reinstated the Property Tax Homestead Exemption for qualifying seniors on their real estate taxes assessed on their personal residences for 2012 payable in 2013. Seniors must be at least 65 years of age on January 1, 2012, lived in the residence for at least ten years and currently living in the residence to qualify.

The 50% exemption credit will be applied to the first \$200,000 of the Arapahoe County appraised value of your primary residence. For example, if you own a residential property with an appraised value of \$200,000 and your property taxes are \$2,000 for 2012, a credit of \$1,000 will be applied reducing your property tax bill payable in 2013 to \$1,000.

To qualify for the homestead exemption you are required to file an application with the Arapahoe County Assessor's office at 5334 S. Prince Street, Littleton by July 15, 2012. You may go online to look for more information at http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Departments/AS/Forms/short_form_Brochure_07.pdf. I have enlarged forms as the online form is very small and can be difficult for some seniors to complete.

Property owners that have previously qualified for the Property Tax Homestead Exemption are not required to file a new application.

Since our properties will be appraised again in 2013, I will be addressing the methods of how the appraisal, application of taxes and the appeal processes work in Arapahoe County in future *Manor Banner* articles. Many of our residents pay way too much in property taxes due to being compared to recent sales of residences in more upscale neighborhoods.

Dwight Storm, President

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS:

July - Updated Directory

Summer - Entrance renovations - Some exciting changes!

Summer - I Can Hear You Now! - Special discount pricing on Hearing Aids.

Summer- Boys and Girls of Summer – Baseball at Columbine Manor Park for all ages

Fall - Special group discount pricing - Driveways, concrete patios and miscellaneous concrete work.

Pet Waste

Pet waste is biodegradable but contains bacteria that can cause illness. Rain and sprinkler runoff carry the bacteria across lawns, into gutters, down storm drains, and into local creeks. Water in storm drains is not treated to remove bacteria harmful to people and the environment. When walking your dog, always carry a pooper scooper or plastic bag to pick up after your pet. And, remember to pick up waste in your own yard.

Arapahoe County's website

Roll-off Container Round-up

We had another successful large item trash pickup on the weekend of May 19th and 20th. It seems it is harder and harder to fill the 30 yard container. The good news is we don't have as many as large items that need thrown away. Our neighborhood is getting better all the time. Thanks to your CMPOA board this large container was free and part of your Waste Management contract.

The metal recycling that accompanied the large item pickup yielded \$243 for our treasury. A special thanks to Eric Reed for helping cut up the items so they would fit into the trailer; to everyone that loaded it and Darrel Del Duca and Joe Steinbach who took the metal to the recycling drop off. We collected 2160 pounds of metal.

Special thanks to the individual who stopped by Darrel's house and advised him to take the metal to All Recycling Inc. at 1775 West Wesley Ave. They paid \$225 dollars a ton for metal instead of the \$160 we were getting at Western Recycling.

A big thank you goes to Derek Del Duca, from Choice Construction, for the use of his trailer.

Plant Sale

The plant sale was a success. We now have over \$1000 worth of new plants to beautify our neighborhood. Thanks to Don Godi from Donald H. Godi & Associates for getting the plants at such great prices.

Article in Newsletter

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

Directory Information

Your Columbine Manor Property Owners Association Directory will be updated this year because of the large number of new families in our neighborhood. Again this year if you want to have your business card "free advertising" added to the directory, please give a card to your local board member or to Darrel Del Duca, the directory editor. The cards will be placed in the directory. The only rule for the cards you must live in Columbine Manor to have your information listed in the directory.

Your Board Members for 2012-2013:

Diane Lekic (Member) [303-979-8620](tel:303-979-8620)
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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 Dwight Storm at 303-979-4586 for the location.