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Letter from the President

By Merritt Pullam, MNI President

Hello Mayfair! What an exciting year 2015 was for our beloved area of East Denver and Mayfair Neighbors, Inc. Before we get too far into 2016, I wanted to discuss 2015.

I joined MNI in October 2014 to become more aware of what was happening in our neighborhood. Not too long after joining, I realized what a great group of people contribute to the MNI Board. Each and every one of them is proud to call our neighborhood home. In early 2015, our former president,

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SAVE THE DATE

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26
10 a.m.

Shred-A-Thon

Saturday, April 16
10 a.m. – noon



Mayfair residents and World Mission Church try to mediate problems

By Todd Parker, MNI Board Member

The World Mission Society Church of God located at Eighth Avenue and Holly Street is a busy place. The church has grown considerably since moving into Mayfair and it holds numerous functions throughout the week. Neighbors contend that church activity has created problems for nearby residents, including noise, litter, parking and traffic dangers.

In response to neighbors' concerns, Councilperson Mary Beth Susman and the City of Denver appointed a mediator to try to bring the church and the neighborhood together to discuss their differences and, hopefully, reach some resolution.

On Feb. 1, the appointed mediator, Steve Charbonneau of Community Mediation Concepts, convened a conference call that included a group of Mayfair residents and representatives of the Church, Denver Police Department and Councilperson Susman's office. Charbonneau led the group through a discussion of grievances raised by neighbors and then sought solutions to those grievances.

The next step in the mediation process is to formalize an action list to remedy problems and secure the agreement of all parties to diligently pursue such remedies. The Mayfair Mirror will continue to update Mayfair residents on the status of the mediation and how problems are being addressed.

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Wayne Sirmons, stepped down to focus his efforts on other projects near and dear to him. Wayne was a fantastic president and leader of our board.



Merritt

After much deliberation and some positive direction, the board asked me to consider being the MNI president. Truth be told, I was terrified of letting the board and the neighborhood down. With tremendous effort from the board and various city officials, MNI enjoyed great success in 2015.

One of Mayfair Neighbors, Inc.'s main goals is to provide events for the neighborhood to come together. The hope is to build positive relationships by meeting your neighbors.

Multiple events such as the Shred-a-Thon, Easter Egg Hunt, Dog Daze, Mayfair Garage Sale, Concert in the Park, The Wine Tasting, and the yearly General Meeting all saw higher attendance and received positive reviews from many of you. We thank you for your attendance and enthusiasm. Please take the time to come and enjoy one or multiple events in 2016.

The MNI board spent many hours this year attending and participating in various neighborhood-related meetings. Due to an increase in crime in our area, we focused our efforts on hosting a crime update meeting with the Denver Police Department District 2. We have noticed more momentum in people wanting to set up a neighborhood watch. Great job neighbors! Way to look out for each other. Neighbors also participated in Cabinet in the Community, hosted by the Mayor and his staff; Mary Beth Susman monthly meetings; and Continuum updates on 9th and Colorado. It's great to see all of you at these types of meetings. It is evident that many of you care deeply about the neighborhood and what is happening in and around our area.

The Mayfair Mirror is one of our best ways to keep you up to date on the happenings in the neighborhood. I want to recognize Todd Parker for his outstanding efforts. Todd has taken on the task of overseeing the Mirror and has done a fantastic job working with our advertisers, columnists, and neighbors in providing a solid news source for all things such as upcoming events, happenings in the neighborhood, restaurant and business reviews, and historical information on the neighborhood and the people who call Mayfair home. Others who have helped Todd

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Exciting events

2016 looks to be a bright year for MNI and the Mayfair community. We have many new and exciting things coming to our neighborhood. Please take advantage of our event lineup this year to meet new and existing neighbors, become aware of the happenings in and around our neighborhood, and strengthen our connections with the City and County of Denver. MNI is always hoping to bring as many of you together as we can to promote a healthy and vibrant community. If you have not already, please take the time to renew your 2016 membership either as a household or business. Mail \$15 per household to Mayfair Neighbors, P.O. Box 200306, Denver 80220 or pay online at mayfairdenver.org. Mayfair Neighbors looks forward to seeing you at one or all of its upcoming events in 2016.

Join us

Mayfair Neighbors, Inc. is a registered neighborhood organization with the City and County of Denver. We are also a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. MNI monthly board meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month at the East Montclair Community Center, 6740 E. Colfax Ave., from 7-8:30 p.m. If you have any interest in joining the board, or just want to sit in on a meeting or two, please feel free to join us. I am very excited to work with you and our board in 2016 to make the neighborhood a better place to live or work.

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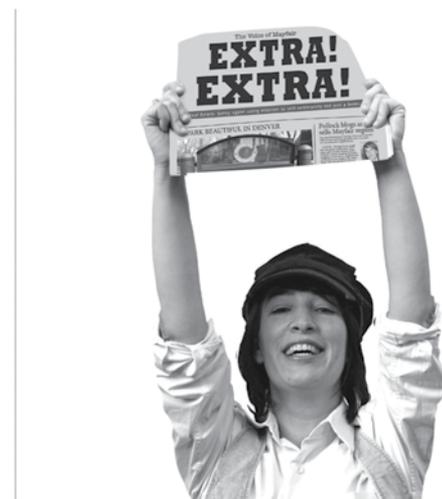
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Here comes the Easter Bunny again!

**Saturday, March 26,
10 a.m. sharp**

*By Lynn Gregory,
MNI Vice President*

Mayfair Neighbors' annual Easter Egg Hunt has become a cherished tradition in the neighborhood for children and their parents. Thousands of plastic eggs filled with candy, and a few dollar coins, are hidden throughout Mayfair Park for kids of different ages to collect. After the Easter Bunny makes his appearance, the horn sounds and within about five minutes every egg has disappeared into a bag or basket. Then comes the comparison of who got more eggs or better candy. It's a great time for our families here in Mayfair.

Set up

Volunteers gather the night before, Friday, March 25, from 6-8 p.m., to stuff thousands of eggs with candy while eating pizza and just enjoying being a part of this great community. Early the next morning, our great volunteers place the stuffed eggs around the park. Areas are roped off for the smaller kids, according to age, while the bigger kids get the whole west side of the park to hunt. Really, it's over within a matter of minutes!



Children and parents eagerly await the sound of the horn before the egg-collecting frenzy begins at the 2015 Mayfair Easter Egg Hunt.

Please join us on Saturday, March 26, when the horn goes off promptly at 10 a.m. It's always a good idea to get to the park at least 15 minutes before to meet the Easter Bunny and line up. We can always use volunteers to stuff eggs, set out markers and signs at the park and distribute the eggs. Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Elaine Zupancic, at elainezupancic@aol.com to volunteer or email mayfairneighbors@gmail.com. It's fun!

And remember, your paid membership to Mayfair Neighbors helps fund great neighborhood activities such as this.

Another successful Donation Drive thanks to your generosity

By Hillary Barrett Osborne, a Mayfair Neighbor

Mayfair Neighbors Inc. and Metro Caring would like to thank everyone who participated in Mayfair's annual donation drive in December. Your donations helped Metro Caring provide food and basic supplies to those in need. In fact, during our two-week donation drive the neighborhood collected almost 400 pounds of non-perishable food for this great cause.

Of course just because the annual donation drive is over doesn't mean there aren't other opportunities

to help. For additional information on Metro Caring, or if you would prefer to make a donation to them directly, visit them online at: www.metrocaring.org.

Thanks again to each of you and to our neighborhood drop off sites King Soopers (14th and Krameria) and Nicholson Cleaners (Ninth and Jersey). Whether you were one of the neighbors who made a donation, or one of our drop-off sites, we sincerely appreciate your generosity and couldn't have made it such a success without you!



Neighbors line up to participate in last year's Shred-a-Thon.

Mayfair hosting annual Shred-a-Thon April 16

On Saturday, April 16, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mayfair Neighbors will again host a “Shred-a-Thon” to safely and securely dispose of your unwanted documents. The event will be at Mayfair Center, on the northeast corner of 14th and Krameria, in the parking lot of 7-Eleven and The Garlic Knot.

There will be a nominal fee of \$15 to cover the cost of the shredding truck. If you are a paid 2016 member of Mayfair Neighbors, the cost to have your documents shredded is waived. You can renew your membership on-site or you can easily renew now on our Web page, mayfairdenver.org. You may bring three large trash bags or three large boxes of paper. Only paper is allowed, no electronics.

This event has become one of our most important ways to gain new members, so bring cash or a check to renew your membership at the event. Remember, your annual membership is good for the calendar year so, no matter when you renew it, it expires at the end of that calendar year.

With the growing number of participants for this event we need volunteers to help direct traffic, sign up new members and unload documents from vehicles if needed. Volunteers, new and old, are all welcome and should contact the Mayfair Neighbors' Volunteer Coordinator, Elaine Zupancic at elainezupancic@aol.com in advance of the event.

Emails to Elaine should include “Mayfair Volunteer” in the subject line and include your name, address, phone, email and other pertinent information in the body of the email so Elaine can contact you.

Whether you volunteer, renew your membership or just come to shred your documents, we hope to see you there!



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New 4-bedroom townhomes coming to Mayfair

By Todd Parker, MNI Board Member

Introducing Mayfair Row, 14 new townhomes under construction directly east of Christ the King at Eighth and Fairfax. With multiple floor plans to choose from and an average size of 2,500 square feet, Mayfair Row offers a unique combination of space and amenities not currently available in Mayfair.

Mayfair Row is being developed by DIRC Homes, LLC, a full-service residential development and home building company focused on urban infill development in the Denver Metro Area. Your Castle Real Estate agent Julie Martines is marketing the homes along with fellow agent Taylor Simmons. Martines is already a big fan of Mayfair.

“Mayfair’s proximity to downtown and Cherry Creek is excellent and Mayfair Row owners will be able to walk to new restaurants and shopping at the new 9th and Colorado Boulevard development,” Martines said.

The 14 townhomes are arranged as seven duplexes separated by walkways. Each townhome has a two-car garage and features four bedrooms and four and half bathrooms on three floors. The floor plans look extremely functional with open living spaces on the first floor, bedrooms on the second floor, a private bedroom on the third floor and extra recreation and media space



Mayfair Row at Eighth and Fairfax.

on the lower level.

Mayfair Row townhomes start in the low \$600,000s. The lower maintenance of a townhome will be an added benefit to many buyers, especially young professionals and empty nesters.

“The floor plans are adaptable to a wide range of buyers with the flexibility to change as a family grows and contracts,” she added.

Mayfair Row homes are scheduled to be complete in summer 2016. An open house is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 13. Early buyers will be able to customize their home by selecting from four interior finish packages and flooring colors. For more information on the project, visit www.mayfairrow.net, or contact Julie Martines at 303-888-8438 or realestatesellersandbuyers@gmail.com.

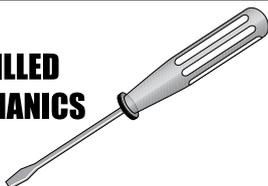
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Denver Public Schools school choice – a primer

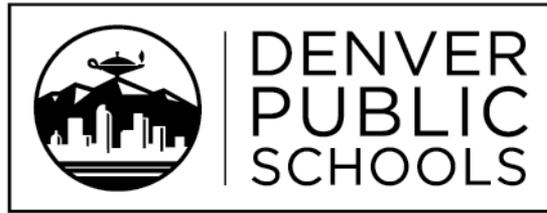
By Sara Visser, MNI Board Member

Families with school-age children may be catching their breath after touring and talking about potential schools over the past few months. Denver Public Schools' (DPS) School Choice Round 1 paperwork for the 2016/2017 school year was due on Jan. 29. Now the waiting begins for some families to hear if they were granted their first choice.

DPS says families should hear about a student's school assignment no later than Friday, March 18. If you filled out your form online, expect to receive an email notification. If you submitted a paper form, you will receive a letter.

So if Round 1 for the upcoming school year is closed, why am I writing this article?

Reason No. 1: Round 2 of School Choice begins March 21. This is the first-come, first-served segment of School Choice, as described at schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/schoolchoice-round-2-information/



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Round 2

- Parents/guardians who missed Round 1 and would like to change their student's school for the 2016-17 school year.
- Those who have changed their mind since submitting a Round 1 form.
- If your family moved to Denver from outside the Denver Public Schools boundary after Feb. 1, 2016, contact the district at 720-423-3493 or 720-423-7627 to inquire about the New Denver Resident School Choice process.

Reason No. 2: I found that this process requires a good bit of brain power, research and connection with other parents who went through the process or are currently in it. So, if you're considering DPS preschool, kindergarten middle or high school in Fall 2017, it might

make sense to have at least a basic idea of what's ahead before those deadlines sneak up on us later this year and early next. Don't wait till the last minute on this. Trust me.

What is School Choice & what do I need to do?

According to the website, aplusdenver.org, in 2011 DPS transitioned from having more than 60 different enrollment procedures to a single form due on one date, along with improved enrollment guides to teach parents and families about all the school options their children have. All transition grade students — incoming Early Childhood Education (preschoolers), kindergartners, sixth, and ninth graders — must submit a form, even if the child is attending their neighborhood school.

While I certainly don't pretend to have all the answers, my family recently dipped its toes into the School Choice pool and found that:

- There are loads of great options, which is fantastic and also overwhelming.
- School staffs are doing an excellent job of helping families make their best choice through tours, open houses, literature and opportunities to speak with teachers, students and parents associated with their school.
- The Choice program forced my family to hone in on our top priorities, not just the "nice-to-haves" when it comes to which school works for us.
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when you tour and talk with teachers, students and parents. These personal interactions are far more illuminating than someone else's idea of which school is right for your family.

- The DPS websites are good, but when I had trouble finding something (searches sometimes came back with few or no results), voice messages left at DPS were promptly returned. Don't hesitate to reach out to them at 720-423-3493. Or call individual schools directly.

The DPS website schoolchoice.dpsk12.org (not to be confused with DPS' primary website dpsk12.org) is chock

full of great information although, in the beginning, it's hard to know what to type in the search box. After all, you don't know what you don't know, right?

DPS helps us out by giving us five steps on the schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/contact/faq/ page, which also has lots of other great starter FAQs:

- Research DPS schools by reviewing the School Choice Enrollment Guide; utilizing online resources, such as schoolmatch.dpsk12.org/; attending district expos and school fairs; and

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DPS definitions for reference

Magnet School

Schools/programs that emphasize a particular style of learning or serve students with a common area of interest. Transportation may be provided to those who live outside the school's neighborhood.

Innovation School

This designation is granted by DPS Board of Education and Colorado Department of Education, providing increased flexibility with staffing, schedules and budgets to best meet student needs. Both Magnet and Innovation Schools are operated, supervised and supported by DPS and its Board of Education.

Charter School

Independently operated public schools governed by an independent Board of Directors that are accountable to the DPS Board of Education and to the same academic performance standards as district-managed schools. Charter schools have flexibility to design their own educational programs and school-based policies. Some charter schools serve a neighborhood boundary or give priority to students who live within a designated area.

Early Childhood Education (ECE)

Preschool programs are available for 3- and 4-year-olds for partial and full days, depending on the school.

Denver Preschool Program (DPP)

dpp.org: Seeks to make high-quality preschool possible for all Denver families, regardless of income and can help you find the right preschool program from 250 across the city. Make sure to complete the application because "all Denver families with a child in their last year of preschool before kindergarten can sign up for tuition support through the Denver Preschool Program."

Advanced Kindergarten

Advanced Kindergarten classrooms are designed for students who are academically advanced for their age with exceptional curiosity, attention span, interests, and verbal or mathematical ability. It was developed so the students who already know much of the kindergarten curriculum do not have to repeat it. Not all schools offer Advanced Kindergarten and it is part of the full-day tuition-based kindergarten. Applications and testing are required per DPS deadlines and are offered in the early autumn.

Gifted & Talented (GT) and Highly Gifted & Talented Programs (HGT)

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visiting schools of interest.

- Prioritize your student's top five preferences and list them in order on the School Choice form.
- Complete any extra enrollment steps required by some magnet schools and programs.
- School Choice forms are available for completion online. Parents need to create a DPS Parent Portal account to submit a School Choice form online. To obtain a Parent Portal account or confirm login information please call 720-423-3163.
- School Choice will combine your student's top five preferences with each school's admissions priorities and available space. For schools with more interested students than available space, students will be randomly assigned a lottery number that will determine at which school they are awarded a seat. Students will be awarded a seat at their highest-preference school with an available seat.

Here's how my family started

We found the Enrollment Guide mentioned in Step 1 to be of great help in the beginning. Download it at <http://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/enrollment-guide/> in English or Spanish or check with your local school for a hard copy. It lists all the schools available, what each offers and gives you an idea of how likely it is that you

can choose in. Remember, every family within a school's boundary is guaranteed a spot for their child, so some schools are more difficult to get into than others.

We also decided to narrow our school list to only three to five — to stay sane — and to begin with our neighborhood school, Palmer Elementary. For us, the idea of a school that is walkable/bikeable in good weather is a top priority for many reasons — community building, diversity and having school friends close by being tops.

Once my husband and I identified our preferred schools (on paper), we toured; attended open houses and PTA meetings; talked with parents and PTA leaders and kept an open mind. We feel good that no matter what school we match with, it is a great choice for us.

Start thinking about your priorities for a school and stretch them beyond academics. As I mentioned, with so many fantastic choices, it's hard to go wrong.

So that's your Intro to School Choice. Get started, if you like, and in the next issue of the Mayfair Mirror, I'll expand on some of this information with more dates/deadlines, questions to ask during school tours and other information to help you make the best school choice for your family.

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Rosemark at Mayfair Park opening soon

By Stephanie Johnston, Rosemark Outreach Director

As the Baby Boomers age, they're reshaping expectations about what to do and where to live once they require help on a daily basis. Many aren't close to needing care yet, but have parents who are. Thanks to Rosemark at Mayfair Park, they can shelve outdated notions of being shut away in a world of floral prints, soft food and endless naps.

Rosemark at Mayfair Park embodies a new approach to senior living. It's a vibrant community bustling with social activities, delicious house-made meals and personalized care enhanced by the latest life-enriching technologies. This hospitality brand of care feels a lot like an inviting upscale hotel, complete with modern light-filled private apartments, an unprecedented number of common areas, and lots of convenient gathering spaces to promote social interaction.

Aiming to be a national model for care

Rosemark has invested in better clinical staffing, training, equipment and strategic partners. Staffing

is based on the personal needs of residents, allowing accommodations for people requiring a higher level of care.

A wellness nurse is on site 16 hours a day, 7 days a week, with 24/7 access to the wellness director. A neighborhood physician regularly performs house calls. Physical therapy takes place right in the fitness center. A local specialty senior pharmacy delivers medicines daily. An on-call emergency response service handles some situations in the convenience of Rosemark homes, instead of in the emergency room. To ensure optimal quality, a pharmacist and third-party consultant review procedures regularly.

Everyone – from care partners and nurses to cooks and housekeepers – is trained to understand the unique needs of older adults and those with dementia/Alzheimer's disease. Rosemark embraces individuality and is committed to helping residents on their journeys.

Rosemark residents have the benefit of the best and newest discreet healthcare technologies. A revolutionary monitoring system helps detect health concerns quickly

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while encouraging maximum freedom. A 24/7 emergency call system is installed in every home. Medications are secured within individual apartments, minimizing errors. An electronic medical records system and integrative lab results lead to more effective communication with residents' physicians.

Rosemark's LEAF philosophy (live, enrich, aspire, flourish) provides residents with plenty of opportunities to explore their hobbies, contribute to the world and be part of a welcoming community. Outings, daily activities and social events keep residents as active as they want to be.

Farm-to-table menus, the healing power of the outdoors, regular exercise, green construction... these aren't values that ebb as we age.

Rosemark chefs locally source ingredients (some eventually from Rosemark's own gardens!) and cook without artificial flavors or preservatives. These



Entryway at Rosemark at Mayfair Park. Rosemark at Mayfair Park is nearing completion at the corner of Eighth and Jersey.

homemade meals are nutritionally dense, delicious and served restaurant-style. Our kitchen also plans to launch its own brand of spices, teas and jams for purchase.

An on-site fitness center, therapy services, massage, gardening and outdoor paths keep residents active and thriving.

Low VOC paints and anti-microbial carpeting make the community safe for older adults as well as their grandchildren. The entire community is designed for energy efficiency, right down to the individual apartment thermostats and lighting. All the furniture was carefully selected to be senior-friendly.

Nearly 33,000 square feet of common areas – including the central Rosemark garden, walking paths, putting green, multiple verandas and patios, sunroom, fitness center, atrium library, huge craft room, workshop, billiards, bistro, salon, business center and more – serve 88 assisted living and memory support residences.

Thoughtful space planning within the private residences includes ADA-compliant kitchens, larger refrigerators and expansive windows. Apartments are arranged in rose-themed neighborhoods engineered for social interaction. Chairs, loveseats and end tables are grouped along wide hallways, encouraging residents to stop and chat. Rosemark is wired for high-speed Internet and Wi-Fi throughout.

Rosemark at Mayfair Park is locally owned and managed by an experienced on-site team of professionals who can respond to resident needs quickly. All have extensive backgrounds in senior living communities and gravitated to Rosemark in part because of its small size and agility.

First movers have the benefit of helping shape the community's culture and programs. Along with the best selection of floor plans and apartment locations, Garden Club residents earn a credit with a professional company specializing in moving and downsizing. Call Stephanie Johnston for a tour at 303-770-ROSE (7673).

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May Day celebration at Mayfair Park

By Lynn Gregory, MNI Board Member

Mayfair Neighbors will celebrate the beginning of Spring by making a day of it at Mayfair Park on Sunday, May 1, at noon. While the kids participate in fun activities, parents can help clean out the flower beds under the Mayfair Park sign. These flower beds are the only ones in the city that are maintained by only our Mayfair neighborhood residents and we are very proud of them.



Mayfair Park perennial beds will get much-needed attention on May Day.

May Day baskets

Children will make May Day flower baskets to hang on neighbors' doors, make flower crowns for every child and then celebrate May Day with a dance around an actual May Pole. Kids will be supervised so that will give their parents the opportunity to help with the Spring cleanup of the flower beds. We will weed, edge, plant new perennials and apply fresh bark mulch to the perennial and rose beds. All ages are welcome and coffee and treats will be supplied.

Next year will be the 20th Anniversary of Mayfair Park and we anticipate a big celebration for that event, so it would be terrific to start now to get the park in perfect shape.

Volunteers

Your help is always needed to maintain the park by picking up after your dogs, depositing any trash you see in the containers provided by the city, and reporting any issues to the Denver Parks and Recreation supervisor for our district, Adam Smith, at 720-865-0871. Newspaper bags are always appreciated and you can fill the three containers provided for them on your walk around the park.

Volunteers can help by pulling weeds, deadheading and keeping beds clean. To volunteer, email Elaine Zupancic at elainezupancic@aol.com or call 720-314-0650. Even an hour a month is a big help!

Give back to our community by joining us on May 1 for another great Mayfair neighborhood event.

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From the Board **Enjoy live music near Mayfair**

By *Chris Ringwood, MNI Board Member*

Spring is around the corner and while great music can be heard year-round in the Mile High City, the opportunities open up as the weather warms. There are several great venues to see national and local artists within just two miles of our fair neighborhood. A few highlights include:

The Soiled Dove in Lowry, 7401 E. First Ave., is a great, close, low key place to see a show. With open space for dancing and tables for sitting, there is not a bad seat in the house. This April, the Soiled Dove brings in Kevin Griffin (from Better than Ezra), The Long Run (an Eagles Tribute band), Howie Day and Paula Cole. For those of you who long for some



Chris Ringwood, the author, and fellow bandmate Nicolas Busquet play a local gig.

throwback Rhythm & Blues, be sure to catch The James Hunter 6 on May 18. I really like the James Hunter 6 as they bring a '50s sound to today, invoking sounds of Otis Redding, Sam Cooke and Van Morrison.

Also a short Uber ride away, The Bluebird Theater (Colfax & Adams Street) is worth visiting. The 500-person venue is mainly standing room, but brings in some big names. Of note, pure rock fans should check out White Denim on March 24, while the one and only Lucinda Williams stops by on April 12 for an intimate performance. The Brian Jonestown Massacre, '90s rock legends, hit the stage May 17. As a side note for Brian Jonestown Massacre fans, be sure to check out the documentary 'DIG' for an interesting peek into the Dandy Warhols/BJM love-hate relationship that took place in the '90s.

For those looking to try out a few tunes you've been writing or to look for the next hidden gem in Denver,

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be sure to visit the Goosetown Tavern's Open Mic Night every Tuesday night at 9 p.m. Goosetown Tavern is located on Colfax and Adams across from the Bluebird.

Summer concert series

One of the biggest events that I look forward to this time of year is the announcement of the Denver Botanic Gardens Concert Series. In April 2016, the lineup of concerts will be posted. If you haven't experienced a concert here before, be sure to check the website in April and buy tickets for a pretty unique experience just a few miles away. You also can't think summer concert series without thinking about Red Rocks. There are too many great shows to mention, so check the website and get outside!

For the family

For the family and those with little ones, the Denver Symphony is performing "Carnival of the Animals" and "The Story of Babar" on Sunday, March 13 at 1 p.m. at Boettcher Concert Hall. Given the family friendly location, time and musical selection, this is one to put on the calendar. The Symphony will also be performing a "Symphonic Tribute to Comic Con" in May, for

those with a passion for the Flash and other comic book characters. Costumes and cosplay are heartily encouraged (no joke!)

Other highlights

American idol fans rejoice. Former contestants and winners Kris Allen (Soiled Dove), Adam Lambert (Paramount Theater) and Carrie Underwood (Pepsi Center) all swing through the Mile High City this year, as does pop singer songwriter Loudon Wainwright III when he visits Denver University's Daniel's Hall on April 10.

Anyone who, like me, was disappointed in November when Warren Haynes canceled his concert at the Ogden Theater will be glad to know that he has rescheduled. The Gov't Mule front man is venturing out with his 'Ashes and Dust' band to perform rock and bluegrass-inspired songs in April. Gary Clark Jr., Pete Yorn and the 10-piece jazz/world music super group Snarky Puppy all visit the Ogden this spring as well.

If you have any concert tips or music reviews you'd like to share with the neighborhood, send us a note - mayfairneighbors@gmail.com. Happy listening.

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New Colfax streetscape plans need Mayfair's support

By Hilarie Portell, Executive Director, Colfax Mayfair BID

The Colfax Mayfair Business Improvement District wrapped up a nine-month streetscape planning process in December and is now working to implement two projects this year and next.

The final plan recommends a set of modest improvements designed to support local identity while making it easier and safer for people to get around the district.

The plan includes more pedestrian lighting, street trees and bike racks. Some sidewalks would be repaired and bulb-outs added to lighted intersections. A bulb-out is a curb extension that reduces the crossing distance of a street for pedestrians. Public art is recommended at key locations.

Capital improvements will need to be publicly financed, but the BID can assemble some private funding and assume long-term maintenance responsibility.

The Colfax Mayfair BID is working with the other three Colfax BIDs. In the meantime, the organization is seeking 2017 funding for two short-term projects and needs neighborhood support.

Pedestrian Crossing at Colfax/Fairfax

The BID is requesting 2017 city Capital Improvements



Conceptual rendering of the proposed pedestrian crossing at Colfax and Fairfax.

Project funding for a new pedestrian crossing at Colfax and Fairfax Avenue. This six-block segment is lined by popular neighborhood businesses but there is no lighted intersection for several blocks in either direction. Motorists speed through that section while up to 50 pedestrians per hour are running across the street. There have been two high-speed car collisions in this area in the last 12 months. It's a chaotic area that needs to be addressed.

This situation is of concern to all stakeholders, including neighbors, business owners and the police. We need to address it. But—we're competing with many priority projects around town.

Mayfair Neighbors can help by calling or emailing Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman at 303-337-5555 or Marybeth.susman@denvergov.org.

Mayfair town center bicycle improvements

Denver Public Works has agreed to install a signed bike route on Krameria Street between 14th Avenue and Colfax this year. This is part of a north-south bike route in Denver Moves, the city's bicycle plan. The BID will seek grant funding for a bicycle rack or corral this spring. The BID is also exploring how to re-light about 15 older pedestrian street lamps in this area.

This would improve safety at night, especially for people walking to and from the bus stop on Colfax and Krameria.

We are a small organization with limited resources, so we need to be creative, leveraging different funding sources and working with our community stakeholders. We are very grateful for our neighborhood support and are doing our best to strengthen the area for everyone.

More about the streetscape plan and projects is posted at www.colfaxmayfairbid.com under "Streetscape Project."

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Three tasty gems beyond the 'hood

By Klaas Visser, a Mayfair Neighbor

Domo Japanese Country Foods restaurant, garden and museum is worth the trip.

Located at 13th and Osage, Domo is not a place you just come across, although you may have stumbled upon it by accident. It's not far from the Auraria Campus and not close to much of anything else. After a morning visit to the Denver Art Museum, we decided to wend our way to Domo for lunch. My wife and I find that lunch is a great way to check out a new place, as it usually offers a less expensive alternative to dinner.

Wow! Why did it take us this long to get there? It's more than just a restaurant, it's a Japanese cultural destination. The restaurant looks out over an authentic Japanese garden (which we are anxious to visit come summer) and next door is an Aikido dojo, where the restaurant owner specializes in teaching kids this amazing martial art.

Enough about the ambiance. What about the food? Oh, the food is outstanding. This is not where you go for sushi, necessarily, although it is on the menu. Domo specializes in authentic Japanese country fare – noodles, soups, rice bowls and grilled seafood. Every dish comes with five to seven little sides like seaweed salad, pickles, chilled chicken and soybeans. These small bites change daily and depend on the mood of the chef.

I ordered the grilled unagi (eel) bowl and my wife the chicken curry and the ginger tea – spicy, tangy and perfect for a chilly day, with chunks of real ginger. Both dishes were delicious, with layers of comfort-food goodness and more than enough to fill us up. The decor is not typical either – chairs are large tree stumps and the tables rough-hewn wood. Despite the out-of-the-way location, we were surprised that the place was packed to the gills on a Wednesday for lunch.

If you ever find yourself within a 10-mile radius, and have a craving for an amazing eating experience, head to Domo. Kanpai!

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Desmond's – New taste, familiar location

When Table Top restaurant at 23rd and Oneida closed last summer, the whole neighborhood was shocked and disappointed. Now Chef Sean Kelly (LoHi SteakBar,



Domo's grilled unagi bowl, with sides, soup and ginger tea.

Aubergine, Barolo Grill) has stepped up and opened Desmond Bar and Grill in the same location.

Desmond's, named for the great saxophone player Paul Desmond, doesn't look drastically different from its predecessor. However, the updated decor gives the place a more modern vibe and functionality. Take heart beer lovers the bar with its 20 taps stayed put and offers a front-row view of the open kitchen.

Being an avid "amateur chef" myself, I'm always curious to see how the professionals work. The drawback here is that I was so engrossed in the French onion and

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goat cheese tart, beet and walnut salad and craft beer that I barely looked up to gather any tips. They specialize in small plates of the Mediterranean persuasion, meant to be shared among members in your party or enjoyed solo if the hunger pains strike hard.

My wife and I stopped in for Happy Hour before attending a holiday party and were impressed. Fifteen of the 20 taps are dedicated to craft beer that rotates seasonally, three to cider and two to house wine. I especially like wine on tap since it always pours a fresh glass and you don't have to worry that your Tuesday evening glass is the bottom of last Thursday's bottle. A small but excellent drink list accompanies the beer and wine list. The elderflower cocktail was particularly tasty and will be refreshing on a summer afternoon on Desmond's sizeable southwest-facing patio.

Please welcome this gem to our Mayfair-adjacent neighborhood by paying them a visit. You won't leave disappointed.

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The Good Son at Happy Hour.

The Good Son - The Tattered Cover's new sassy, scrumptious neighbor

In the restaurant space attached to the Tattered Cover's Colfax location, you'll now find The Good Son Taphouse. You may remember Udi's and Silvi's in this location, but I think this concept may be a better fit for the neighborhood. We showed up for an early Happy Hour mini-date while Grandma watched our little one.

The decor is whimsical and fun with bright red accents and theatre-inspired art and memorabilia. The beautiful, green stone bar endures from the days Encore Restaurant held court. North-facing windows offer prime Colfax people-watching views. Still owned by Silvi's parent company, the name is an homage to former Denver Post publisher, Helen Bonfils (French for 'good son'), who built the Bonfils Theatre there in 1953 as a memorial to her parents. It closed as the Lowenstein Theatre in 1986 and reopened as the Tattered Cover in 2006.

Enough history, let's get back to good drinks and eats. The first thing that struck me was the amazing craft beer list. I know. I know....we can find one almost anywhere in Denver but The Good Son's stood out to me with 18 draft beers and ciders and 20-something more in bottles – everything from Moose Drool to Victory Golden Monkey to Stem Ciders Branch & Bramble. Plenty of options for non-hopheads too.

Detroit-style pizza is the star on the food side – straight edged with two-bite-sized pieces and plenty of topping combos to pick from. We sampled the happy hour artichoke dip, served with fresh crunchy veggies and chewy baguette, yum – they still do bread right! Salads and burgers round out the menu. Weekend brunch is a simple affair but hits on all the right notes with quiche

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Palmer students embrace the Daily 5

By Paula D. Bieneman, Ed. D., Principal, Palmer Elementary School

At Palmer, we are committed to fostering literacy independence in our students and to making learning personal for each of them. To do that, we embrace The Daily 5 approach to literacy instruction.

So what exactly is the Daily 5? The Daily 5 is a way of structuring our literacy block so every student is independently engaged in meaningful literacy tasks. This model addresses the needs of all of the students in a class rather than taking a one-size-fits-all approach that seldom meets any of their needs.

Research tells us that students must receive explicit whole group instruction followed by independent practice time allowing them to apply their new learning. As educators, we know the importance of providing focused, intense instruction to individuals and small groups of students to ensure that they are actively learning to read and write.

The Daily 5 begins with a focus lesson where the teacher explicitly models a strategy or skill. After the focus lesson, the students read or write independently to practice the strategy or skill they just learned, selecting from five authentic choices and working independently toward personalized goals. At the same time, the teacher meets individual needs through small-group instruction and one-on-one conferring. Student choices include read to self, work on writing, read to someone, listen to reading and word work.

Each classroom spends the first weeks of school working intensely on building reading and writing stamina, learning the behaviors of the Daily 5 and fostering a positive and productive classroom

community. Teachers also spend time learning about each child's strengths and greatest needs as a reader to best plan for his/her instruction.

At the start of the school year, each child is also taught to select "Good Fit Books" or books they can read, understand and are interested in. During independent practice, students read those "good fit" books or work with words that are matched to their individual abilities and interests. We anticipate that students' motivation and enjoyment of reading will continue to skyrocket when this gift of choosing their own books is accompanied by extended practice and specific reading instruction for each individual child.

To promote personalization, teachers meet with individual students during the literacy block to discuss their progress or to provide 1-to-1 instruction around a particular area of need. At the end of class, The Daily 5 concludes with a group share to summarize the important understandings of the lesson, while allowing students the opportunity to engage in self-reflection.

As a school, our goal is to produce productive, highly engaged students who are developing a true love of literacy. To learn more about The Daily 5, check out <https://www.thedailycafe.com/daily-5>.

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breakfast pizza, blueberry waffles and The Good Son bowl – sautéed roasted veggies with creamy buratta and sunny-side eggs. We will be back for brunch! The Good Son is now a go-to on our restaurant rotation and the east-facing patio will be a preferred spot once warm weather arrives.

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Palmer Elementary Spring happenings

By Jill Eleson, a Mayfair Neighbor



Jill

Our neighborhood school, Palmer Elementary, has fun things going on every month. And those events are not just for students and parents of students, they are for the whole community. Getting involved or at least being curious about our neighborhood school, regardless of having a child there, has numerous rewards.

Knowing what's going on and attending events provides a stronger tie to what's happening in our community. It allows you to meet kids and families that you might not otherwise since our community spans many blocks. It gives you the opportunity to support and influence the youth around you (and hopefully future homeowners in Mayfair), and it helps this small neighborhood school thrive.

A thriving neighborhood school makes Mayfair a more vibrant community and will attract the type of residents and businesses we want nearby. So take a look at the event descriptions and calendar below and decide which ones you want to attend or support in some way.

Support could be through donations of supplies, giving your time, or even financially supporting the efforts of our school.

Restaurant Nights – Local restaurants have been great about supporting Palmer. When you dine in or take out at the designated restaurant on the designated date, mention Palmer and a portion of the proceeds will come back to the school.

Family Movie Nights – A community night where we gather in the auditorium to watch a movie selected by the students. The movie is free and concessions are \$1 each. January's feature was Minions.

Uncorked! A Tasting Event Fundraiser – Back for the third year, this event is one of the larger fundraisers held. Attendees purchase tickets and get to delight their palates with a large sampling of wines and some select beers and spirits. It is a fun evening for all who attend. All money from ticket sales and a portion of the wine/beer/spirits sales go directly to the school.

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Distribution days – Every student goes home with a new book for free to continue to build their home libraries. Volunteers are always needed to help the students select the book they want.

PTA meetings - Held on the first Tuesday of every month, these meetings are a great way to see what is happening at the school, sign up for committees that plan various events, get to hear the latest updates from Principal Paula Bieneman, and talk about what the PTA can do to support Palmer in its continuing efforts for excellence.

Collaborative School Committee (CSC) Meetings - Held on the third Wednesday of every month, the CSC brings together staff, family members and community members to create and implement a plan to promote high achievement within the school.

February

- 9: Palmer Day at Chipotle, 4-8 p.m.
- 10: PTA meeting, 6 p.m., Palmer Library
- 12: Parents' Night Out, 5-8:30 p.m.
- 17: CSC Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Palmer Library
- 19: RIF Distribution Day

March

- 1: PTA meeting, 6 p.m., Palmer Library
- 10: Movie Night, Palmer Auditorium, 6 p.m.
- 16: CSC Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Palmer Library

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Driverless cars in Mayfair?

By Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman



Mary Beth

Back in October I attended a conference that visualized a world with driverless cars. It was overwhelming, fascinating and awe-inspiring. Some estimates believe these cars are going to be market ready in the next five years! And it got me thinking, how will self-driving cars affect my life in Denver?

Studies have found that anywhere from about 30 to 60 percent of cars driving on downtown streets are looking for the next free parking space. What a profound effect on CO2 emissions that could have if self-driving cars could simply drop off passengers and drive to a parking spot away from the center of town.

When it comes to urban design there are huge benefits to self-driving cars. By some accounts, in America, there are four times as many parking spaces as there are cars. Think about how a city could reclaim space currently used for parking and turn those into some higher, better use! The city could build pocket parks, bike lanes, patios for businesses, or larger sidewalks. The urban fabric of a city that has been broken up by automobile infrastructure could be replaced by a

pedestrian-friendly environment.

In Mayfair, though we lack parking garages and streets lined with metered parking spaces, self-driving cars will still affect our quality of life. A self-driving car, programmed to go the speed limit and obey traffic signals, will limit speeding on 13th and 14th avenues. Utilizing a self-driving car will allow for trading that dreadful and stressful commute downtown for 20 minutes of relaxation and productivity. A trip to the ballpark, theater, or a night out could become a little more affordable without having to pay for parking. And given that a typical car sits idle a vast majority of time, a family may be able to downsize to only one car if that self-driving car can return home and be available for another family member's next ride.

There are a number of questions that still remain and a national discussion has just begun. Will the city need to develop special infrastructure for self-driving cars? How will driverless cars interact with "old-fashioned" cars piloted by humans? Will driverless cars make public transportation obsolete? How will driverless cars interact with pedestrians and bicyclists? It's a fascinating subject and I, for one, look forward to learning and sharing more.

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April

- 5: PTA meeting, 6 p.m., Palmer Library
- 12: Palmer Day at The Garlic Knot, 11 a.m. to close
- 20: CSC Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Palmer Library
- 22: Uncorked: A Tasting Event, Fundraiser, 6:30-9 p.m.
- 22: RIF Distribution Day

May

- 3: PTA meeting, 6 p.m., Palmer Library
- 2-6: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 18: CSC Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Palmer Library

To get more details about upcoming events, ways to support Palmer and just see what is going on, you can also check out the website at palmer.dpsk12.org, the Palmer Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/PalmerElementarySchool/?fref=ts, or simply email palmerelementarypta@gmail.com.

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News The ins and outs of estate planning

By Jean Bolling, MNI Board Member



While Ben Franklin said there were only two things certain in life, death and taxes, it is fair to say that most people would like to avoid both. It's also fair to say that planning for the inevitable makes good sense.

That's where estate planning fits in.

Kate Estate planning is a valuable tool for us all, but it often raises difficult questions. Many times we put off finding the answers. After all, death may be a certainty in life, but it is still usually undesirable.

To investigate estate planning questions and answers, I spoke with attorney Kate Boland from Boland Law and Mediation.

I asked her to help me understand what someone should expect for their first estate planning meeting. Attorneys need to know:

- What assets do you have?
- What debt do you have?
- Who do you want to receive what you have accumulated in your life after you are gone?
- Who do you want to take care of things for you if you are unable (due to disability) or have passed away?

Consider your home, artwork, antiques, retirement accounts and any debts against your property. Then consider this: if you were living but became disabled, who would you want to make important health and financial decisions for you; or, after your death, who would you want to take care of your final business? In both cases you will be naming a fiduciary – someone in whom you have faith and trust, who will accept the role and who can and will make decisions for your benefit regarding your health care, personal business and property. They also will wrap up your affairs after you are gone.

For people with young children, naming a fiduciary, called a guardian, is extremely important. You want to be the one to decide who will be the guardian of your children vs. the courts making that decision.

Boland shared the following common pitfalls people make in their estate planning:

- Listening to people who don't know what they are talking about regarding estate planning and the law. Sit down with an estate planning lawyer to get the facts.
- Filling out potentially conflicting forms:
 - For instance, you have a medical procedure done and that institution asks you to name an agent under a medical power of attorney. This could be in conflict with other documents you have completed, such as a living will.
 - Putting one of your children on your checking account as a joint owner. This could be in conflict with your will because you may want all of your children to get an equal share of the account.
 - Designating beneficiaries on a retirement account without indicating what happens if one of the beneficiaries dies before you die. This could be in conflict with your overall goals and needlessly incur taxes.
- Believing you need to avoid Probate. This is not true in Colorado. Colorado has adopted the Uniform Probate Code, a simplified process to manage documents and affairs after someone dies. It is generally a six- to 12-month process.

It's also more important to understand the three ways that your assets will pass:

- How an asset is titled or the right to survivorship. For instance, joint tenancy with rights of survivorship. That asset will then pass to the surviving joint owner.
- Beneficiary designation – assigning an asset to go

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to a specific person(s) after you have died.

- If no beneficiaries are designated or no property or assets are held jointly, the property or asset will go through your will designation.

If there is no will, your estate will pass according to a distribution scheme set by the state of Colorado for people who die without a will and may have to go through a probate court, depending on your assets. The Probate Court grants the authority to someone who will collect the assets, pay any debts and distribute any remaining money or assets per the laws of intestacy.

So, as Boland points out, sometimes the goals line up (will, jointly held assets and beneficiary form designations) and sometimes they do not. This is where it's important to have an integrated plan that clearly says my assets pass to these people in this way and this is who I want to handle everything.

We've all heard the unfortunate stories of families no longer speaking to each other after a loved one dies because the will either did not clearly spell out how assets and property would pass or there was no will at all.

The best plan is to spell out your wishes and intentions clearly vs. taking a piecemeal approach that may end in arguments, disagreements and hurt feelings and the need for having the courts decide.

So let's say you have decided to set up an initial meeting with Kate Boland, she will:

- Meet with you to discuss your assets and goals and

the best way to meet those goals.

- Draw up all necessary paperwork, including the naming of a Personal Representative (formerly termed "Executor"). Remember, this is a big job, especially during times of grief, so choose someone who can do the job well. It's generally a bad idea to assign two people as your Personal Representative because if the two cannot agree, the case may end up in court.
- Complete paperwork designating a guardian for the care of young children.
- Assemble the documents to set up a trust. Depending on what assets are in the trust, a financial planner may need to help manage the assets and Boland would work closely with this person to ensure accuracy.
- Quote a fee to put together all the necessary documents so you have an integrated estate plan that does what you want it to do.

No matter the size of your property, assets or estate, consider speaking with Boland or another estate attorney to put in place a plan that works best for you, your family and your future.

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