



The Manor Banner

June 2014



Columbine Manor's Annual Picnic

Sunday, June 8, 2014

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Columbine Manor Park

(NW corner)

Party subs (some gluten free options),
Chicken 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-M bring a salad/side dish

N-Z bring a dessert

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

Summer Trivia

1. On August 9, 1944 the US was introduced to this public-service mascot. Who was he?
a) Woodsy Owl, the anti-pollution bird c) Sanitary Sam, the Toxic Shock Syndrome Man
b) Smokey Bear, the fire prevention bear
2. In the US, which of the following observances **does not** take place in the summer?
a) National Sandwich Month c) National Barbecue Month
b) National Ice Cream Month d) National Watermelon Month
3. What are the three summer signs of the Zodiac?
a) Gemini, Cancer and Leo c) Cancer, Leo and Virgo
b) Scorpio, Sagittarius and Capricorn d) Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces
4. Which month is the busiest month for travel and tourism?
a) June c) August
b) July d) September
5. The most popular summertime activity is?
a) Gardening c) Going to the movies
b) Camping d) taking vacation
6. When it is summer in the US, the sun is over which latitude?
a) The Equator c) Tropic of Cancer
b) Tropic of Capricorn d) Artic Circle
7. What is the number one grilled food in America?
a) hot dogs c) steaks
b) hamburgers d) salmon
8. Dog Days are named for what star?
a) Polaris c) Pollux
b) Vega d) Sirius
9. What city has the highest average summertime temperature of 111 degrees in July?
a) Phoenix, AZ c) Palm Desert, CA
b) Las Vegas, NV d) Lake Havasu City, AZ

Answers: 1) b 2) c 3) c 4) c 5) d 6) c 7) b 8) d 9) d

2014 Annual CMPOA Easter Egg Hunt

By Josh Littrell

They say April showers bring May flowers. But also, responsible water use on plants will bring May flowers. That's not the point, the April 12th Easter Egg was dry, cool and plenty green. First, a big shout out (or Thank You) to our co-chairs of the event: Mo Redmond and Julie Littrell. Between the two of them they have participated and/or organized dozens of Easter Egg hunts. They are also both quick thinkers. Due to some late afternoon soccer games at Columbine Manor Park, the event was moved to Mo's front yard. Most event organizers would have freaked out and needed therapy, but not Mo and Julie.

Many volunteers stuffed plastic eggs with delicious treats and distributed them into hiding spots. The kids had a great time and everyone got plenty of eggs. I made sure that the older kids didn't steal out of the younger kids baskets when not looking. Nobody wants to see a 3-5 year old cry because some punk stole their eggs.



We also got to meet the new family in the neighborhood: Tim & Kress Barbre (7327 South Platte Canyon Drive) and their three kids (Lillee, Madalyn , and Azeley)

Tim and Kress are both from the Littleton area and even attended Wilder Elementary. Their daughters Lillee and Madalyn will be going to Wilder this coming fall. At the event Lillie won the plastic pig stuffed with M&Ms. If I remember correctly she guessed around 350 M&Ms, she was way off, but was still the closest kid. The correct amount was over 600 M&Ms. I should have given them some suggestions on local dentists after seeing her carry away the sugar pig. If you get a chance stop by and say hello. Welcome to the Manor!

Have a fun and safe end of May; see you at the Summer Picnic.



What is happening in the Manor

By Jay Haworth

May 27, 2014

Summer is here! More people are outside and BBQs are going. Kids are running all around and playing new things. Mine are learning to ride their bikes. Spring was great; we had a wonderful Easter Egg hunt. Thanks for everyone involved in planning and participating.

Last newsletter I missed mentioning one of our recent board members. Judy Schnittker joined on as Treasure. An incredible task to keep us all balanced and make sure we enjoy our social gatherings within budget.

This summer we get to see each other at the picnic and our Dumpster Day. The picnic is one of my favorite events. Everyone just gathers and talks. Many games are played (and even a couple organized ones). At the picnic, Joe will ask for volunteers to monitor the dumpster. It is a pretty social event as a few folks take shifts watching the dumpster to deter out of neighborhood use and helping folks organize the “trash” so it fits optimally.

Also, we are going to update the directory. Are there any local business owners who would like to have a business card in the directory? Sometimes it is nice to do business with neighbors. Last month I had some gutter work done by someone in the neighborhood. They’ve turned out great and I hope to remember to say something next time I see I was Vince. If you would like to have a card in the directory, please let a board member know. I’m not sure if we can include them, but we’ll see.

Also, regarding the directory, I was informed that a recent law (HB 14-1125) limits our ability to publish a directory. It says “WRITTEN CONSENT MUST BE KEPT AS A RECORD OF THE ASSOCIATION AND REMAINS VALID UNTIL THE PERSON WITHDRAWS IT” So, when the board is confirming your address, phone, e-mail, etc. we will ask you to sign the paper indicating we can publish a directory. This is unfortunate as it does mean it will take a bit longer getting consent from people.

Lastly, our little website does have a lot of information that I encourage you to see. Our newsletters and minutes are published there. Hiroo is taking over maintain our website.

I’m looking forward to seeing folks at the Picnic.

Saying Good-Bye

It is sad that Lee and Irma Hammer will move at the end of May. As one of the long-time residents, they will be sorely missed. They are off to a new adventure in Arkansas with their family. If you would like to keep in touch, their new address will be –

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lee Hammer
10871 Lathams Landing Rd.
Garfield, AR 72732

Animal Control

Animal Control encourages responsible pet ownership. Owning a pet is a privilege, but also a big responsibility. Animal control laws protect public health and safety and keep owners from allowing their animals to be a nuisance to their neighbors. Animal Control only has jurisdiction over issues that occur in unincorporated Arapahoe County or the Town of Foxfield.

Animal Control is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the County's resolution for the control, licensing and impoundment of dogs; including investigation of citizen complaints, issuing dog licenses and responding to calls reporting dogs running at large, dog bites and barking dogs. If you are having an issue with a neighbor's dog, the easiest solution is usually the simplest. Try to have a cordial conversation with them. Wait until you are in a positive frame of mind and talk with them about your concern. They may not even be aware that you are having an issue with their dog.

Animal Control can get involved if you've already tried this option to no avail or you are not comfortable speaking with your neighbor. Animal Control will mediate in situations involving noisy dogs, dogs running at large and aggressive dogs. Call their office at 720-874-6750 to discuss your situation. They also request that you call them if you've been involved in an animal bite.

<http://www.arapahoegov.com/index.aspx?NID=520>

Yard of the Month

The Columbine Manor Property Owners Association (CMPOA) sponsors a perpetual, self-governed “Yard of the Month” program. The purpose of the program is to recognize neighbors who demonstrate above-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at large.

All award winners receive an official “*Yard of the Month*” lawn-sign, to be placed on their property for the duration of their award month. The CMPOA is dedicated to improving the quality of living and appearance of our community. We encourage residents to take pride in their homes and neighborhood. In turn, we look to celebrate those who do a superior job in maintaining their yards in such a way that they enhance the overall curb appeal of the entire community. Yards of the Month are awarded during the summer months. Yards are judged on neatness, landscaping and color. All member yards are eligible. If you feel your yard is being overlooked, please contact your CMPOA board representative. The list can be found on our website here:

<http://cmpoaonline.tripod.com/>

Contest Guidelines

- All current CMPOA member properties are automatically eligible by default.
- Award winners are selected based on the recommended judging criteria listed below.
- The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper or groundskeeper.
- The same property cannot receive more than one award in the same year.
- Recipients receiving awards in the middle of the month shall surrender their award at the end of that same month.
- More than one Yard of the Month recipient may be selected in a single month. In other words, multiple yards may be concurrently recognized.
- Yard of the Month winners must be current with their Association dues.

RECOMMENDED JUDGING CRITERIA

- Candidates are judged solely on the total exterior appearance of their property and front yard as viewed from the street. General upkeep of the yard and property is paramount.
- Key criteria include manicured yard, beautification, originality and creativity.
- Factors include the overall appearance, tidiness and neatness of the front of the property as evidenced by pruned, trimmed and shaped foliage, edged and defined lawns, borders & flower beds, and a visually appealing facade.
- Healthy grass with no bare spots or excessive weeds. Grass shall be mowed and edged, and grass around foundations and fences shall be trimmed. Debris (garbage, pet feces, etc.) shall be picked up and removed. A unified, simple and balanced landscape design. Neat and natural.
- Landscape Beds weeded and edged. Flowers deadheaded and dead plants removed. Trees and shrubs pruned. Natural areas cleaned. Beautification efforts including new flowers, new trees, new shrubs, etc. Plantings in scale with the surroundings and limited to a few different types of plants rather than too many which may confuse the eye.
- Walkways and driveways shall be clean (including trash containers or yard products removed from view). Area in front of curb free from debris and dirt. Evening appearance after dusk including accent lighting, safety lighting, visible interior lighting, etc.

10 Fourth of July experiments for kids

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2008/06/24/20080624sparklingfourth0703-ON.html>

Soda Geyser

What you need:

A roll of Mentos candy mints

Two-liter bottle of diet soda (diet or regular soda works, but diet soda is less sticky for an easier clean-up)

What you do:

Go outside, preferably in a big yard or open field.

Carefully open the bottle of soda. Set it on the ground so it won't tip over.

Unwrap the whole roll of Mentos, and drop all of the Mentos into the bottle of soda at the same time.

(This is trickier than it looks. Try rolling a piece of paper into a tube to hold the stacked Mentos and position it directly over the mouth of the bottle. Or, go to www.stevespanglerscience.com to buy The Geyser Tube for \$4.95, which includes a pack of Mentos. Steve Spangler is the Colorado science teacher who made this experiment so famous on the Internet.)

How it works:

There's actually quite a debate on exactly why it works, but the prevailing theory is that the uncolored and unglazed Mentos mint candy provides nucleation sites - or microscopic nooks and crannies - that help carbon dioxide bubbles form and escape rapidly.

Upcoming Events (dates may change)

Summer Picnic Sunday, June 8
Dumpster Saturday, June 28 -29
Oktoberfest Saturday, September 27
Christmas Pizza Party Saturday, December 6
Winter Social & Winter Meeting Saturday, February 7, 2015

We ask that you do not bring any non-service dogs or other pets with you when you attend the CMPOA summer picnic or Oktoberfest parties. Thank you for your cooperation! CMPOA Members.

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

Board Members for 2014-2015

Jay Haworth, President (303) 933-9572
Robyn Hall, Vice President (303) 948-8808
Judy Schnittker, Treasurer (303) 809-2349
Annemarie Garber (303) 979-5457
Joe Steinbach (303) 979-2672
Josh Littrell (303) 734-4534

The names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of your Association board members can also be found on our website here:

<http://cmpoaonline.tripod.com/>

Board Meetings

The monthly meeting of your Board of Directors for CMPOA is held on the second Thursday 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 a board member for the location.

Minutes and preliminary dates of meetings and activities can also be found on our website here:

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