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Letter from the President

By Merritt J. Pullam



Thanks for a great year, Mayfair

Hello Mayfair. I hope that all of you are well and that your fall season has been filled with wonderful experiences in and around our neighborhood. The fall colors have been magical; the weather is much cooler; and thankfully I have already cleaned my gutters – how about you?

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SAVE THE DATE

Shred-a-Thon

Saturday, April 21
9 a.m.-noon
at 14th & Krameria

Celebrate winter in the city

Are you hosting out-of-town friends and family for the winter holidays, or are you looking to entertain and enchant the kids during school break? Check this list for fun and mostly free ways to explore and enjoy our city and surrounding areas this season.

Thanks to www.denver.org for many of these great ideas. Explore www.denver.org/milehighholidays for more events, hotel deals and restaurant information. Be sure to visit event and venue websites to confirm dates and times.

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Nov. 21, 2017 - Feb. 14, 2018
Open 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Skyline Park, the corner of 16th Avenue and Arapahoe Street.

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What a fantastic year 2017 has been for our neighborhood. Mayfair Neighbors, Inc. (MNI) and you have shared many experiences this past year and we look forward to many more events to bring us together in 2018. Our November meeting was filled with ideas on how to make our community more enjoyable. We look forward to hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Shred-a-Thon, neighborhood garage sale, July 4th parade, Dog Days and Concert in the Park in 2018, plus some new events. Mayfair Neighbors, Inc. has been hosting events like these for many years. Our board is dedicated to continuing to bring you these events and deliver as much information as we can about what is going on in our neck of the woods.

Membership changes

MNI will raise its membership dues by \$5 in 2018. The new rates for annual membership will be: Seniors - \$15, Households - \$20 and Businesses - \$30. If you ever have trouble with these amounts, please let us know. We would be happy to accept a lower amount if it allows you to participate. MNI will also gratefully accept any additional donations to help fund our efforts to deliver more to the neighborhood. If you or a business you know is interested in advertising in The Mirror, please reach out to us at mayfairneighbors@gmail.com, on Facebook (Mayfair Neighbors, Inc.), or see one of our board members at the next community event.

We utilize the membership funds, donations and advertising revenue to produce and distribute The Mirror and to host our various events. Mayfair Neighbors, Inc. is a registered neighborhood organization with the City and County of Denver. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. MNI monthly board meetings are usually the first Monday of each month at Rosemark at Mayfair Park, 833 Jersey St. – 2nd floor, 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.

East Denver planning

Much attention from the City of Denver is being focused on our East area of Denver. I have been fortunate to participate in various task forces to help guide the city. These committees include the East Area Plan Steering Committee, the Upper Montclair Basin Vision Implementation Team, Denver Moves Transit Task Force, the Colorado Boulevard Health District

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Board and the Colfax Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Task Force. With all the growth and new revenue Denver has seen, I am excited to see how we as a community plan to progress into the future. The best thing we can do in our community is to participate whenever we can, to get involved by letting our voices be heard and actions lead the way. It is not enough to just vote; get out and get involved. My goal is to continue to see these task forces to completion.

Mayfair Board

I joined Mayfair Neighbors, Inc. three-plus years ago to learn more about our neighborhood and to meet new people. I was honored to be elected as President. The past three years have shown me that I have a lot to learn about myself, my neighbors and how we as a community can slow down and listen to each other. It is easy to drive or walk by something or someone and not stop to ask if help is needed. Our daily lives consume our time and energy. I am proud of my work as the MNI President and look forward to continuing my time on the MNI board. I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve our community so far, and I look forward to engaging in additional activities with my children's schools and coaching my kids on their youth sports teams.

Our neighborhood and city are outstanding places to live. We hope to see all of you at the next MNI event, at the grocery store, at our children's schools and playgrounds, and the next meeting to discuss our neighborhood and city's future. Get involved and let your voice be heard. Join MNI and help your neighbors make Mayfair and the City of Denver a better place to live.

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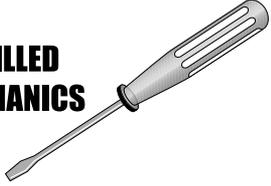
The MNI board is comprised of many fantastic people who love our community. Without their help and the selfless giving of their time, Mayfair would not be the place we all call home. Special thanks to Patricia Mulligan our vice president, Jeanne Surbrugg our treasurer, Anne Delphia our Secretary, Todd Parker, Sara Visser and Sarah Bates for all their efforts with The Mirror, Chere Martin and Paula Aven Gladych for the way they help us pull The Mirror together every quarter, and all of our board members who have such pride in representing the neighborhood. A special thank you to Lynn Gregory and her crew at Chelsea Gardens who continue to make Mayfair Park a special place to hold events, play with your children and meet members of our community. This is our final 2017 issue of The Mirror. Look for a full redesign of this newsletter in 2018. Thank you all for a great year. We look forward to continuing to represent you and the businesses that call our area of Denver home.

If you would like to join our board or just volunteer for one of our events in 2018, don't be shy. Reach out to a board member, email us or send us a private message on Facebook. We need your help. May you all have a peaceful holiday season filled with family, friends, neighbors and love. Thank you for a great year, Mayfair.

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www.dmns.org

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100 W. 14th Avenue Parkway
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www.denverartmuseum.org

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Changes brewing at Bellwether

By Todd Parker, MNI Board Member

Bellwether, 5126 E. Colfax Ave., started out with a number of businesses under one roof. On any given day, you could grab a cup of coffee, get a haircut, try on clothing, have a business meeting and finish it all up with a cocktail. And, while many of those things still hold true, the eclectic spot has undergone some changes in the last year and has turned its focus to being the neighborhood spot for coffee, cocktails and community.

An ownership change took place earlier this year which transitioned out the majority of the original owners and brought in Justin Anthony and PJ Hoberman. Anthony, a Mayfair resident since 2009, is a serial entrepreneur with experience in the bar world. Hoberman, also a local entrepreneur, is the owner of Two Parts and has created some of the city's biggest events, including Denver Flea. The two have joined forces with Josh Schmitz, the original owner and creative driver behind Bellwether. Together, they have set out to be the neighborhood's go-to space for coffee and cocktails.

"In addition to serving up some of the tastiest beverages in town, our goal is to create a space where everyone feels welcome," said Anthony. This is in line



with Schmitz's initial vision of creating a space that truly serves the community. On a recent morning, patrons drank coffee, held meetings and worked on their laptops. Bellwether uses coffee beans roasted in-house by Queen City, a local craft roaster with farmer co-ops in Rwanda, Guatemala and Nicaragua. You can taste the difference in the rich, flavorful coffee, espresso, coffee drinks and cold brew served up by Bellwether. Tea and a limited selection of baked goods rounds out the morning offerings. The AM atmosphere is bright and inviting with wood floors, smooth music and simple, industrial fixtures and decor.

Evenings will see the most significant changes at Bellwether moving forward. The bar will be open on a regular basis with more of a neighborhood focus. Bulleit Rye Whiskey will still be available from a nitrogen tap, a unique touch that delivers a creamy, drinkable shot. A work of art pipe beer tap features a wealth of Colorado breweries, including 3 Freaks, Comrade, Woods Boss, Cerberus, Goldspot, Westbound & Down and Caution: Brewing. Bellwether is excited about its new seasonal cocktail menu with both classic and experimental



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Coffee and cocktails are the new focus of Bellwether's new owners.

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Bellwether will continue to be a big supporter of the local nonprofit scene. It still serves as a free space for nonprofits to host events and meetings, and has ongoing events and specials on its own that serve community members with special needs. You still can get a haircut, pick up some unique clothing and work out of the space (Bellwether added high-speed Wi-Fi and a network printer for coworkers).

So stop in anytime of the day or night and discover (or rediscover) Bellwether, a welcome part of the Mayfair scene. Bellwether is open seven days a week.

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Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, taxes on the way

By Jean Bolling, MNI Board Member

We are still in the joy and expectation of the holiday season. However, very soon the gifts will be opened, the guests will have left, and the New Year will arrive bringing the joy and expectation of...tax season. OK, so that's probably not accurate. I don't personally know anyone who would use the words "joy" or "expectation" to describe anything to do with taxes. We'd all rather forget about that season. Yet "forgetting about it" often leads to major problems and a lot of stress most of us would prefer to not have in our lives. Often we need help to navigate the world of taxes, especially those who are self-employed or anyone who has found themselves behind with the IRS.

Luckily, there is a new tax practice in our neighborhood: Tax on the Fax. Located at the southwest corner of Fairfax Street and Colfax Avenue, Tax on the Fax is a partnership of tax solution professionals with more than 45 years of collective tax experience, including Robert J. Reeves, III (aka Chip), a former IRS revenue officer, and CPA tax professionals, including Gordon Hummel, Jr.

As a former IRS Revenue Officer, Reeves is very



familiar with the ins and outs of negotiating with the IRS. In talking with Reeves, I asked him who their most common clients are. He said they frequently work with those who are self-employed because they are the most likely to get behind on their taxes. That's how my husband and I found Tax on the Fax. We worked with Hummel in May and June of this year to get our taxes caught back up and finalized.

My husband had been self-employed and we had found ourselves a couple of years behind in finalizing our taxes (extensions filed, but taxes not completed). Hummel made the whole process, which we had been dreading, almost painless. He took what we had and requested any missing documents to get our taxes finalized. Of course, when you get behind there are always fees, but even that was a lot better than my husband or I anticipated. Plus, the peace of mind of finally having everything completed was worth it.

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Reeves says that people don't fully realize that when they are employed, their taxes are taken out first. However, with the self-employed, taxes are taken out last, if at all. Hence, many self-employed people find themselves behind. "The IRS doesn't negotiate debt unless all paperwork has been filed," Reeves says. That's where Tax on the Fax can help.

"Our typical client owes \$75,000 to \$100,000 in back taxes and/or penalties," he says. "We can help file all outstanding paperwork and negotiate with the IRS on behalf of that client to significantly reduce that figure."

He adds that he and his partners are "here to help people out, delinquent or not delinquent in their taxes."

Tax on the Fax does compete with the National Tax Service Accounts – those you see advertising on TV. An important difference, Reeves told me, is that the professionals at Tax on the Fax represent and negotiate on behalf of their clients, and are able to significantly reduce the amount of debt owed in many cases.

Since each client's needs vary, Tax on the Fax professionals provide the following services:

- Tax remediation
- Offer in compromise
- Penalty abatement
- Legal representation (Power of Attorney)
- Levy Removal
- Tax re-filings

Both Reeves and Hummel have roots in our area. They are both long-time Park Hill residents, with Reeves having lived in the neighborhood to the North for over 30 years and Hummel for over 10 years.

I know my husband and I will be making an early appointment next year with Tax on the Fax...no late filings for us!

Tax on the Fax
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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN *YOUR* REAL ESTATE MARKET?

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Denver INC looking for Mayfair neighborhood advocates

By Lynn Gregory, MNI Board Member

The Inter Neighborhood Cooperation or INC is a nonprofit group whose member delegates are comprised of more than 85 neighborhood associations in Denver. These neighborhood groups or Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) meet monthly to discuss various issues affecting our communities.

INC advocates for Denver citizens by bringing together, informing and empowering Denver neighborhood organizations to actively engage in addressing city issues. Denver INC is a voluntary, nonprofit coalition of representatives from Denver's RNOs, city agencies and others that gather to promote responsible city change and growth.

INC believes that individual neighborhoods are stronger when they work together and learn from one another. Its structured coalition enables Denver's neighborhoods to speak in a unified voice to city officials about zoning, transportation, education, parks and recreation and public safety.

When the homeowners in Mayfair strongly objected to



the idea of a huge Walmart at the Ninth and Colorado property, INC and its members actively supported us in our struggle to be heard by the Mayor and City Council. We were able to dissuade Walmart from building on the location

and, eventually, the original developer gave up as well and pulled out of the redevelopment entirely. It was a win for the 'small guys' that wouldn't have happened without the help of our neighborhood groups.

Currently, INC and its members have become actively involved with the proposed closing and possible redevelopment of the Park Hill Golf Course on Colorado Boulevard. INC members are able to do independent research on various issues and often find discrepancies in facts presented from the city regarding these concerns. Before statements are made concerning new projects, zoning and other matters affecting neighborhoods, INC members discuss the issues and then vote on them. The final tally reflects the majority opinion and the organization's views.

Because INC is comprised of many neighborhood voices, its influence is that much stronger.

Mayfair currently has three board members that take turns attending INC monthly meetings. If you are interested in participating, please attend a Mayfair Neighbors, Inc. board meeting, which are held the first Monday of the month. Email us at mayfairneighbors@gmail.com for meeting details. We are currently seeking neighbors in our community that want to become more involved and are committed to a few hours to make Mayfair even better than the wonderful neighborhood it is.

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Recycle your holiday lights

By Denver Recycles

Do you have broken, burned-out or impossibly tangled sets of holiday lights stored away with last year's holiday decorations? Don't throw them out – recycle them for free instead!

Denver Recycles will collect and recycle holiday lights from Nov. 15, 2017, to Jan. 15, 2018, at the Cherry Creek Recycling Drop-off, located near the intersection of South Quebec Street and East Cherry Creek South Drive (enter going south on Cherry Creek South Drive and follow the signs.) The Cherry Creek Recycling Drop-off hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Drop-off is closed on Sundays, Mondays and city holidays.

Incandescent, LED and “icicle” light strings, along with wires and attached bulbs, will be accepted for recycling. No bubble (liquid-filled) or neon lights. All packaging material and bags must be removed from the

RECYCLE Your Holiday Lights

light strands prior to recycling. Don't delay; bring us your old holiday lights today.

Holiday lights cannot be recycled in purple carts or other regular single-stream recycling programs, but they do contain materials that

are perfectly recyclable when processed appropriately. Components of your discarded lights, such as copper, brass and plastic, will be separated and recycled into new products (possibly even new strands of holiday lights). Just think of the energy savings you'll see by phasing out old strands of incandescent bulbs and replacing them with energy-efficient LED holiday lights.

PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT PUT LIGHTS OR BULBS IN PURPLE RECYCLE CARTS

For more information on the Recycle Your Holiday Lights program, contact Denver Recycles at 311 (720-913-1311) or visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles. For more resources on saving energy and improving your home's comfort this winter season, visit DenverEnergy.org.

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DPS FACE Program/Superintendent Forums

By Sara Visser, MNI Board Member

As a parent whose child is new to Denver Public Schools, I am eager to learn all I can about the district - the vision of the DPS leadership, the academic path for my child's education, how our family can be involved and more.

So, when I received an email with "Join us at the Superintendent Parent Forum" in the Subject line, I decided to make time to check it out. The topic would be "Supporting Families in Being their Child's First Educator and Advocate." I had no inkling of what to expect or that I'd write a Mirror article about it, but as the meeting got underway, I felt compelled to take some notes and share a bit of what I learned.

According to the DPS FACE website, face.dpsk12.org, the office "offers programs and services for students to improve their academic achievement. We offer classes and trainings for parents and families to help them become academic partners for their children and



to become more self-sufficient. We offer opportunities for the community to share their voice and partner to create stronger schools."

It goes on to explain the forums: "Every year, Superintendent Tom Boasberg hosts the Superintendent Parent Forums in collaboration with the Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) and the English Language Acquisition Department. The parent forum has been a great way for the Superintendent to communicate and connect with schools and parents district-wide."

When I walked into the meeting, held Nov. 1 at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, there were far more people in attendance than I expected - at least 400. Refreshments were available, as was free child care for kids age 3-12, and interpretation devices - English to Spanish and Spanish to English. (Note: When I asked why this event was held so far from the heart of DPS, I was told they try to hold the events in varied locations, hoping to make it easy for families to make it to at least a couple of them. See calendar at the end of this article for future locations.)

As the facilitator took us through the two-hour program, we heard from Superintendent Boasberg, but also from fellow parents/guardians, other district administrators, teachers and audience members. At times we were encouraged to talk with our table mates about learning strategies that have worked for us at home and to ask questions and offer suggestions and criticism, if it was relevant, during the open sessions.

I learned:

- In 2017, DPS made more than 15,000 home visits - 30-minute, voluntary meetings between school staff and families focused on building positive relationships, increasing student achievement and improving student attendance and behavior.
- Kids spend 80% of their time outside of the classroom, so learning at home is critical to support academics.
- Because families know their kids best - what type of encouragement/discipline kids best respond to, for example - it is helpful for us to share that with their teachers.



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- Ways to help my student learn to advocate for herself throughout her education career and beyond.

I also learned that the FACE is a broad and far-reaching program with extensive resources. “DPS wants to deepen strong family and school partnerships and family support is critical,” said Boasberg in his opening remarks. “The single greatest predictor of student success is parent involvement.”

During one panel discussion, the parent-panelists were asked to share their thoughts on questions like, “As a working parent, how do you find the time to be an engaged parent?” “What does being an engaged parent mean for you?” and “Tell us about a time you had to advocate for your child.”

A panel of district teachers offered these suggestions:

- Stay in touch with school about what is going on at home, even if you don’t want to give specifics. This helps teachers understand your student’s perspective.
- If you have a disagreement with a teacher, don’t discuss it with the child, which can damage the student/teacher relationship.
- If their homework is too hard for the student to do on their own, this is a problem. (Phew – I was preparing for traumatic geometry flashbacks!) Talk to the teacher about ways to bring the student up to speed.

Listed on the worksheet handout were these 10 Steps to Success in Being Your Child’s First Teacher:

1. Set aside reading time with your child on a regular basis using age-appropriate literature.
2. As you are out shopping, talk to your child about prices, colors, brands, quantities needed for meals and naming the foods along the way.
3. Talk to you child about their school day. Ask specific questions: “What did you learn in history?” instead of “How was your day?” Encourage a conversation rather than a simple response.
4. Be present when talking to your child. It can be hard to put aside distractions from your work or other tasks, but try to set aside a few minutes each day where you can give your child your full attention.
5. Encourage your child to write a journal about what they are learning at school.
6. During your free time, plan visits to different museums, libraries and parks. Use every opportunity as a learning experience.
7. As you watch TV together, talk with your child about the programs. Discuss things such as the

plot, characters, setting and moral of the story.

8. Acknowledge your child’s efforts, not just the end result. Focus on the positive and point out the ways you are proud of your child. Emphasize the importance of a “can-do” attitude, which will help your children throughout their lives.
9. Talk to your child about colleges and careers. Ask them about their hopes and dreams for the future. Emphasize the importance of school and going to college. Don’t judge their dreams and aspirations.
10. Sign up for Parent Portal (a DPS online tool for families), where you can see information about your student’s grades and attendance and important information from your school. You can also register for your child’s school online.

There are so many ways DPS is working to support, involve and engage families. Check face.dpsk12.org/family-programs/ for detailed descriptions of their programs, like Family Leadership Institute and Academic Standard Events.

The Nov. 1 Forum explored the second of five topics planned for this school year, as stated on the website. The first, held in September, discussed strengthening direct, personal contact between families and educators. Future Forum topics, dates and locations are listed below.

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As a DPS graduate, I have always pulled for DPS. I realize that, from some people's perspective, the district has a mediocre reputation. From what I've seen at my child's school and now from this forum, DPS is working hard to reach its constituents, foster back and forth conversations with families and build a broad range of programs to meet students and their families where they are.

After a couple of hours at the Forum, I feel more connected, informed and curious about my child's learning path and I look forward to future discussions to learn more strategies to help her succeed.

Superintendent Parent Forums

2017-2018 dates, locations and topics

Strengthening Family and Community Voice in School and District Decision-Making

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017

New Hope Baptist Church

3701 Colorado Blvd., Denver (Near Northeast)

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Strengthening Partnerships with the City, Business Leaders, Non-Profit Organizations and Community Groups

Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018

Temple Emanuel

51 Grape St., Denver (Southeast)

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Topic TBD

Thursday, May 3, 2018

PPA Event Center

2105 Decatur St., Denver (Southwest – Northwest)

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Interpretation, meals and childcare (ages 3-12) is provided at no cost to participants.

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When is it time for assisted living?

By Rosemark Senior Living

Like many baby boomers, you're probably helping your aging parents around the house. Maybe it started as changing sheets, fixing a loose doorknob or running a few errands. Now it's grown to cooking meals, housework and monitoring medications. Where is the line between helping your parents stay in their home and giving them the care they need to remain safe and healthy?

10 signs your parents may need help

1. Poor personal hygiene
2. Lack of fresh, healthy food in the house
3. Change in mood; little interest in hobbies and activities
4. Forgetting to take medications or fill prescriptions
5. Noticeable weight loss or gain
6. Bruising that may indicate falls
7. Missed appointments and forgetfulness
8. Unmowed or weedy yard
9. Disorganized, cluttered or dirty rooms
10. Unpaid bills

Adult children who help their parents around the house

52% with parents age 65 to 74
64% with parents 75 and older

Source: Pew Research Center

What's your next step?

First, talk with your parents. Explain your concerns about their well-being. Be prepared for pushback, as many don't want to hear that they need more help than you can give.

Options to fill in the gaps:

- Tap your siblings and other close relatives. See if you can split caregiving with others. Be clear on setting expectations up front.
- Find outside services. Look into housekeeping and yard services. If your parent needs help with bathing, dressing and grooming, hire in-home aides. Neighborhood groups, worship centers and aging services can also help with food, transportation and companionship.
- Consider senior communities. Prepare yourself and your parents now, before a fall or other incident forces a move. Check out assisted living communities that offer nutritious cuisine, engaging activities, friendship, security and maintenance-free living.

Voters approved spending for two Colfax improvement projects

By Hilarie Portell, Executive Director Colfax Mayfair Business Improvement District

On Nov. 7, Denver voters approved the "Our Denver" general obligation bond package. That list of 460 projects includes two for the Colfax Corridor, and you helped us get there. One project is for pedestrian safety and streetscape improvements (\$20 million) on Colfax, from Monaco Parkway to Sheridan Boulevard in BID districts; and one is for Bus Rapid Transit improvements (\$55 million) on East Colfax from the Auraria Campus to the Anschutz Campus.

We're going to put this funding to work. Over time, Colfax will be transformed into a transit-enriched community main street. We want your daily rounds



to be easier, whether it's picking up groceries, dropping off dry cleaning, meeting a friend for dinner or taking transit to work. Your to-do list is our work plan. Some day you may live or work on Colfax, and you'll have more options to get around safely, by foot or by wheels.

Complex planning is already underway with Denver's Department of Public Works and the Department of Community Planning and Development. Watch social media for community meetings and events related to Bus Rapid Transit and the East Area Plan.

Please stay in the loop on this and other Colfax happenings. Follow our Facebook page and register for a monthly e-newsletter at www.colfaxmayfairbid.com.

Hill's Principal Sean Kavanaugh believes in his school and DPS

By Sara Visser, MNI Board Member

Walk into Mayfair's neighborhood middle school, Hill Campus of Arts and Sciences, and you may notice a lightness in the air and the sound of music. Recent data about the school's achievement may explain why the staff and students seem happy and full of energy.

Hill, located on Clermont Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues, now boasts its highest student and parent satisfaction rating and highest percentage of neighborhood students in the past five years. In addition, there is impressive data about how Hill compares with other Denver Public Schools (DPS) and close-by middle schools in regard to math and science (see box).

When talking with Hill's Principal Sean Kavanaugh his pride in, and enthusiasm for, the school is contagious. I just wanted to know more about the place.

"Our greatest strengths are our incredible core group of teachers and the fact that DPS school leaders are fully committed to kids and community," says Kavanaugh. "And our culture is extraordinary. Hill values kids being kids over their three years here, but we also want to



HILL CAMPUS OF ARTS & SCIENCES

expose them to the challenges and beauty of the world."

Kavanaugh, who grew up in West Palm Beach, Florida, is in his fifth year at Hill and his fourth as its principal, having come from Morey Middle School where he was assistant principal and an instructional coach. Morey is also where he and Hill Assistant Principal Tiffany Almon first worked together. He was attracted to Hill, he says, because it has one of the most broadly diverse populations of any in DPS and because, as a former science teacher, he had a desire to create a niche that doesn't exist within the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program: reputation, diversity, arts and sciences. Learn more about Colorado's STEM programs at www.cde.state.co.us/stem.

So, Campus of Arts and Sciences, what does that mean? At its most basic level, Kavanaugh explains, Hill Middle School was "rebranded" about 10 years ago "to re-engage the community and to intentionally increase enrollment from the neighborhood, in particular."

Visit the Hill website at www.hill.dpsk12.org and you'll see this statement:

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- No. 4 – Improvement for ALL middle schools in the percentage of students meeting or exceeding in math.
- No. 2 – Improvement for ALL middle schools in the percentage of students meeting or exceeding in science.

- Significantly higher change in student's median growth in math (+15.5) compared to Denver Discovery (-19), DSST Byers (-14.5), McAuliffe International (+2) and Morey (-12)

- Significantly higher change in student's median growth in literacy (+19) compared to Denver Discovery (-21), DSST Byers (+7.5), McAuliffe International (-9) and Morey (+6)



Hill Principal Sean Kavanaugh's favorite quote:

"If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn."

~ Ignacio Estrada

elective courses every day in the arts and the sciences."

The school offers electives in piano, guitar, vocal music, drama, band, orchestra, STEM, wood shop, Colorado UpLift, Urban Ethics, PE and Spanish.

"We want to build the best STEM middle school program in the city and we do that through our varied science programs: flight and space, medical detectives, computer programming and more," he says. "Hill is the first and only DPS middle school to be state-approved for STEM programs," he says.

This approval means the state ensures that Hill's classes meet certain requirements for rigor of academics, teacher expertise, experience, qualifications and training.

As for Hill's arts programs, Kavanaugh says they have expanded and include music production, orchestra, band, choir, visual arts and theater as well as multiple levels of theater, band and orchestra.

"The number and variety of classes is extraordinary," he says. "We want to make sure our kids connect with something or someone, whether it's a paintbrush, baseball bat or a person, so we offer a wide variety of offerings in the arts and sciences for them."

Technology plays an important role at the school and every student has their own Chromebook. "This has been a game changer," says Kavanaugh. "To see our classroom walls figuratively fall and to see the kids advocate for themselves directly

through technology is just phenomenal."

Notably, the Schoology platform used at Hill allows kids to read a news article at all different reading levels and teachers to plan math lessons at multiple levels. This approach illustrates the "meet kids where they are" teaching philosophy that I've heard several times at DPS schools recently.

When asked what he's most looking forward to during this school year, Kavanaugh says he wants it to be as great as last year when, he feels, the school culture and classrooms really hit their "cadence and rhythm." He wants to continue in his efforts to make Hill "a public neighborhood school that is alluring to families so they are not looking for alternatives; that they find their

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For the last several months, the MNI Board, along with our intrepid graphic designer, Chere Martin, has been working toward a redesign of our beloved Mayfair Mirror. After many years of the current design, it is high time to refresh the publication and, we hope, increase circulation, readership and advertising revenue, which, in turn, helps MNI bring outstanding events and topical information to you, our neighbors and audience.

Though current and archived issues of the Mirror are available to read at mayfairdenver.org, we continually hear that the “paper” version mailed to each household and business in Mayfair is anticipated and enjoyed by many. It is one way MNI works to not just inform the neighborhood, but also foster and strengthen our community and camaraderie.

Full color future

So, in the coming months, keep an eye on your mail for the refreshed, full-color version of Mayfair Mirror – Voice of Our Neighborhood. We are excited for the improvements that will make our quarterly publication easier to read and enjoy.

Remember, we are always interested in hearing from you, our readers and advertisers. If you would like to

write a Letter to the Editor or have a comment or suggestion, please drop us a note at mayfairneighbors@gmail.com or Mayfair Neighbors, Inc., PO Box 200306, Denver, CO 80220-0306.

Thank you for your continued interest and support!

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traditional neighborhood school is everything it should be.”

As for community engagement, Kavanaugh is eager to hear from us. “We would love to know how we can serve the community; if there is a need we can meet through student community service or ways we can do things differently so the community speaks highly of Hill and our students.”

One of Kavanaugh’s goals, he says, is that Hill reach the level of recognition and be as much of a draw to the surrounding neighborhoods as Steck Elementary, which is right next door.

Hill’s principal wholeheartedly endorses DPS and its core values of innovation, stability and vision of leadership. “I’ve worked in larger districts and in private, parochial and charter schools and I will tell you that I have nothing but the highest level of faith and belief in this district,” he says. “Educators across the country look at DPS and they see innovation and what an urban district should be doing.”

During our meeting, I was, perhaps, most inspired when Kavanaugh made these statements with passion and certainty: “Some schools are hyperstructured or overregulated with rules about uniforms or making kids be silent as they walk down the hall,” he says. “This flies in the face of the idea that this is the time in their lives when they should be exposed to language and diversity and perspectives of all different cultures, races and neighborhoods, which helps them be able to navigate the world where they will be adults.”

Kavanaugh expanded on the thought by stating, “At Hill, we must make sure kids can handle a large, diverse school like East and George Washington so that very little will surprise them. We want to allow them to get right up against a tough decision and help them understand that decision and the best way to handle it. This is the foundation of what the school has become and will be for 10 years. It starts there.”

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Project team releases alternative plan for East Colfax bus rapid transit



By Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman

Susman

After several public meetings over the past 18 months and feedback from an array of stakeholders, the Colfax Corridor Connections bus rapid transit (BRT) project team has released an updated alternative for dedicated center-running BRT on East Colfax Avenue. This design aims to double daily bus ridership from 22,000 to 50,000 and shorten travel times by up to 15 minutes. The design also includes amenities such as benches, public restrooms and bike facilities.

Center-running BRT sees a 25-40% travel time savings and a 50-100% increase in ridership in peer cities. Center stations provide a pedestrian refuge island and can have a traffic-calming effect that increases safety. Bus rapid transit along East Colfax offers an opportunity to capitalize on the street's main street zoning with increased reinvestment and place-making opportunities.

Future development could be directed to transit-oriented developments along the stops on the corridor. Though the locations of stops are still being debated, there most certainly will be multiple stops in Mayfair and around the Mayfair Shopping Center and Monaco Boulevard. This prospect offers an extraordinary opportunity to reinvest and increase the attractiveness of our already great existing retail strips in Mayfair.

The project corridor is roughly bounded by I-25 and I-225 on the west and east, respectively, and 20th Avenue and 12th Avenue on the north and south. The study is being conducted by the City and County of Denver and the Regional Transportation District (RTD) in partnership with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and in coordination with the City of Aurora.

This fall, work is scheduled to begin on the design and environmental requirements, as well as identifying funding sources. Final design and an implementation plan are expected to be completed in 2018-19 and construction is set to begin in 2020.

More information can be found at: www.colfaxcorridorconnections.com

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The Real Estate Market

By David Bromberg, a Mayfair Neighbor

Preparing your home for winter

As I write this in early November, it is hard to believe that ski season is just around the corner. We have had what I believe is a very mild summer and fall (so far) and it is easy to put off cold weather maintenance for our homes.

Typically, by mid-October, you should have winterized your sprinkler system. The water is usually turned off inside the home or out by the street (depending on system design). Most systems should have the water blown out of the lines with an air compressor – this generally costs \$45-\$65, depending on the number of zones. As a reminder, do not turn the system on too early in the spring – late freezes can cause pipes to freeze and burst. You should also disconnect all outside hoses from the home. Some spigots can be turned off in the basement and drained.

Make sure that your gutters are clean after all the leaves have dropped. The gutter system is critical to moving water away from the home to avoid foundation problems. Clean gutters will also keep ice from damming up and negatively impacting the roof.

Seal all cracks and holes on the exterior of your home. This will reduce heat loss and keep critters from seeking shelter inside and damaging the contents of your home. Ensure that there is adequate insulation in your attic to keep the warmth in. If your roof stays clear of snow after a storm, you may have excessive heat loss into the attic. It is easy to compare your roof to your neighbors' (roof color also has an impact).

Now is a great time to have the furnace cleaned and serviced. It is easier to deal with a scheduled service call rather than be without heat and at the mercy of the contractor's schedule. Be sure to change the filter regularly – clean air will help with the efficiency of your furnace and extend its life. You may want to consider a programmable thermostat to adjust the temperature when you're sleeping or away to reduce your energy bill.

To find out other ways to save on gas and electricity, while improving comfort in your home, have an energy audit performed. You can get information from an energy advisor by calling Xcel at 303-446-7910 or going online: www.xcelenergy.com/programs_and_rebates/residential_programs_and_rebates/home_energy_efficiency/home_energy_audit. There are many rebates to be had for work done.

Preparing your home to sell

If you plan to sell your home next year, winter is the right time to start preparing (the spring selling season seems to creep earlier and earlier each year). You should strive to create an inviting setting that will make buyers want to buy your home. In the meantime, get with your REALTOR to discuss condition and price.

The current market

A quick look at neighborhood activity so far this year contradicts the news of late. For detached homes, sales are up 11% over this time last year (166 vs. 149). The average sales price is flat but the average square footage is down 8% resulting in an 8% increase in price per square foot. An unusual fact is that no homes built in 2016 or 2017 have sold this year (there are 2 available in the MLS). Average days on market are down to 29 from 35 last year. I will provide a detailed, full year analysis in the next edition of The Mirror.

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Calling all Santas in Mayfair

By Chris Ringwood, MNI Board Member

Amid the hustle and bustle of the approaching holiday season, basic necessities like shelter, food and clothing can sometimes be taken for granted while we think about new flat screen TVs, video game systems and whatever new Apple product has just come out.

For some of us, the December holidays also represent a time to reflect and be thankful for the gifts we have in our lives. They also provide us with a chance to give back to those who are less fortunate and help struggling families to have a warm and happy holiday.

In Denver, there are a number of worthy organizations that help families. GIVE Denver is in its seventh year of organizing the Adopt-A-Family, Teen or Senior Gift Drive. The annual holiday gift drive has served more than 5,800 people since its launch in 2011. In 2016, GIVE Denver provided holiday gifts to more than 374 families, teens and seniors served by Denver Human Services. This year, GIVE Denver hopes donations will result in holiday gifts for even more people in need. Consider adopting a family as a neighborhood block, or take your kids to the store to help pick out gifts for these families and get a chance to feel the real magic of giving.

There are three easy ways to donate:

1. Adopt a family, teen or senior: Team up with your network or register as an individual, then head to denvergov.org/GIVE to adopt, or sponsor, a family, teen or senior. You'll receive an individualized shopping list to use when shopping especially for them. Register to sponsor by Dec. 1.
2. Donate holiday gifts: Drop off a gift to any designated site by Dec. 13, 2017, and GIVE Denver will deliver it to someone not adopted by a donor. For a list of commonly requested gifts, head to denvergov.org/GIVE. Designated sites include all Denver Human Services locations and the Wellington E. Webb Municipal Office Building.
3. Make a monetary donation: Let GIVE Denver do the shopping for you and make a credit card donation by visiting the GIVE Denver website at www.denvergov.org/GIVE or send a check to GIVE Denver, 1200 Federal Blvd., Denver 80204, with "Adopt-a-Family" in the memo line. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

To adopt a family, teen or senior, make a donation or for more information, please call 720-944-GIVE or head to www.denvergov.org/GIVE.

2017 drop-off dates and times

General gift donations can be dropped off at the GIVE Center at Denver Human Services, 1200 Federal Blvd., and the Wellington E. Webb Municipal Office Building, 201 W. Colfax Ave., during regular business hours.

For gifts to specific gift recipients and general gifts, drop-off dates and times are as follows:

- Wednesday, Nov. 29: 8:30 a.m. -4 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 30: 8:30 a.m. -4 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 1: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 2: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 6: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 7: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 8: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
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Are you a member of Mayfair Neighbors Inc.?

By Jeanne Surbrugg, MNI Treasurer

There are approximately 3,200 households in the Mayfair neighborhood, which is bordered by Colfax on the north, Sixth Avenue on the south, Monaco on the east and Eudora on the west. Of those households, only about 200 have paid membership dues for 2017. Some of you may be wondering why we need membership dues and what that money is used for. Throughout the year our all-volunteer board works to organize and execute events in the neighborhood to which everyone is invited to attend and participate, whether or not you've paid your membership dues. These events include:

- Spring Shred-A-Thon
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Garage Sale
- Fourth of July Bike Parade
- Dog Daze
- Concert in the Park (over 500 attendees/year)
- General Meeting

For all these events there are various costs associated with putting them on, including signage to announce place and time of the event, permits for the park, paying the band, candy and eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt,

renting the shredding truck, etc.

In addition to our events, we curate content and publish the Mayfair Mirror four times each year. The advertising revenue covers most of the cost of publication, but we usually have a small shortfall.

In general, we work to be as frugal as possible and reuse where possible (i.e. plastic Easter eggs, generic event signs). We ask for sponsors and/or donations to help with our events. King Soopers and Safeway have often helped us get enough candy for the Easter Egg Hunt, and the VCA Animal Hospital has sponsored Dog Daze the last two years. We are grateful for their help.

To keep up with costs, we have decided we need to increase our membership dues for the first time in several decades. Membership will be \$20 per household, \$15 for seniors (65+) and \$30 for businesses. We sincerely appreciate the contributions that our members make each year and hope we can continue to rely on your support and see others in the neighborhood join in and continue to make Mayfair a neighborhood to be proud of. Please mail your checks in the envelopes enclosed with this edition of The Mirror, or you can pay online at www.mayfairdenver.org. Thank you so much for supporting your Mayfair neighborhood!

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Recipe from a neighbor

By Klaas Visser, a Mayfair Neighbor

Now that the nights are getting colder and darker the craving for a hearty, satisfying stew may come along. This recipe is an easier version of the classic French boeuf bourguignon and incorporates some extra veggies. It is easy to make and a great way to teach kids or the unsure chefs among us. As with most stews, the leftovers taste even better.

Oma's Beef Stew

- 2 lbs beef - chuck or brisket work well
- 1 bottle hearty red wine - Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot or Syrah
- 4 carrots, peeled and cut into 1" by 1/2" chunks
- 2 cups peeled potatoes, cut into 1" chunks
- 1 cup of your favorite mushrooms, cut into 1/2" chunks
- 6 cloves of garlic
- 1 red onion, halved and cut into 1/2" wide strips.
- 2 sprigs of rosemary

- 1 tsp Kosher salt
- 1 tsp fresh ground pepper
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Cut the beef into chunks – a half inch works. In a bowl, combine the beef, flour, salt and pepper. Mix well together. In an ovenproof, high-sided pot (Le Creuset or the like work well) brown the beef on high heat, about 3 minutes per side. Remove the beef to a bowl and add the red onion and garlic to the pan. Sauté for 5 minutes. Add the beef back to your mixture. Add the carrots, potatoes, mushrooms and rosemary.

Pour yourself a glass of wine and then add the rest to the pan. Bring it back to a boil and stir making sure everything is combined, adding more salt if you like. Place the whole pot into the oven with the lid on. Cook for at least an hour and try not to lift the lid to check it too often.

After an hour, take it out of the oven, stir one more time and let it sit for 15 minutes with the lid on. I like to serve the stew with a crusty loaf of toasted bread with a little olive oil. Sweet potatoes can be substituted for regular, if you so choose.

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