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4th of July Bike Parade

July 4
8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Dog Daze

August 8
9 a.m.

Concert in the Park

August 29
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Mayfair Garage Sale Day

September 19
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Mayfair Wine Tasting

September 25
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.



The case of the disappearing eggs

By Elaine Zupancic, MNI Board Member

Gone in 120 seconds! That's how long it took for approximately 500 children to scoop up 4,000 (yes, you read that right) stuffed Easter eggs at our annual Easter Egg Hunt in Mayfair Park on April 4.

The night before, about 15 volunteers and board members met at the Montclair Community Center to stuff the eggs with candy and, for a lucky 20 children, gold dollar coins. Believe it or not we finished in a little over an hour—even while stuffing ourselves with pizza and candy. On Saturday we met at the park at 9:30 a.m. to pick up litter and other stuff (if you get my drift), distributed all those eggs, set up special areas for the younger age groups, took pictures with the Easter Bunny and generally enjoyed the beautiful morning and each other. At the stroke of 11 a.m., Lynn Gregory gave the go ahead and by 11:02 a.m. not one egg remained on the ground. This was my fourth or fifth hunt and it never ceases to amaze me how good the kids are about not jumping the gun and getting a head start. Thank you parents!

A personal side note that makes me laugh every time I think about it. I left home without Kleenex and then thought, "Oh well, there will be a hundred mothers there—I'll just bum some off of one of them." After hitting up five people, none of whom had tissue, I gave up and just sniffed my way through the morning.

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Above: Nina Visser, Julia and Matthew Rippons enjoy their spoils after a successful Easter egg hunt.



Violet Elson shows the gold coin she found stuffed in an egg from the Easter Bunny!

Thank you to all the volunteers and local businesses who helped make the weekend such a success.

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- Our Easter Bunny, James Flores
- And all the children who helped recycle. You helped us save the most eggs of any year!

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Shred-a-Thon: Another Mayfair neighborhood success

By Hillary Barrett Osborne, MNI Board Member

Cars were lined up to rejoin Mayfair Neighbors and to have their documents securely shredded at the annual Mayfair Shred-a-Thon. Saturday, April 18 was another beautiful day for the event, and the Mayfair Plaza parking lot at 14th and Krameria was the perfect spot for this annual post-tax-day tradition.

Despite the slightly delayed Shred-It truck, the neighbors who turned out for this event handled the delay with grace and good humor. When all was said and done, we received a record number of new Mayfair Neighbors' memberships (the most at any one event on record) and donations for the most successful Shred-a-Thon yet.

We would like to give a big thank you to Chair Five Equities and the businesses in Mayfair Plaza for welcoming us and for graciously allowing us to use their parking lot. And, last but not least, a big thank you goes to the Mayfair Neighborhood Board members and volunteers who give countless hours to this and other great events that help make our neighborhood one of the best and friendliest in Denver.

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RTD bus service offers freedom to active disabled residents

By Pat Dworkin, MNI Board Member

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RTD's Access-a-Ride service provides transit options for people with disabilities. To travel on Access-a-Ride, you must meet one of the following two conditions:

- Be unable to get to and from a bus stop or on and off a lift-equipped bus by yourself.



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- Have a cognitive disability that prohibits your understanding of how to complete bus trips.

To demonstrate that you meet one of the above conditions, you must complete a functional evaluation, in person, and provide a physician's statement to verify your disability. Once approved, you will receive a photo ID card, which you must show to the driver at each boarding. To prequalify, you can complete the Access-a-Ride application request form online at rtd-denver.com or call RTD Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 303-299-2960.

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Once approved, Access-a-Ride can take riders to the doctor, grocery store, recreation center or even a social event. The service is available during the same days and hours as RTD's local bus service. Curbside and door-to-door service is offered with driver assistance if requested. Your starting point and destination must be within ¾ mile of RTD's local fixed-route transit system. The cost of Access-a-Ride, one way, is \$4.50 local, \$8 express, \$10 regional and \$26 to DIA.

We love our beautiful Mayfair houses, but having social contacts is also important to our well-being. We want our elderly and disabled neighbors to keep their independence. RTD Access-a-Ride may be a good option for some Mayfair residents to maintain their freedom.

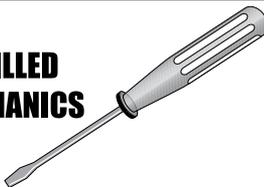
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Fairwell to a Mayfair Friend

By Mary Scott, Mayfair Neighbor

Mayfair lost a neighbor and friend to many of us. Marie Wieber, a long-time Mayfair resident and former board member of Mayfair Neighbors, died Feb. 21 in her home following a brief and courageous battle with cancer.

Marie grew up in Michigan with two brothers and nine sisters. After a vacation to Colorado with friends, she moved to Denver in 1973. She established her CPA firm out of her home and served hundreds of clients, including many neighbors.

Marie's life was forever changed when, in 1994, she adopted her daughter,



Marie Wieber with her daughter, Elly.

Elly, from China. Elly, who is now 20, graduated from George Washington University and is attending Colorado State University. Marie cherished Elly's dance performances, and the mother and daughter had wonderful vacations to Europe and China.

At home and around sunset, Marie could often be found walking her beloved dog, Skippy, around Mayfair Park. Those of us who knew her and loved her remember a woman of great compassion, kindness and loyalty. She will be so missed.

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Bee Friendly Mayfair



Article author Pat Kittelson shows off her bee suit.

By Pat Kittelson, Mayfair Neighbor and Beekeeper

One of the things I enjoy most about living in Mayfair is walking and watching all of the gardening activities taking place. Mayfair neighbors seem to be great gardeners and there are always new plantings and bold landscaping projects to keep my interest.

I have been impressed by the number of properties that are replacing lawn with creative low-water gardens using mulch, rocks, sculpture, bright ceramic pots and native plants. As well as being a backyard gardener, I am also a backyard beekeeper and always on the lookout for increased pollinator forage in Mayfair.

It is probably not news to anyone that honeybees and all bees are struggling to survive. There are many reasons that have been put forth for this by beekeepers and scientists. These include:

- Lack of forage for bees
- Parasites (Varroa and Tracheal mites) that infest bees
- Use of pesticides and herbicides on seeds and plants

The current thought is that it is not just one of these factors contributing to bee die-offs but rather a combination of factors layered together that weaken bee colonies and eventually lead to colony death. Many of us are concerned about the dying bees, but are unsure of what to do that is helpful.

That is why I am so encouraged to live in Mayfair and see all the positive bee-friendly gardens and want to offer a few more easy ways to make Mayfair a “Bee Safe” neighborhood. (For more information on the Bee Safe Neighborhoods Program go to <http://livingsystemsinst.org/content/bee-safe-neighborhoods>).

- Continue to plant pollinator-friendly plants. The Colorado State Beekeepers Association (www.coloradobeekeepers.org) has an informative brochure that suggests planting a variety of plants for blooms across three seasons, including trees, shrubs, flowers and bulbs; planting a variety

Support your local beekeeper by purchasing and consuming local honey. Local honey is available at farmer’s markets and watch for it at places like City Floral and Marczyk’s.

of colors, shapes and fragrances in clumps or groups; planting native or locally adapted plants, keeping them deadheaded to stimulate blooming and, if insects invade, using the least poisonous treatments first.

- If you elect to use a pesticide or herbicide, first of all find out if your neighbors have bee hives. If you know that your neighbor has a hive, you may want to leave them a note that you will be applying chemicals to your lawn, shrubs or trees. The beekeeper will appreciate this and may cover their hive during the application process. It may not always be possible to know if your neighbor has a hive as bees can fly in a three mile radius – so assume that someone has a hive within range. Then, try to select a narrow spectrum chemical and apply it very early in the morning or after dusk when the bees are back inside their hives.
- Support your local beekeeper by purchasing and consuming local honey. Local honey is available at farmer’s markets and watch for it at places like City Floral and Marczyk’s.
- Shop locally for seeds, plants and gardening supplies. True Value Hardware on Colfax carries organic and non-treated seeds – these are clearly labeled and ready for this year. City Floral has expertise as well as plants and gardening supplies that are pollinator friendly and Colorado climate hardy.
- Get informed about bees and bee challenges in Colorado. There are classes to take, speakers to hear and some great pollinator gardens to visit.

And as a final thought, I have lost my bees the last two years to a variety of causes. My new bees will arrive at the end of April and I am hopeful that with careful management, plenty of pollen and nectar and good weather the honey harvest will be outstanding.

Who let the dogs out? Dog Daze 2015

By Patricia Mulligan, MNI Board Member

Dog Daze 2015
Saturday, Aug. 8, 9 a.m.
Mayfair Park

Are you ready for a wonderfully fun August morning in the park with your beloved canine companion? Then put Saturday, Aug. 8 on your calendar. Mayfair Neighbors, Inc. is hosting Dog Daze at 9 a.m. at Mayfair Park. You can look forward to a grand parade of dogs and their owners around the park, followed by high-spirited (and silly) contests. We look forward to MaxFund bringing its mobile adoption van, with friendly dogs and cats ready for adoption. MaxFund is a no-kill shelter for cats and dogs. In addition, the Denver Police K9 unit will be on hand to demonstrate the amazing skills of its police service dogs.

Thanks to VCA Park Hill Animal Hospital for sponsoring Dog Daze. Nicole Pace-Thompson, the hospital manager, is not only providing dog treats and contest prizes, she will have one of VCA's veterinarians at the park to educate us and answer questions about proper dog care.

Thanks to Hannah Ulbrich, owner of Copper Door Coffee Roasters at Ninth and Jersey, who is providing coffee that morning to help get us going. And a shout out to Ed Moore Florists and owner Lydia Mary for festooning the park with balloons.

So, get yourself and your dog primped and pampered for Aug. 8 Dog Daze festivities. There will be a dog/owner look-alike contest. Your dog must be at least 6 months old, be up-to-date on shots and on a leash not longer than 6 feet to attend.



Dog Daze 2014

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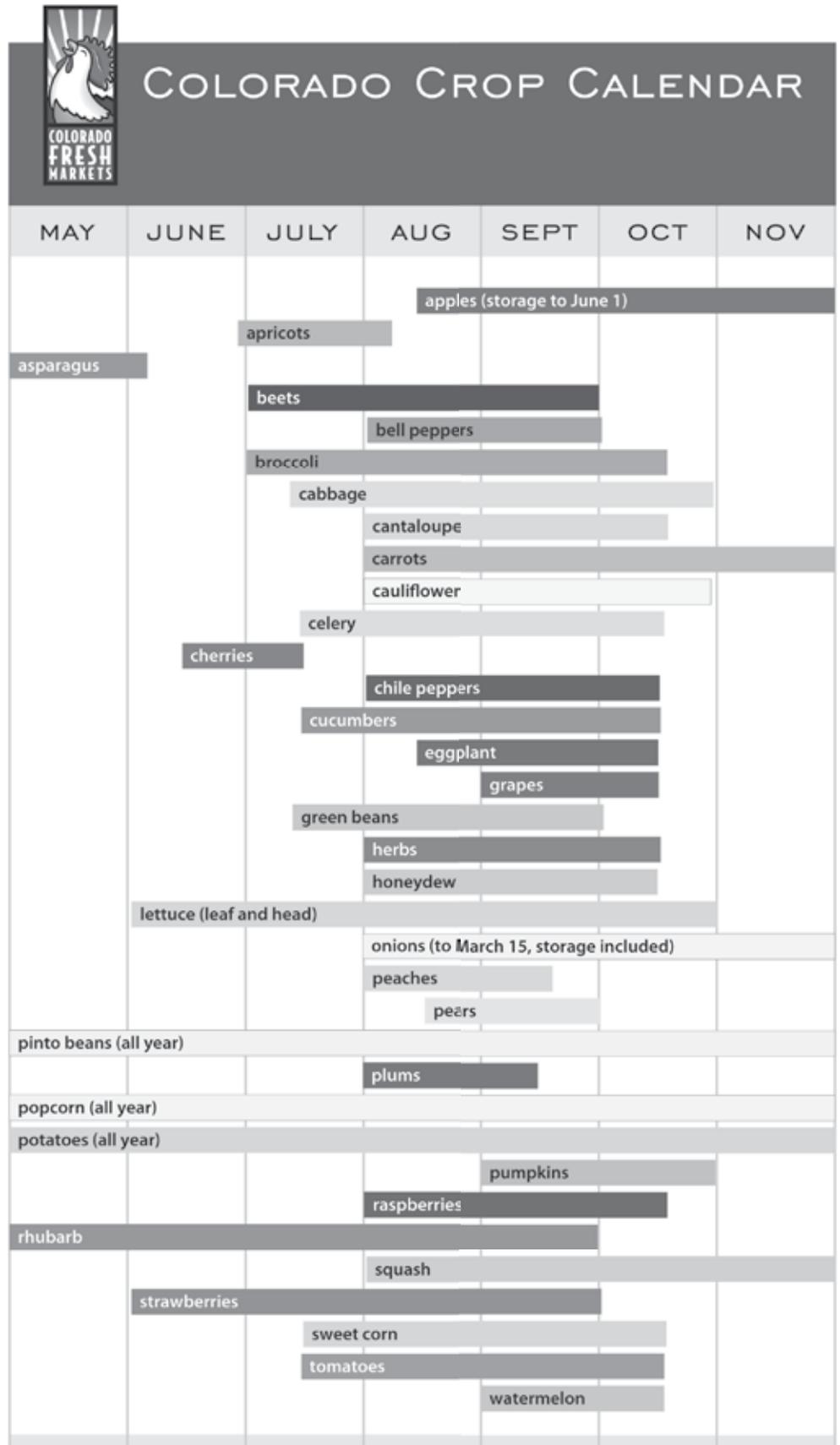
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The Music Goes On

By Lynn Gregory, MNI Board Member

Those of us who have attended the Denver Municipal Band concerts over the years at Mayfair Park were saddened to learn of the death of its long-time conductor and musical director Gerald Endsley in February.

Endsley was a native Denverite who attended East High School and began playing with the band as solo clarinetist in 1966. He was an accomplished musician and also a collector of vintage musical instruments. He often said that Mayfair Park was one of his favorite venues. The Band first played at Mayfair Park when the Park was dedicated.



The Denver Municipal Band performs during the end-of-summer Concert in Mayfair Park. Denver native, Gerald Endsley, beloved band leader and musical director, died in February. He will be missed at this year's event.

The Denver Municipal Band is the oldest professional concert band in the United States. It was founded here in Denver in the late 1860s and will continue to enchant all who are fortunate enough to hear them on a warm summer evening. Concerts by the Band this season

will be dedicated to the memory of this kind man who loved to share music with the people of Denver. We look forward to this year's concert at Mayfair Park on Aug. 29. Donations in Gerald's memory can be made at the Denver Municipal Band's website, denvermunicipalband.org

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From the Bronx to Mayfair, via Normandy

Mayfair Neighbor Profile of Ely Karasik

By Sara Visser, MNI Board Member

New York Bronx native, first generation immigrant, World War II veteran, teacher, musician, composer, leader, longtime Mayfair resident and friend of many – just a few ways to describe Ely Karasik.

Karasik was born and raised in the Bronx, playing in the street with kids whose parents came through Ellis Island from Germany, Italy, Poland and Russia (now the Ukraine), like his own parents, Dora and Benjamin. Born in 1924, Karasik and his younger brother, Leonard, heard both Russian and Yiddish in their childhood home.

“If my parents spoke Russian, it was a private conversation, not for my ears,” he said. “If it was Yiddish, it was meant for my brother and me.” In fact, at the school he attended, classes were taught in Yiddish only.

“At the age of 14 years old, my father gave me his mandolin and started sending me to classes for 10 cents a lesson,” Karasik recalled. So began his passion for music – one that has followed Karasik his entire life. He was talented – good enough for his instructor to recommend private lessons for 50 cents each and to put him in his orchestra with musicians of all ages. The group gave programs for audiences and within several months, Karasik took over the first chair. “I was pretty young for that,” he recalled. “It was fun!”

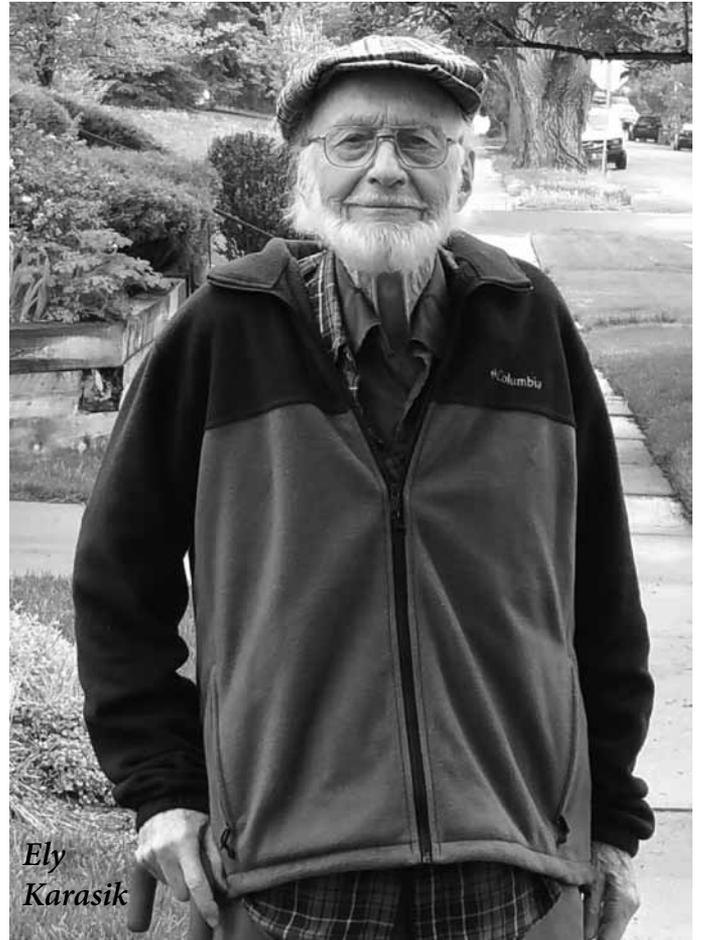
When he finished high school in 1941, a new chapter began. He worked during the day in a machine shop and attended night school at City College of New York. He also played his mandolin in the orchestra.

Pearl Harbor had just been bombed by the Japanese and the pull of military service rippled through his neighborhood.

“Initially, I was thinking of the Navy, but I took the test and flunked because of my glasses,” Karasik said. In 1943, he was drafted into the Army Air Corps.

“My family had concerns– they knew we had a right to be in that war and fighting the Nazis in Germany was a good thing. They didn’t like me being drafted, but they weren’t against it,” he said. “I felt like I had to do it. I would have been ashamed to be deferred.”

After a short stint in Air Corps training in Miami and Nebraska, he made the decision to transfer to the Army



Specialized Training Program where he could seek higher education. Karasik studied at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis for three terms before “the Army changed its mind and took us all out.” Next stop, infantry boot camp in Arkansas.

“The other guys there had already gone through boot camp, and they were tan and tough looking,” he laughed. “We looked like weaklings.”

Sent overseas, Karasik and his division landed in Cherbourg, France, in Lower Normandy shortly after D-Day. “We stayed in a camp and dug foxholes,” he recalled. “The Germans were close; there was nightly shelling – there was always a danger.”

After two weeks, his division was sent across France in train boxcars with notices on the walls reading “quarantine hommes, ou huit vaches.” (40 men or 8 cows). They arrived in Nancy, France, and fought in the foothills of the Vosges Mountains in some of the fiercest fighting of the War. Karasik was in a machine gun company with a WWI heavy machine gun. “My fingers were always frozen,” he said. His division lost few men,

but stories of injury, death and danger were common.

As 1945 began, his division crossed the Rhine River at Mannheim, Germany, turned south, liberated several slave labor factories and found themselves on the border

of Austria when peace was declared. Per orders, he remained in Germany through the summer of 1945, “doing nothing...flirting with the ladies,” he said.

After a transatlantic journey on the Queen Elizabeth, Karasik returned to the Bronx and his family. “We came into New York past the Statue of Liberty – that was exciting.” Several months later, he was discharged. The rest of his life lay ahead of him.

After transferring from City College to Columbia University, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education through the GI Bill. He wanted to teach music. During the war, his father sent his mandolin to him, but Karasik sent it back after a month because it was unsafe to keep it. Even so, his passion for music stayed with him.

During a few years teaching music in Sumner, Ill., Karasik fell in love with and married a fellow faculty member, Leonore. It was an interfaith marriage – not commonly accepted in such a small town. He and his bride moved to Denver.

Then came a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. He and his wife and young son Randy moved to Climax, Colo., to start the school band program from scratch. “A teacher’s dream,” he said. During his three-year tenure in Climax, his second son Keith was born.

Beginning in 1956, and for the remainder of his teaching career until he retired in 1979, Karasik taught science at Kearny Jr. High School in Commerce City, living in Denver near Colfax Avenue and Cook Street.

During this time, he did not play his mandolin very often. After all, he and his wife were busy raising two children. However, when he left teaching, he began performing at private parties, playing the mandolin in a trio or quartet.

In 1976, Karasik helped the newly founded Denver Mandolin Orchestra get off the ground. He continues his commitment to the group today as he nears his 91st birthday. The group includes mandolin, guitar and cello players of all ages, from 11 to 96. He points out, with a laugh, that he is not the oldest player.

In 1976, Karasik helped the newly founded Denver Mandolin Orchestra get off the ground. He continues his commitment to the group today as he nears his 91st birthday.

Making music brings him “joy, motivation, challenges and camaraderie,” he said. The group holds occasional concerts throughout the year, usually at the Wynkoop Brewing Company. His original works are performed regularly, along with other favorites. He has released several CDs of his original compositions.

In 1988, Karasik, now single, moved to Mayfair, where he enjoys his relatively quiet street and friendly neighbors. “I like the city and the people,” said Karasik, who has never considered returning to New York. “This feels like home. It feels right.”

Throughout his eventful life, Karasik has traveled the world for the Army and for fun and has seen his share of discrimination and intolerance – personally and through the eyes of others. Whether it was racism, teachers who were unfairly fired or anti-Semitism directed at him or his friends and family, he has been sensitive to the plight of others and stood up for them.

Sharp, with a great memory, a quick smile and a musical talent he loves to share, Karasik is a noteworthy and remarkable member of our Mayfair Neighborhood.

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Meet the President of Mayfair Neighbors, Inc.

Hello neighbors! My name is Merritt Pullam. I have lived in Mayfair for almost 10 years with my wife, Robin. We have two kids and two dogs. I love to spend time with our family and also enjoy golf, fishing and the outdoors.

We have spent a lot of time in the local community. Our kids love playing at Mayfair Park. We enjoy taking our out-of-town friends and family to Mayfair Liquors, Four G's, Nuggs and the Chop Shop Casual Urban Eatery. I got involved with Mayfair Neighbors, Inc. last year as a way to give back to the community



Merritt Pullam

and to connect with more of our neighbors, and I have been the president since January of this year.

I owned a handyman business for 10 years and I am now an active real estate agent with Keller Williams Integrity Group. This has afforded me the opportunity to be a work-at-home dad and to spend a lot of time with my

family. Taking our kids for walks to watch the construction equipment at work around the neighborhood and seeing our son play with his trucks in front of the new houses being built has sparked my interest in zoning and the changes that are happening within our neighborhood.

I enjoy working with kids. I have been a high school football coach for almost 20 years in California and Colorado, most recently six years with Manual High School in DPS. I look forward to getting more involved with youth sports in the area as our children get older.

I am very interested in community events where neighbors meet and build relationships while sharing information about the local community. I am passionate about learning more about recycling. We can do so much more.

In the coming year, I am looking forward to having guest speakers at each of our board meetings to connect even further with our community. I am also excited about the upcoming MNI events at Mayfair Park and the surrounding supporting businesses. We learn so much more about our neighbors by listening to them.

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Jersey Street says goodbye to a dear friend

By Jackie Medford, MNI Board Member

Sometimes we lose a flower from the bouquet that makes up our block on Jersey Street. We lost our dear friend Virginia Percival in February, just three weeks before her 93rd birthday. She and her husband, Jim, moved into their home in 1948. That's 67 years living in Mayfair.

They raised their five children in that little two-bedroom house that was always filled with laughter, kids, noise and love. The kids went to Palmer Elementary and later on to Christ the King school. They grew up, got married, yet still came home for important occasions. After Jim passed, Percival's sons kept up her "honey-do" list and the Christmas lights were always on the roof each Christmas.

Percival sang in a band during WWII but really enjoyed singing in the Christ the King choir. She was the essence of motherhood, loving and caring to all.

She passed at home, surrounded by her family, and the whole block attended her "Celebration of Life" Mass at Christ the King. The church was packed. The celebration continued at her son's home and she must have loved hearing all the laughter and stories.

Now the block is waiting to see who will move into that home. They will have a lot to live up to and the block will have a whole new family to break in. But Percival, and her loving Jim, will be looking down, keeping watch over what she once called her "little block of Heaven on Earth"... Jersey Street.

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2014 Parade

Mayfair Neighborhood 4th of July Parade

By Shawna Olsen, MNI Board Member

Although Spring is just peeking its head out, it is already time to plan for our Mayfair 4th of July Parade. Last year was another great success and we are hoping more families will join us this year.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, July 4, at 8:30 a.m. to start the festivities. Have your kids decorate their bikes, trikes, scooters or wagons at home and then come ride around Mayfair Park to the cheers of all the Parade watchers. Even if you don't have a bike to decorate, come celebrate with your neighbors. This year we will be adding a fun run dash for children ages 6 and above. Afterward, join us for some refreshments and playing on our great playground. Please leave your furry friends at home for this event.

As with all great events, it takes volunteers to help make it a success. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Cathie Wilson at 303-547-4143 or cathie_wilson@hotmail.com.

Discover Mayfair's fresh salmon secret

By Todd Parker, MNI Board Member

Do you know the source of fresh, Pacific salmon for many of Denver's finest restaurants and markets? Surprise! It's the corner of Bellaire Street and Colfax Avenue, home to Alaskan Salmon Company. Alaskan Salmon Company is a direct importer, processor and wholesale distributor, specializing in wild Pacific salmon. But here's the part most people don't know. The owner of Alaskan Salmon Company, Duffy Fanganello, also owns Town & Country Market, the retail store at the same location. And, in addition to the other things sold at Town & Country, you can buy the same fresh salmon sold wholesale to discerning chefs and retailers.

The salmon from Alaskan Salmon Company has a rich, buttery flavor—unmatched in quality for a few reasons. First, Fanganello knows the best sources of Pacific salmon



Duffy Fanganello with some of his fresh Pacific salmon.

because of relationships built fishing and seafood purchasing. At age 17, the Park Hill native left Denver for Alaska where he spent the next six years commercial fishing the salmon runs of Bristol Bay, Alaska. In 1989, Duffy spent a fishing paycheck on five hundred pounds of fresh salmon to bring back to Denver and to establish the Alaskan Salmon Company. A year later, Duffy established a seafood purchasing and sales office in Seattle, Wash. Fishing and working in the seafood industry for many years means Duffy knows who has the freshest catch.

Second, Alaskan Salmon Company only imports whole salmon, never cut. Fish stay fresh longer when they're whole rather than cut. The whole fish at Alaskan Salmon are cut into fillets or steaks the same day they are sold. In contrast, salmon steaks or fillets you purchase at many grocery stores are often cut days in advance. "Salmon from Chile, for example, is generally all farm raised and is cut in Chile, sometimes over a week before you purchase it in the United States," said Fanganello.

Fresh in Volume

Sheer volume is another reason Alaskan Salmon Company's salmon is so fresh. The company sells more than a thousand pounds of salmon a week to restaurants, retailers and even other wholesalers. These reasons combined make Alaskan Salmon Company's salmon the freshest, most delicious salmon available in Denver. The first time I tasted it, I couldn't believe the difference. My first thought was, "this is why salmon in nice restaurants tastes so good."

Alaskan Salmon Company is such a neighborhood secret because it's a bit tricky to find. You're better off looking for Town & Country Market with its colorful mural on Bellaire Street. Come into the gated yard with its racks of plants (and yellow submarine) and you'll see a sign for "Alaskan Salmon Company" on the front door to Town & Country Market.

Town & Country Market has a long Denver history,

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New Hilltop eatery is not as crummy as it sounds

Chris Ringwood, MNI Board Member

In early spring, The Crumb Café opened its doors in the space once occupied by Adagio Bakery, at the crossroads of Holly and Cedar streets. On a recent trip in April, my wife, 1.5 year old and I hopped on our bikes for an early Saturday morning adventure, just on the south side of the Mayfair boundary. When we arrived at around 7:15 a.m., we spoke with the ever friendly Jason and Sean at the counter for a while, who gave us some background and insight into the café. The Crumb Café is a new café concept from the folks at Cake Crumbs (in Park Hill) and The Denver Cupcake Truck. Crumb Café is rooted in the bread and butter (and probably some salt and sugar) of its sister store, offering a variety of sweet treats, breakfast sandwiches, coffee drinks and

smoothies. The new concept includes an expanded set of savory options, breakfast served all day, and extended hours (6 a.m.- 8 p.m. every day) to cater to customers whether they prefer morning, noon or night.

Because we like savory and sweet and enjoy sharing a few plates, we ordered a breakfast sandwich on a croissant, a raspberry Danish, a coffee cake muffin, latte, coffee and a milk for the kid. After a few bucks of tip, we'd spent less than 25 bucks, which felt like a good deal for breakfast out. Sean shared with us that the food is made from scratch and baked fresh daily in the store, and it was evident in the buttery crust of the raspberry croissant and moist muffin tops.

While we were there, we encountered six or seven other groups of patrons, most arriving on bicycles. The large patio tables were great for families, since kids could have some space to roam while heavy-eyed parents savored their coffee. Solo patrons with computers camped out inside; dogs anxiously waited outside for their owners to bring them a homemade dog treat (which they sell); serious bicyclists decked out in riding gear briefly stopped in for a fuel before putting the rubber to the road.

As summer hits and days get longer, our family will be back to sample all that this nearby neighborhood café has to offer throughout the day.

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having operated at its current location for decades. The market was operated by a Japanese family since the mid-1900s and later sold to Duffy's uncle. Town & Country Market was the original neighborhood convenience store before there were 7-Elevens. Town & Country was also known as the place to buy locally grown, organic plants, flowers and vegetables in the spring and Christmas trees in winter.

When Duffy started importing fresh fish to Denver, he built the processing plant in Town & Country Market. In 2009, Duffy purchased Town & Country from his uncle and, while fish is his main focus, he carries on the tradition of selling plants and Christmas trees. Duffy is a neighborhood guy at heart and he loves to chat it up with customers. Stop in and see Duffy or his associate Steve and take advantage of the unique opportunity to buy top quality salmon right at the processing source. Even if you only buy one pound of fish, it's still cut from a whole salmon that same day. Fresh salmon is only \$9.99 per pound. Smoked salmon is also available for \$14.99 per pound and is smoked on-site.

Alaskan Salmon Company and Town & Country Market are both located at 4300 E. Colfax Ave., on the southeast corner of Bellaire Street and Colfax Avenue. Town & Country Market is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both Alaskan Salmon and Town & Country can be reached at 303-333-FISH (3474).

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Avenue 8 Apartments welcomes new residents

Amenity-rich, upscale renovation first in the Mayfair neighborhood

After undergoing the first phase of an extensive renovation, Avenue 8 at Mayfair Apartments welcomed its first residents on April 1, 2015. Located at 5701 E. 8th Ave. at Ivanhoe Street, the property is in the heart of Denver's up-and-coming Mayfair neighborhood. The upscale apartment complex spans a city block between Ivanhoe and Ivy streets and Eighth and Ninth avenues, just a short walk from Mayfair Park.

The first of Avenue 8 at Mayfair's three buildings is now finished and houses 51 stylish one- and two-bedroom apartments. Rents range from \$1,120 to \$1,710 a month. Community amenities include a pet-friendly indoor bark park, TV lounge, tech bistro, business center, fitness center and yoga studio, as well as outdoor patio and grilling area, rooftop terrace and controlled-access parking. More than 70 percent of the units have already been leased. Reception by the community has been extremely positive.

The first phase of renovation cost \$15 million and was extensive: building one was stripped to the concrete structure and all new systems and upscale finishes were installed. Renovation of the site's remaining two buildings is underway. Pre-leasing for the second phase of Avenue 8 will commence in June with anticipated completion of the additional 112 units slated for late summer 2015.

Avenue 8 at Mayfair is the product of Rosemark Development Group, a partnership between Anne Rosen and Mark Cytrynbaum. Both Rosen and Cytrynbaum have more than 25 years of experience in real estate acquisition, development and management. Cytrynbaum is also president of Old Vine Property Group, whose portfolio includes commercial and multifamily projects throughout the southwest. Old Vine Property Group has owned the Avenue 8 site since 2001. The project is being managed by Boutique Apartments, a manager of over 60 apartment projects throughout central Denver, along with its sister company, Wheelhouse Apartments.

"Very early in the construction process we received



Above: Avenue 8 at Mayfair Apartments offers an indoor dog park, yoga studio and rooftop deck. Left: Anne Rosen of Rosemark Development and Gavin Ehringer of Waggin' Tail Dog Training show off the pet-friendly community at the recent Grand Opening party.

interest from potential residents wanting a pet-friendly community near downtown," said Zvi Rudawsky, president of Boutique Apartments. This is the first residential development in Mayfair that offers top-level finishes and an incredible amenity package for residents."

"Over 30 residents, many with dogs, have signed leases and will be moving in by the end of May," said Sara Miller, Avenue 8 at Mayfair's on-site manager. "We expect the remaining apartments to fill quickly, based on the number of tours and inquiries we've received over the past month. Our residents are thrilled to be living close to the downtown corridor but without the traffic, parking and noise hassles. And they're particularly excited about our planned amenities, especially the indoor dog park, yoga studio and rooftop deck."

Part of the community's appeal stems from its easy access to nearby hospital complexes, said Rosen, as well as Trader Joe's at Ninth and Colorado, the Mayfair Town Center, Cherry Creek, City Park, Lowry and Stapleton. "The Mayfair neighborhood is friendly and quiet, with an outstanding quality of life," she said. "Residents will be able to live near their workplaces, with access to mass transit and bike paths."

Avenue 8 at Mayfair reflects a modern design by Studio Completiva. The apartments are light-filled with large windows, and feature balconies, energy-efficient appliances (including in-unit washer/dryers), contemporary finishes and easy access to spacious storage. The general contractor is Brinkmann Constructors.

Prepare to pig out at Dae Gee

By Klaas Visser, *Mayfair Neighbor*

Dae Gee, the Korean term for “pig out,” occupies the spot on Colorado Boulevard that Four G’s vacated last year to move further into Mayfair territory. Having tried Dae Gee for lunch earlier in the month, we decided to treat ourselves to the full dinner experience.

The parking lot is shared with several other nearby businesses so parking can be limited, but not impossible. Dae Gee’s decor is modern but subtle, with the bar area separated from the dining room by a short wall, which definitely keeps the sound down.

Our friendly server showed up seconds after we were seated and took our beverage order. Beer drinkers will be happy with the choice of about a dozen beers, including several good craft and Asian varieties. Wine drinkers have the choice of four house wines, two red and two white, as well as Raspberry, Ginseng, Plumb and Blueberry wines and several cold and hot sakes. Green tea, juice and soft drinks are also available.

The food menu looks great with plenty to pick from. While there is no dedicated kids menu, we noticed several families with small children who were happily chowing down, so that did not seem to be an issue. For my daughter, we ordered the Man Doo Gook, a small bowl of tasty chicken dumplings in broth with carrots and greens. Her 3-year-old eyes lit up as it was placed on the table and she proceeded to devour the entire bowl.

We chose the seafood pancake for our appetizer. The pancake was excellent with lots of seafood and green onion and a flavorful sesame dipping sauce on the side. We spiced it up a bit with other tableside sauces. The pancake could be an entree on its own, it was so



satisfying – crispy on the outside and melt-in-your-mouth goodness inside.

For our main courses, we ordered Dol Soht Bee Bim Bhop, a rice bowl with seafood, vegetables and an egg served in a hot stone bowl that arrived sizzling and, after a while, cooks the rice on the bottom to a golden crust. We also tried the Uguji Galbee Tang, a stew of short rib and vegetables in a spicy beef broth. Both dishes were delicious, as well as a good-sized portions. Just beware when you ask for it spicy, they do just that!

All entrees come with small side dishes like kimchee and fish cakes - not for everyone but great to try and, as my uncle used to say, “send your taste buds to college.” Stuffed from cleaning our plates, we did not try dessert, which is available.

Prices are moderate for the quality and quantity of food and the servers are knowledgeable, friendly and willing to help navigate the menu for people not used to Korean food. Dine-in, take-out or have your Korean culinary adventure delivered to your door.

The tabletop Korean BBQ feature will be available soon - apparently they are waiting for the appropriate permits. In the meantime, Pig Out!

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Palmer Elementary's Uncorked! A Wine Tasting Event

By Jill Eleson, Palmer Elementary PTA Secretary

For the second year in a row, Palmer Elementary PTA hosted Uncorked! A Wine Tasting Event. This sold out event took place on Friday, April 24, 2015. No tasting is complete without the wine, so the PTA paired up with Mayfair Liquors, who supplied some fantastic vendors. The event was put on to foster community among Palmer families, friends and the surrounding neighborhood, with the purpose of raising funds to support technology needs at Palmer.

The evening delighted the palate with tasty morsels, a robust lineup of wines, spirits and some select beers. Tasters found lots of options to stock up for their future sipping occasions.

Location

Held in the inviting and inspiring gallery space at Anthology Fine Art in Denver's Art District on Santa Fe, the event was cozy and intimate. Owners and custom framers (and Palmer parents), Zach and Kendra Custer have graciously volunteered their space for this fundraiser two years in a row, with plans to continue doing so.

The evening ended with a drawing for those who placed wine orders for a weekend night stay plus valet parking at the Renaissance Denver Downtown City Center Hotel. A huge thank you goes to Palmer parents, Louis and Leslie Bene, for this very generous donation. And congratulations go to Becky Ralston, who won this spectacular prize.

On Saturday, April 25, Palmer's Art teacher Michelle Gouge-Sanchez hosted the Student Art Show at Anthology Fine Art. The art was on display during Uncorked! but it is always fun to come the next day and see the kids' excitement over having their art displayed in a real art gallery.

Thank you to all the families, friends, staff and neighborhood residents who attended this tasteful and



successful event. We appreciate your support and you all made the evening a joyous affair.

Proceeds calculated

Final proceeds are still being calculated, but preliminary numbers are showing that we have exceeded last year's total. Proceeds will again be used to fund additional learning technologies for all Palmer classrooms. Integrating technology into classroom instruction is a paramount focus at Palmer Elementary to enhance the learning process and to help students acquire skills to compete in our technological, knowledge-based economy. Last year's event proceeds helped purchase 26 new Chrome Books and 21 mini iPads, bringing the school's device ratio to one per every three students. The goal is to get to a one-to-one ratio. The proceeds from the wine tasting and a Gates Foundation grant will help us achieve this.

Thank You!

We want to thank our gracious sponsors who helped make the event a success. Anthology Fine Art, Mayfair Liquors, Modern Gingham Preserves, Phoenician Kabob, The Cheese Co., Mercury Café, Savory Spice Shop, Safeway and Costco all contributed to this event and we greatly appreciate their donations. A special thanks goes to this year's hosts for putting together a lovely evening. Kendra Custer, Tiffany DiUbaldo, Jill Eleson, Jill Laflen and Erin Van Remortel worked hard to put on this fantastic event because they are proud of Palmer and where it is headed.

Uncorked! A Wine Tasting Event will be back in 2016! Don't miss it!

Mayfair gives dictionaries to Palmer third-graders

By Mary Scott, Mayfair Neighbor and Todd Parker, MNI Board Member

Congratulations! Your contributions to Mayfair Neighbors put dictionaries in the hands of every third-grader at Palmer Elementary School. On a sunny day this March, Palmer third-grade teachers Kate Martin and Alice Martin pumped their students up for a big surprise. When Todd Parker from Mayfair Neighbors showed up, the kids were giddy with anticipation.

Bam... Todd, Kate and Alice pulled dictionaries out of a box with each kid's name on them and handed out one to each. Well, the dictionaries were a bit anticlimactic for the kids, but after learning the value and uses of a dictionary, the kids warmed up to their gift.

Hopefully, the students will get many years of use out of their new book. This year marks the 20th anniversary



Palmer Elementary third-graders celebrate their new dictionaries - one for each student! Thanks to all who contribute to Mayfair Neighbors, Inc., making this annual donation to the school possible.

of Mayfair Neighbors' and Palmer Elementary School's participation in the Dollar Dictionary Drive. The annual event is part of the Dictionary Project, a national program founded in 1992 to improve the reading ability and comprehension of all children, everywhere.

Locally, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, an association of local neighborhood organizations throughout the city, coordinates the Dollar Dictionary Drive and has been distributing dictionaries and thesauruses to every third-

grader for the past 20 years.

Mayfair Neighbors donates toward the purchase of dictionaries and is one of 33 registered organizations to participate in the program. Mayfair Neighbors membership dollars are a key to the vitality of this program.

Upcoming Free Days

- First Friday of every Month-First Friday Santa Fe Art Walk
- June 2: **Chatfield Gardens**
- June 2: **Children's Museum** Free Night (4-8 p.m.)
- June 29: **Nature & Science Museum**
- July 7: **Chatfield Gardens**
- July 21: **Denver Botanic Gardens**
- July 26: **Denver Museum of Nature & Science**
- Aug. 4: **Chatfield Gardens**
- Aug. 17: **Denver Museum of Nature & Science**
- Aug. 22: **Firefighter's Museum**
- Aug. 31: **Denver Botanic Gardens**
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The Real Estate Market

By David Bromberg, Mayfair Neighbor

2014 Year in Review (and a peek at 2015)

My 2014 year-end analysis for the Mayfair area detached homes (Sixth Avenue to Colfax Avenue, Colorado Boulevard to Monaco Parkway) shows a dramatic increase in the price year-over-year (see table at right), a repeat of last year's analysis. Average price is up 10 percent and days on the market is down 10 percent.

A few interesting facts are buried in the details. Once again, the year-over-year distribution of home square footage among homes sold was consistent. The most expensive home sold for \$1.035 million and the least expensive was \$240,000. Homes on high-traffic streets flew off the market.

Year	#Sold	Average Sold \$	Median Sold \$	Average Square Feet	Average Price per sq. ft. \$	Average Days on the Market
2005	262	354,615	301,111	1,392	262	51
2006	230	368,843	320,000	1,397	269	80
2007	190	388,426	325,500	1,444	277	86
2008	171	385,019	335,000	1,418	275	106
2009	152	363,904	317,500	1,506	251	97
2010	145	356,288	318,000	1,487	250	94
2011	166	324,073	299,000	1,432	238	105
2012	204	380,442	346,500	1,436	272	73
2013	281	417,434	380,000	1,477	292	42
2014	196	460,570	427,500	1,448	332	38
Thru April 2015	51	522,877	495,000	1,494	369	51

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It is too early to forecast how the full year 2015 will shake out, but demand is currently strong. Interest rates are stable in the 4 percent range. Rental rates have been increasing, which makes homeownership a viable alternative for many. Unfortunately, nobody has a crystal ball to foresee the future, but if you need/want to buy and/or sell, it is a great time to do so. The fundamentals in Denver point to another strong year.

The Tax Man Comes Again

Like clockwork, the postal service delivered thousands of Real Property Notice of Valuation letters to property owners at the beginning of the month. Every two years, County assessors across the state "value" properties to assist in the computation of property taxes to be collected by the counties. For residential properties, a "market/comparable sales" approach is used to determine the value. The comparable homes used were sold during the period of July 2012 through June 2014.

If you disagree with the County's valuation of your property, you can protest by mail, fax or at www.denvergov.org/onlineprotest by June 1. Submit your appeal document from the 24-month based period (July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2014) – this could be an appraisal or market sales information (contact your

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Who do I call in an emergency?

By Elaine Zupancic, MNI Board Member



If you see something suspicious, illegal or just downright strange happening, it can be confusing to know whether to call 911 or not. Perhaps this short guide will help.

Let's get the information communicated efficiently and effectively without bogging down our 911 system with non-emergency calls.

911

When you see something or someone suspicious happening right now and can give a description.

You will first speak to a call taker who will take the information and then pass it on to the dispatcher. (This usually happens within 60 seconds.) Calls are triaged at this point. If an officer cannot get to you within 30 minutes, you will be called back and apprised of the situation. However, do not hesitate to call back if they have taken too long or things have escalated.

Many people call from cell phones. Be aware that GPS does not show up on dispatchers' screens so do not get frustrated when they keep asking you questions. While you can remain anonymous, it helps responding officers to know the address you are calling from so they can

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When it's after the fact (you come out in the morning and find your car has been broken into, you come home and find a door kicked in, etc.)

Some prevention reminders

- Light is your friend and the bad guys' enemy. Keep your porch light on all night, every night. Motion sensor lights are also good in other parts of the yard.
- Take a few seconds to remove valuables and lock your car whenever you leave it parked somewhere, especially overnight on the street.
- Keep your garage door down at all times unless you are actually there. If you have to leave, even for a couple of minutes, close the door. It takes passersby only a few seconds to duck in, snatch your property and take off with no one the wiser—until you return and find your property missing.
- Community Resource Officers are available to come out to your home to evaluate safety issues and give you prevention tips. Call District 2 at 720-913-1000.

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REALTOR for assistance). Make sure to retain a copy of your appeal for your records. Again, your protest must be received by June 1. The Assessor will mail a decision regarding your appeal on or before Aug. 31. Rumor has it that the Assessor will reject most first round protests. If you still disagree with the Assessor's decision, you can continue your appeal by submitting a written appeal by Sept. 15.

Each year, Denver collects more than \$750 million in property taxes. Major uses for this are the schools, Denver's general fund, to pay off bonds, provide social services, capital maintenance, trash collection and police and firefighter pensions. Denver's property taxes are among the cheapest in the metro area and don't forget next year when you are paying your taxes how wonderful a place Denver and Mayfair are.

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Development, density and traffic top list of District 5 concerns



Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman

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Earlier this month, Denver voters made their voice heard in the city's municipal elections. Though turnout hovered in the mid- 20 percent range, several issues seemed to gain traction. These include development and density, and the traffic and parking concerns that result from these issues. District 5 has not been exempt from these pressures that accompany a growing city.

Still growing

Denver is expected to grow by 100,000 people over the next 10 years. With Lowry Vista, Boulevard One, 9th and Colorado, and E Colfax, District 5 has some of the most attractive areas in the city for redevelopment. The challenges we face as a city must be met in a thoughtful collaborative way. Dense redevelopment should not go just anywhere. It needs to be in places where it makes sense. We have several planning documents including Blueprint Denver and the TOD Strategic Plan that

Our streets are crowded and our transit system has not kept pace with the growth.

direct where new developments should go, and our recent overhaul of our zoning code completed in 2010 also guides this process. These efforts have resulted in a dramatic decline in rezoning applications that come before City Council. The system is not perfect but actually works very well.

Transit concerns

Our streets are crowded and our transit system has not kept pace with the growth. We have several main arterial streets that run through the district and we need better transit options. Over the past several months I have been in active communication with a company out of Boston called Bridj that provides an on-demand bus service. I am presently talking with the PUC, RTD, and the state legislature to figure out how to bring this service to Denver. This isn't the answer to all our traffic problems but it is a step in the right direction.

Office hours

I host office hours the first three Thursday's of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Locations and more details can be found on my website. I am also willing to meet with any constituent in the district on any issue anytime. Please feel free to contact my office to set up an appointment at 720-337-5555 or by emailing councildistrict5@denvergov.org

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