



# The Manor Banner

APRIL, 2008

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008

Roll-off dumpsters - April 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

Front Entrances Clean-up - April 19<sup>th</sup>

May Plant Sale – Orders in by May 14<sup>th</sup>

Delivery on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Annual Picnic - June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1-4 PM.

(CMPOA will not sponsor a garage sale this year.)

## SPRING CLEAN-UP APRIL 18-20 MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

CMPOA is sponsoring a neighborhood clean-up this year. Two roll-off dumpsters will be placed in the neighborhood. One will be at the top of Geddes Circle and the other at the top of Hindsdale Circle. Remember to place your items in neatly. No flammable or toxic items are allowed. If you need someone to put your items in the dumpster because you will be gone, please give one of your board members a call.

**Let's get out and do some spring cleaning!!**



## THE FRONT ENTRANCES ARE GETTING A NEW LOOK

We need your help! The spruces are going and new plants are coming. The signs will have larger letters. There are 4 areas that need to be redone, 2 at each entrance. You and your gardening tools (shovels, rakes and hoes) are needed on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> about 10am. It should take about 2 hours. With more help we will be done faster. The entrances are seen by everyone driving on Platte Canyon Road, please help your board members make a great first impression. Call 303-904-0117 to volunteer. Thank you so much!!!!

## 2008 Annual Meeting and Picnic

The annual meeting and picnic will be on **Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 1- 4 p.m. at Columbine Manor Park. Former residents are invited to join us. If you know any past neighbors, please ask them to attend. Come and enjoy the fellowship of current and former neighbors. Chicken will be served again. People whose last names begin with A-M please bring desserts and N-Z please bring salads/side dishes. CMPOA will provide the chicken, rolls, condiments, beverages, plates, napkins and flatware. You might want to bring a lawn chair.

Please RSVP to Joe Wuest at 303-904-0117 or [famwuest@msn.com](mailto:famwuest@msn.com).

## COLUMBINE MANOR EVENTS

### EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt was a success for everyone who attended. We only had a dozen or so children this year. So, next year there will plenty of room for lots more!



The coloring contest was a hit.



One of our more successful egg hunters.

### WINTER SOCIAL

The Winter Social was a huge success. Door prizes included Dairy Queen gift certificates for many of the children and Lowe's gift cards for seven of the adults. Everyone had a great time talking with neighbors. The kids had a ball drawing and announcing the winning numbers for the prizes. Once again, the spaghetti was wonderful and the dessert choices were amazing.

## IMPROVEMENTS ON THE COLUMBINE TRAIL

South Suburban Parks and Recreation District is planning to replace two sections of the existing asphalt on the Columbine Trail. The sections are located between Normandy Parkway and Fremont Avenue and between Fremont Avenue and Hinsdale Circle. The new trail will still be asphalt. The repair work is scheduled to be done within the next two months weather permitting.

### May Plant Sale

The neighborhood plant sale will happen again this year. Plants that have been ordered will be delivered to Don Godi's house at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 17. If you are interested in buying plants or shrubs, orders need to be in by Wednesday, May 14. There will be catalogs available that list types available and the prices. Catalogs should be located at the following houses: Don Godi at 5035 W. Hinsdale and Darrel Del Duca at 5149 W. Fremont Ave. More details will be forthcoming.

Thank You

A special note of appreciation goes to Tim and Robyn Hall and their family. The extra time and effort they take to clear the drain on Fremont makes everyone greatful.

YARD OF THE MONTH STARTING IN JUNE!!!  
\$50.00 TO THE WINNER  
ONE WINNER IN JUNE, JULY and AUGUST!!!

## GARDNER'S CORNER

Now is the time to complete some gardening chores that will pay big benefits to your landscape. Even though we may have some short bursts of winter remaining, the soil is warming due to greater solar radiation and some plants are beginning to show bud expansion. It is this warming of the soil that initiates spring growth.

Some of the more critical and effective things to do at this time include:

- Spray for scale and other latent insects. Use dormant oil spray now, before buds break to smother scale and insect eggs. This will eliminate scale on aspen and other insect eggs that hatch later as foliage appears and the temperatures rise.
- Prune crabapples and other plants subject to fire blight. Fire blight is a bacterial disease that can easily kill members of the rose family after spreading by bees during bloom periods. Pruning now avoids spreading the disease by pruning with infected equipment.
- Prune other plants. Without leaves, it is easier to identify those limbs and twigs that need to be removed because they are dead, out of place, crossing, or otherwise overlay competing. Some trees do not leak sap as much this time of year and heal better during spring growth.
- Plan for annual flower placement. Evaluate what was right or wrong with last year's plantings or choose a spot for new plants. Pick plants from the garden center while the selection is good and you have a chance to acclimate them to outdoor conditions.
- Lawn fertilize. For those who did not do the recommended fall fertilizing, now is a good time to apply a good dose of all-purpose lawn fertilizer at the rate of  $\frac{3}{4}$  - 1 pound of available nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of area. It is still a little early to apply fertilizers with herbicides and pre-emergent controls.
- Plant cool season grasses. Some, like bluegrass, are already beginning to grow and this is the ideal time to establish seeded areas without the need for excessive irrigation. Prepare the soil well (4-6" cultivation, soil amendment) and lightly mulch after seeding with peat moss or straw. Spring rains and snow will only help establish the seed or sod.
- Early vegetable planting. Cultivate the garden spot and sow seeds of cool season crops, including:

- carrots	- bok choy	- green onions
- spinach	- peas	- leeks
- lettuce	- kale	
- radishes	- beets	

If you have not had a soil test recently, gather a sample and send to a lab for testing or use a soil testing kit.

- Clean up perennial beds. Remove debris and dead foliage and divide plants as needed. If transplanting, prepare the soil well with 50% soil and 50% manure or compost. Many perennials will bloom very well after early spring transplanting. Replenish mulches as needed and water plants in hot, dry areas.

#### BOARD MEMBERS

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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, please call Darrell Del Duca at 303-973.5435.

We will add a chair at the table.

#### ICE - IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Adding ICE to your cell phone can help emergency responders. To your address book, use ICE followed by the name and number of whom you would want contacted in case of an emergency. A poll showed that 75% of emergency responders do look in the phone for this number.

**FLY YOUR FLAG**  
**MEMORIAL DAY (OBSERVED)**  
**MAY 26**  
**MEMORIAL DAY (TRADITIONAL)**  
**MAY 30**



**A reminder for all dog owners**, please close every gate to keep your dog at home. Plus, here are more tips for a happier pet from the Humane Society of the United States.

1. Make sure your pet wears an identification tag.
2. Enroll your new dog in behavioral training classes and visit [www.petsforlife.org](http://www.petsforlife.org).
3. Once a year, have a veterinarian do a complete exam.
4. Prepare for disasters with a plan.
5. In case something happens to you, plan for your pet's future by visiting [www.hsus.org/petsinwills](http://www.hsus.org/petsinwills) for more information.
6. Learn how to avoid dog bites and how to prevent your dog from biting by going to [www.NoDogBites.org](http://www.NoDogBites.org).
7. Have a heart, be smart and make sure your pet is spayed or neutered.

#### NEW CMPOA DIRECTORY

The New CMPOA Neighborhood Directory comes out in July. If you have a business card, you can advertise in the directory for FREE. Please give your card to one of the board members by the first of June. If you would like to add, subtract or change your current information, please tell your board member as well.

#### 2008 WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MEMBERSHIP FEES REPORT

The sign-up effort for the 2008 Waste Management and Membership finished in February. Out of 130 homes, 117 are Waste Management participants with 118 members of the Columbine Manor Property Owners Association. Thank you to everyone for delivering your checks to us in a timely manner.

This is the last year of our three year agreement with Waste Management. The CMPOA board is negotiating with Waste Management on a new contract. We will keep everyone informed of progress and the final agreement.

If you would like to place an article in the Manor Banner, please send your article to:  
[famwuest@msn.com](mailto:famwuest@msn.com) by Friday, 5/23, for the June issue.