

The Mayfair Mirror

Voice of Mayfair Neighbors

Fall 2021

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Mayfair's Fall Shred-a-Thon is Saturday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m. - noon

A reminder for our Mayfair neighbors – members and non-members alike – that the Fall Shred-a-Thon is coming up on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the Mayfair Plaza parking lot, 14th Avenue and Krameria Street. The Shred-a-Thon is not only fun, but it is Mayfair Neighbors largest single fundraiser of the year. It is also a time when we get an influx of new members joining the neighborhood organization. So, sort through those piles and files and then bring your unwanted documents for shredding and recycling to the parking lot in front of 7-Eleven. Thanks to Mayfair

Neighbors board member Dan Percefull from REMAX for again sponsoring this event and to Jackie Medford for organizing it.

Mayfair Neighbors get three bags shredded for free. Those with more and non-members pay \$15 – or pay \$20 to join and support the neighborhood. New members will be paid up through 2022.

Our Spring Shred-a-Thon was our greatest success ever! People were lined up before 8:30 a.m. and it was steady until noon, with 290 ProShred trash cans going into the truck. We made

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CALENDAR

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Monthly Board Meeting

The Mayfair Neighbors Board meeting takes place on the first Monday of the month from 7 – 8:30 p.m. All Mayfair residents are welcome. If you would like to make a presentation to the Board, please contact Patricia Mulligan and Leslie Reingold at mayfairneighbors@gmail.com. Please email to confirm meeting venue. Meeting venues will require proof of completed COVID-19 vaccination. Meetings may be held virtually if necessary.

- Monday, Sept. 13
- No October meeting due to Oct. 5 General Meeting
- Monday, Nov. 1
- No December meeting

SEPTEMBER

Taste of Mayfair

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OCTOBER

Fall General Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 5

Meeting location TBA

Speakers from the City of Denver and Safe and Sound Denver will discuss Denver's Group Living Amendment with time for audience questions. Plus: District 5 City Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer will brief us on Council news.

Fall Shred-a-Thon

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Submit your Letter to the Editor and/or Photos

Mayfair Neighbors welcomes comments and feedback for possible publication as a "Letter to the Editor" in The Mayfair Mirror as well as photos of Mayfair, Denver and Colorado. Please send submissions to Mayfair Neighbors, Inc., PO Box 200306, Denver 80220-0306 or mayfairneighbors@gmail.com. Content will be reviewed and/or edited for clarity and space. Only those submissions that foster a sense of community and respect will be considered for inclusion.

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enough money to get a paper copy of the Mayfair Mirror out so thanks to all, the shredders and the volunteers!

We had 28 new members join MNI at the event, and 32 people who renewed their membership! We also got people who expressed interest in volunteering and joining the Mayfair Neighbors board (Oh, happy day)! But none of this could have happened without the sponsorship of Dan Percefull from REMAX and Barry Kaplan from Cherry Creek Mortgage...two guys interested in our lovely neighborhood and willing to help anyone who needs help. Thanks guys!

We hope to see everyone at the Fall Shred-a-Thon!



Above: The employees at ProShred Security work tirelessly to make sure all documents brought to the Mayfair Neighbors Shred-a-Thon are securely shredded and recycled.

Mayfair Neighbors welcomes two new board members



Frazer Humes

I am delighted to be joining the Mayfair neighborhood and am looking forward to meeting more of our neighbors! I recently moved from the Cheesman Park area and have enjoyed exploring a new part of Denver, as well as learning the hard work and satisfaction of homeownership. The

tree-lined streets, beautiful gardens, and neighborhood feel were a large draw; however, the best part is how the Mayfair community has been so warm and welcoming.

I grew up in Greenwood Village (just south of Denver) and after living in Maine and Copenhagen, I came back to my roots in beautiful Colorado about six years ago. Currently my workdays are filled with doing marketing and partnerships for Vail Resorts, and my free time is spent skiing, hiking, travelling and, more recently, trying to figure out how to garden.

Thanks to Patricia Mulligan's kindness at a park clean-up day, I learned about the MNI board. It has been a wonderful way to get involved and have a positive impact on the place we all call home.

Melissa Kotic

I love being a part of the Mayfair Neighborhood and look forward to serving on the board and giving back to the community that I am passionate about. You will often see me walking with my husband, Mike, and our dog Mogul throughout the neighborhood.

I have lived in Denver for 22 years, many of which right here in the Mayfair neighborhood. I enjoy the walkability, access to fantastic parks, restaurants, stores and shops, and, most of all, the friendly neighbors and their dogs! I'm originally from Philadelphia and my husband is a native of this very area.

I enjoy most things outdoors, including biking, skiing, hiking and running. I am an artist and graphic designer. I love my career and am excited not only to be a new board member but to also be the new graphic designer of the Mayfair Mirror.

If you see me, please stop me and say hello! I look forward to meeting you!



GW welcomes new school-based health center



When students walked through the doors at George Washington High School a week ago, they carried the anticipation that any new school year brings. Having demonstrated resilience and determination through COVID-19, they looked forward to eating lunch in the courtyard, meeting in person for clubs and extracurricular activities, and being together in the classroom. The school administration at GW has also been looking forward to starting a new school year. A particular focus this fall will be on the construction of the Pulse Health and Wellness Center, a school-based health clinic that will open in January 2022.

According to Dr. Kristin Waters, principal at GW, “Our school is the last comprehensive high school in Denver to open a school-based clinic and we are excited about this partnership! Our students have been involved in the planning, in the naming of the clinic, and are looking forward to receiving on-site physical and mental health services that will begin in the fall before the completion of the new space in December.”

School-based health centers are Denver Health clinics located on a DPS campus. They are operated by Denver Health employees and are open during school hours. Students of any age can receive comprehensive onsite health care, whether or not they have insurance. Services include well care, sports physicals, vaccinations, family therapy, and care for chronic conditions like asthma. Having a school-based health center will go a long way in filling the gaps that exist in accessing health care within our community.

Completion of the clinic will cost over \$600,000 with DPS providing the facility and Denver Health providing the clinic staff. Much of the funding will come from the 2020 School Bond, but there will be a \$50,000 shortfall that will be needed for exam tables, desks and furniture, and other finishing touches.

The Mayfair community has stepped up to support this cause. Many neighbors have donated and the Alumni Class of 1963 worked as a team to contribute more than \$3,500. Denver businesses have also joined in the effort. For example, DispatchHealth, a leading provider of in-home care, will sponsor the clinic through a donation of \$1,500. DispatchHealth is on a mission to change the way patients receive care by providing same-day, high-quality care from the comfort of patients’ homes. Now operating in more than 30 cities across the country, DispatchHealth understands the importance of providing value-based care in new ways throughout the communities in which they operate.

GW students are getting involved as well. In September, they will organize a variety of wellness-related challenges for students, teachers, and the greater GW community. Participants will earn badges and prizes by taking conditioning classes with GW sports teams, joining online meditation sessions taught by students, or tracking and recording their steps throughout the month of September.

There is a reason the motto at GW is One George. Let’s rally to support the Pulse Health and Wellness Center while taking care of ourselves and each other. If you’d like to donate to this effort, please visit: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/bif>.





Letter from the President

Patricia Mulligan

Hello Mayfair Neighbors!

Have you heard the news? A new and innovative event is coming to our neighborhood! This month I want to introduce you to the Taste of Mayfair, a fun and fabulous festival occurring at the Jersey Shoppette on Saturday, Sept. 18. There will be food tents, art vendors, a children's play area, and live music. Come enjoy the delicious food from all the Jersey restaurants: Bertha's Baja Bistro, Denver Pizza Company, Sweet Rice Café, and Jimmy's Jersey Street Café & Osteria. Also participating will be Steadyhand Barber Company, Chook Chicken, the yoga and wellness center Refresh Studios, and the brand-new Brazilian pastry shop Padoca.

Four Mile Historic Park, the western heritage museum, will offer children's games and crafts. Police District 2 Community Liaison Officer Heidi Lewis will be on hand to help us learn how to start Neighborhood Watch programs on our Mayfair blocks.

The event is sponsored by US Bank, Mayfair Neighbors, Inc., and many other local businesses. A percentage of the event's proceeds will be donated to the Denver Dumb Friends League. Cheers to our Mayfair Neighbors, Inc. board member Patti Shyne for conceiving this celebration, and especially for producing the Taste of Mayfair by enlisting the cooperation of so many local organizations and business owners. The hours will be noon to 8 p.m., so I hope you will join me at Ninth Avenue and Jersey Street for fun and games, and to support our local establishments.

Just a couple weeks after the Taste of Mayfair, our Mayfair Neighbors' annual General Meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5, location to be determined. Our main topic will be Denver's Group Living Amendment. To help us understand these changes in housing policy, we will hear speakers from both the city and from Safe and

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Sound Denver. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions. In addition, we're looking forward to meeting Palmer's new principal, Dawn Salter. Amanda Sawyer, our District 5 City Councilwoman, plans to brief us on Council news.

But wait, there's more! Bring your personal papers, old tax returns, and private documents to Mayfair Plaza, 14th Avenue and Krameria Street, on Saturday, Oct. 23, for our Fall Shred-a-Thon. The hours are 9 a.m. to noon. Mayfair Neighbors' members get three bags shredded for free. Those with more and non-members pay \$15. Or, pay \$20 to join and support the neighborhood. We so appreciate MNI board member Jackie Medford for organizing and leading this important event. I often hear folks asking when the next one is coming up and expressing gratitude for this

service. Thanks to MNI board member Dan Percefull for sponsoring the Shred-a-Thon by paying the cost of the ProShred truck. Many thanks to Jackie and Dan!

As always, thanks for your interest in our neighborhood, your donations to MNI, and your membership in our neighborhood organization. You can renew your MNI membership for 2022 right now – please see the website address and our P.O. Box on page 2 of the Mirror.

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Denver's air quality worst in the world

By Jim Brothers, MNI Board Member

On Saturday, Aug. 7, Denver's air quality was deemed the worst of any major city in the world. Salt Lake City, Utah, held the No. 5 spot at that time. Denver had been flirting with the top spot for a number of days, staying in the top 5, but on Saturday we hit the dubious honor of No. 1. Our new version of the "brown cloud" is composed of wildfire smoke and our normal summertime ground-level ozone problem, from industrial and transportation sources. The bulk of the smoke is being carried to Colorado by the Jet Stream from massive forest fires along the west coast, mostly in California and Oregon. Smaller fires in Colorado are contributing minor amounts of smoke to the mix. A different mix of pollutants from Denver's brown cloud of the 1970s; same results.



Entering Denver Botanic Gardens at 6:40 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021. Worst air quality in the world. No, we didn't stay very long! That is the sun, not the moon! Photo Credit Jim Brothers



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Letter: The houseless, “we are your neighbors and your peers”

This letter to the Mirror, received from one of your Mayfair Neighbors board members, may be unsettling and disturbing to many readers. At the least it relates a very sad situation. It should cause us all to reflect on our personal circumstances, how fortunate most of us have been in our lives and how easily things can change.

By Zo Murach, former MNI Board Member

A lot of people wouldn't recognize me as a domestic violence survivor because we don't all look the same. I am not a small sullen girl hiding bruises under makeup. In fact, it's also true that my ex never left a visible mark on me. My scars are on the inside, twisting through my story. Houselessness is also a part of that story now.

My name is Zo Murach, and I joined Mayfair Neighbors in 2018. Until my abrupt departure in April 2021, I attended almost every meeting and represented Mayfair as one of our two INC delegates. From the beginning I struggled financially in comparison to my RNO peers. When we had conversations about measures and votes that affect people living in poverty my perspective was always firsthand, while theirs was theoretical.

All the time I have postured myself as someone upstanding; a displaced domestic; a person down on their luck who was willing to work hard to get back on my feet. But the reality was that it was always more daunting. I never thought that my peers at Mayfair Neighbors would ever truly be my peers in financial standing. My very own low-income apartment was the modest dream I clung to, hoping to stay in my neighborhood where I felt I had a stake and could grow roots.

When I left my marriage, I was 21 credits away from receiving my Bachelor's in neuroscience. I was working part time and making up the difference in student loans

and by squeezing in gigs where I could fit them. It simply wasn't sustainable. After I dropped out, I didn't give up hope. I took a job as a yard handler at a dog daycare. I've always had a gift with animals, and I was promised I'd be trained for a career as a dog trainer. I sailed through four levels in eight months, although I was still working for \$13.75 an hour and living with six roommates. Then the pandemic came.

I was forced to leave my job training dogs because the business I worked for created an unsafe environment. I was able to claim unemployment, and I immediately used it to enroll in an EMT training program. Once again, I was sailing through classes; I've always been a strong student. But that wasn't all I was doing. My work in the houseless community was also a full-time job. I learned a lot more about the city on the ground than I ever could have in city meetings.

For example, by turning off drinking fountains and closing fast food lobbies, houseless people had been left without anywhere to get drinking water. Closing public restrooms forced those who already had nothing to use jars, bottles, and garbage cans, the city providing no other solution. Shelters, I learned directly from my EMT training, are one of the most dangerous places to go during a pandemic, with beds close together and no consistency on who you'd be sleeping next to. Six feet was never meant to be enough clearance in that situation. Traumatic displacement (otherwise known as “clean ups” or “sweeps”) caused otherwise calm, focused people to become angry, unfocused, and starved for community.

I could not turn a blind eye. Nearly \$800 a week of unemployment was the most money I'd ever seen in my life. I could easily afford school, rent, savings and also spend \$600 a month on bottled water for distribution. It wasn't a solution, but it was a start. That was when I met Rose and Kedi, a couple living in a van around Mayfair who were doing the same thing. The three of us did everything we could to build up community resources, and became close friends, but we are not a city. We cannot offer the solutions a city can.

In November, an error in the unemployment system prevented me from receiving any more unemployment. I tried to fix it but the waitlist to talk to a human on the phone stretched to February. At the same time my EMT program moved into a unit on burns and fires. I was approaching the ninth anniversary of my best friend's

death on Dec. 2. He died in a house fire. Then one day I got a text from Rose: They had an accident; the van was totaled. Rose and Kedi were already houseless when we met but now they had lost everything and I was in no position to help them. They were forced to leave Mayfair, the neighborhood they loved and belonged to, to stay with Kedi's family in the suburbs.

I became extremely depressed over the winter. I dropped out of EMT school. I stopped paying rent. Everyone in the house was struggling, and tensions were running high. I couldn't go back to the job I left, and gigs had dried up. I was grateful for my savings but that was dwindling as well. There was no way I was going to be able to find a new place to live, especially not without roommates.

When my appointment with unemployment came up in February I already knew the decision I would make. The still-modest goal of my own space loomed larger than ever, but with the back pay they owed me I could buy a van like the one Rose and Kedi had before. It would be even harder to get a job because I knew I could not leave my dog there like I could with a proper house or apartment. But at least we could have one last chance at happiness. Maybe it would

be OK. "Maybe" was enough for me right then: I had to put the money and faith I had left into something.

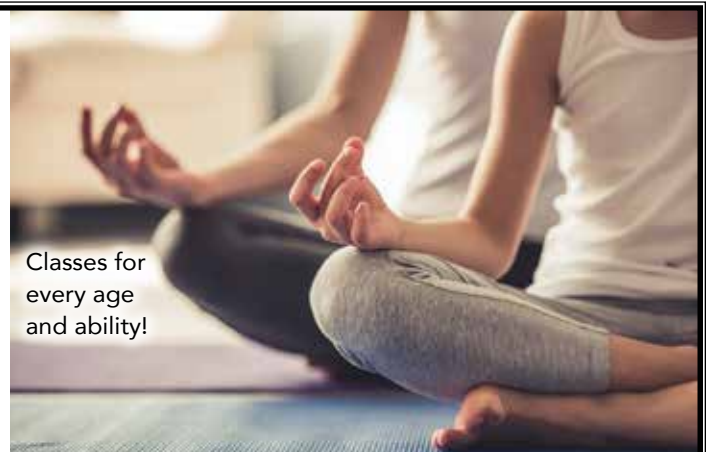
Maybe I should have said something to my neighbors sooner. Maybe you could have helped me, but I'd already heard too many ugly things about the theoretical houseless person, especially during the long, theoretical discussions at INC meetings. I was afraid of being hurt or turned on by people I respect and admire, and I've already been hurt enough.

For a long time, I promised to write an interview with a houseless person for The Mirror, and here it is. We are your neighbors and your peers. We are dog trainers and DV survivors, and there are as many stories out there as there are of us. Yet I stand in solidarity with every single person on the street. We are all in need of our own unique solutions. As for me, I probably won't be in Denver that much longer. I see how Denver treats people like me. I could win the lottery tomorrow, but I won't forget the way we were treated today. It is not OK to treat anyone the way our city does its most vulnerable.

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Ticket sales were off the charts, totaling \$11,567. This was a 43% increase over 2019. Equally as exciting is the increase in online ticket sales which were up nearly 77% from 2019 numbers. A special thank you to all of our retail sales partners who sold tickets on our behalf. This includes, City Floral, Ace on The Fax, Cake Crumbs, Spinelli's and Park Hill Book Store. Thank you so much for your loyal commitment to the Park Hill Garden Walk and the Park Hill community.

Sponsorships also saw a significant increase with total sponsorships coming in at \$6,900. This is a 40% increase over 2019. This is truly astounding when you think about the financial hardship 2020 brought to a lot of our local businesses and yet, they found it in their hearts to support this event and our community. Our sponsors include: Denver Water, City Floral, Ace on The Fax, Park Hill Veterinary Medical Center, Anastasia Williamson at Kentwood City Properties, Esters Neighbor Pub, Ivy Street Design, Long Table Brewhouse, Van Camp's Quality Hardwood Floors, Oneida Park Dental Studio, Nestman Orthodontics, Park Hill Commons, Natalie Hengel with 8Z Real Estate, Ciji's Paws 'n' Play, CrockSpot and Sexy Pizza. Our sponsors generously support the Park Hill community through their sponsorships, donations, community outreach and so much more. Some for many years. Please show your thanks and support of these retail partners with your business in the future.

We would like to extend an enormous thank you to everyone who made this year's Garden Walk a huge success. We simply couldn't do it without you. This includes the eight gardeners (including two in the Mayfair neighborhood), 14 artists, our garden photographer, numerous volunteers, our sponsors, our retail ticket sale partners and several hundred attendees. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

The Garden Walk committee would like to give a special shout out to our garden photographer, Ed Demafles. Ed graciously donated his time and skills to the Garden Walk by photographing each of the eight gardens as well as the gardeners. His work is beautiful. Check him out at edwindemaflesphotography.zenfolio.com. Thank you Ed.

It was wonderful seeing our neighbors out and about and strolling through the gardens. Mother nature cooperated throughout the Spring with lots of rain and the day of the event was sunny and beautiful. We could not have scripted it better.

Seeking gardens for 2022

If you or someone you know has a beautiful yard that should be featured in the 2022 Park Hill Garden Walk, please contact Carla Finch at Carla.j.finch@gmail.com or Patty Mead at prmead416@gmail.com.

Seeking Park Hill Garden Walk volunteers

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Poetry Corner

The Mayfair Mirror is excited to announce its new Poetry Corner feature, which is open to all Mayfair residents, young and old, regardless of whether you've ever written a poem before.

Each quarter, starting with the Winter 2021 issue, we will accept seasonal poetry that is loosely tied to the Mayfair neighborhood or to Colorado. For example, your poem could be about a personal seasonal experience, what makes a particular season so beautiful, or a holiday tradition, to name a few topic ideas. Members of the Mayfair Neighbors board will read and consider all poems, and then choose which ones to publish.

Please follow these few simple guidelines when submitting:
Poem length should be 3-30 lines, including blank lines;
poem must have a local seasonal theme as described

above; submit one original poem – any form, any style – per neighbor, per quarter; include your age if you are under 18. As space is limited, we hope to publish two or three poems per quarter. We prefer shorter pieces, since they'll allow us to include more poems per issue.

Once written, send your poetic masterpiece to us at mayfairneighbors@gmail.com. Please include the words Poetry Submission in the subject line. Whether you're an established poet or just curious to try something new, this is an opportunity to see your own poem published in print for our thousands of readers to enjoy!

By launching this quarterly Poetry Corner, our aim is to offer something fun and enjoyable amidst all the ongoing turmoil, while getting our Mayfair neighbors involved and bringing the spirit of each beautiful season to all.

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Tips for watering trees in Denver

By Paul Cancik, Denver Forestry Inspector



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In Denver's semi-arid climate, trees and water are both precious resources. However, with a few expert tips, you can preserve mature trees on your property and establish new trees that will help grow our urban canopy, diminish heat islands, and combat the arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer.

Does my tree need more water?

In most cases, sprinkler irrigation and natural moisture from the occasional rainstorm do not provide consistent moisture for trees in Denver. It can be difficult, however, to tell whether a tree needs additional water simply by looking at it. Stick your finger into the soil at the base of your tree:

- If it easily penetrates, the tree is adequately watered
- If it's difficult to penetrate the dirt, the tree needs more water
- If you observe standing water in the hole when you pull your finger out, the tree is over-watered, which can be as damaging as under-watering

A soil moisture meter is another option for determining a tree's watering needs.

How much water does my tree need?

Once you've determined that your tree needs more water, there are some standard guidelines for determining exactly how much. Regardless of the tree's age, a tree in a non-irrigated area needs 10 gallons of water per week per inch of trunk diameter. For example, a two-inch diameter tree requires 20 gallons of water per week. This can be spaced out over two to three days per week.

An easy way to match your watering technique to your tree's needs is to put a hose on a low-pressure setting and put it into a five-gallon bucket (commonly found at home improvement stores), then time how long it takes to fill the bucket. Once you know the timing for your watering system, start a clock and move your hose around the base of your tree.

How do I effectively water my tree?

A simple hose is the most basic tool needed to water your tree, but soaker hoses, soft spray nozzles and soil needles can help break through the soil surface. Most absorbing tree roots are found in the first 12-inches of soil depth, so be sure water is applied slowly and has time to absorb into the soil and reach these vital roots.

Adding mulch around the base of your tree is a simple and effective way to help retain moisture. A maximum mulch depth of three- to five-inches is optimal but be careful not to let the mulch directly contact the trunk of the tree.

Additional resources

Before you begin any watering program, it's important to get familiar with Denver Water's summer outdoor watering rules, which take into account our high summer temperatures and recent drought conditions. And while hand-watering trees is not restricted, we encourage following the recommended watering times of between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. to optimize your efforts.

The Colorado State University (CSU) Extension is also a great resource for tree care and other home landscaping needs.



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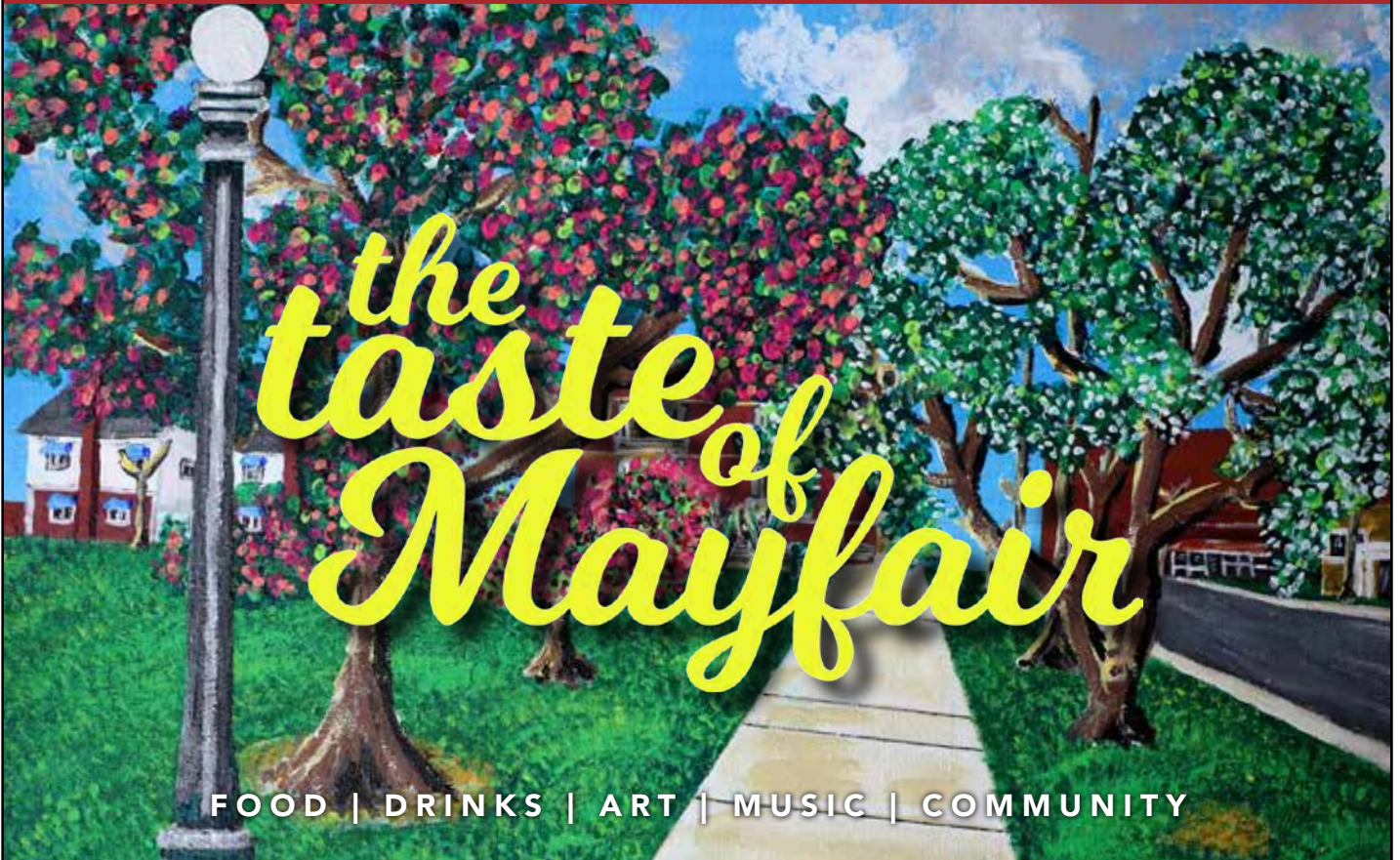
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Colfax Mayfair welcomes nine new businesses

By Hilarie Portell, Executive Director, Colfax Mayfair Business Improvement District

Despite a very difficult period for the entire world, Main Street survives – thanks to folks like you who continue to support neighborhood stores. Please help keep our local businesses in business by shopping local! It's close, comfortable, and convenient.

Hungry? Put these new local restaurants on your list of go-to eats

Benzina brings you indoor/outdoor dining with seasonal salads, family-style appetizers, pizza, protein entrees, classic desserts, craft cocktails and get ready for it... bocce ball courts! 4839 E. Colfax Ave.

Clean Eat offers healthy salads, bowls, sandwiches, smoothies and more. Or join a meal plan for different nutritious prepared meals every week. 5979 E. Colfax Ave.

CRUSH Wing + Tap doles out fast wings with 15-plus unique sauces, fries, pizzas, sandwiches, appetizers, and salads. 5001 E. Colfax Ave.



Slashers Denver thrills fans of the strange and unusual with a funky setting for sipping craft cocktails while watching horror films from around the world. 5126 E. Colfax Ave.

Joaquin Family Restaurant serves dishes from Mexico, Colombia and Argentina served on front and back patios. Full bar and live music! 5900 E. Colfax Ave.

Street Tacos puts a yummy spin on one of our favorite foods to complement nearby Owl Saloon. 5038 E. Colfax Ave.

You deserve a treat, yes?

Colfax & Ivy is a café, an artisan market, a treasure trove of upcycled finds! Visit and categorize it for yourself. 1475 Ivy St.

The **Local General** gives you permission to splurge on yourself or someone you care about. You'll find well-curated vintage and handmade artisan goods, many from local makers. 6101 E. Colfax Ave.

Be your dog's best friend

Dog House Denver pampers your pooch with daycare, overnight boarding, grooming and obedience training. [Instagram.co/doghouse_denver/](https://www.instagram.com/doghouse_denver/)

Your Main Street is waiting!

Explore the many restaurants, shops, and retailers right around the corner on Colfax Mayfair. View the business directory at ColfaxMayfairBID.com. While you're here, we hope you enjoy the colorful blooms in our new streetside flowerpots, planted by City Floral Garden Center.

Stay in touch by visiting us at ColfaxMayfairBID.com and on our Facebook and Instagram pages. We'd love to hear from you – and see you on main street!

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Leaving Mayfair

By Pat Kittelson, Former Mayfair Neighbor

I need to take a break from taping boxes and wrapping dishes. We have just a week left living in Mayfair. The moving van is coming too soon, and I am surrounded by empty walls and cupboards, not to mention a plethora of U-Haul, Lowes and Home Depot cardboard boxes. After 18 years living in Mayfair, our family is calling us to replant ourselves closer to our children and grandchildren. In about an hour our block is hosting a farewell for us and it will be bittersweet to say goodbye. Before I leave, I thought some of what I learned might be useful:

Getting rid of stuff has been the steepest learning curve. We often put large things in the alleys or front yard adorned with a FREE STUFF sign but when boxes are filled with zillions of little things, daily trips to Goodwill and Arc became routine. That said, there remain items that require much more planning to dispose of responsibly and here are some great sources:

- Denver Solid Waste Management has a large haul away every six weeks. This requires some planning ahead as it will unlikely be at a perfect time in your moving schedule.
- Best Buy on Colorado Boulevard is an outstanding resource for recycling electronics (computers, old DVD players, cell phones) and old wires and cables at no charge. We took an old computer – they removed the hard drive for me – and a few small devices to the store for a quick drop off.
- We used Craigs List Denver to sell some furniture and that proved to be efficient and easy even during the COVID pandemic. Sales had to be handled on the front porch or in the front yard, but we had plenty of interested buyers.
- No one wants used mattresses or bedframes, EXCEPT this fabulous industry called Spring Back Colorado, springbackco.org/Denver/ located nearby in Commerce City. Spring Back was started in Tennessee as a mattress and box spring recycling company that employs the under employed. You pay \$30 per item (Bed frames cost an extra \$10). The charges fund the enterprise. Employees tear the mattresses and box springs apart; foam is squished into large marshmallow shaped cubes for purchase by vendors and the springs are compacted and sold to metal recyclers. This enterprise keeps up to 200 mattresses and box springs per day out of landfills!

- If you have hazardous materials such as poisons, bleach, and old paint, the City of Denver offers a pick-up service. Contact them by calling 800-449-7587 or go to wmatyourdoor.com and follow the process. They will send you a large plastic bag and collect \$15 for a pick-up then safely dispose of these materials. You can find out more about this service via the Denver City website.
- No one will recycle old glass. We had some large pieces of glass in the garage and finally called Santa Fe Glass, www.santafe-glass.com. The folks there offered to let us bring it by and if they could use it – great! If they couldn't use the glass, they offered to put it in their dumpster for no charge. Turns out all glass in Denver goes to a landfill.
- Building materials, including a bathroom vanity in great shape but the wrong color, were welcomed at the Habitat ReStore, habitatmetrodenver.org/restore, located south on Kalamath and West on Rio Grande Blvd.
- Sustainability Recycling accepts many hard to recycle items, including Styrofoam, paint, batteries and bubble wrap. You will pay a small fee (currently listed at \$2). They are located at 7310 W. 52nd Ave., Arvada 80002 or 303-425-9226.
- Denver Metal Recycling at 4770 Ivy St., 303-316-2880, and Denver Scrap Metal Recycling, 4920 Washington St., 303-297-1218, accept iron, aluminum, and other metals. An added bonus is that they have car crushing services for that old heap sitting in the alley.
- The City of Denver will give you an E-cycle coupon for electronics recycling and they will pick up and dispose of appliances including stoves, hot water heaters, dishwashers, refrigerators, air conditioners and freezers. Call 311 (720-913-1311) or visit denvergov.org to schedule an appointment for pickup.
- Got old tires? The Tire Store located at 4901 Federal Blvd. in Denver, 303-433-6600, will take your old tires for recycling. They charge \$3 per tire and will take four at a time.

If you are moving out of state and need a moving company, be sure to compare prices. Quotes for moving costs varied in price by thousands of dollars. Do not sign up for moving information on the internet as you will be pestered by endless text and email messages for weeks. We were helped by asking recently moved neighbors for recommendations and then phoning a company directly.



City Council Corner

By Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer

This July marked two years that I have had the honor of representing the residents of District 5. I ran for office to bring the voices of the people back to city government, and my team and I operate around four core values: transparency, accountability, customer service and good communication. I hope you feel we have exemplified these values in the last year.

In addition to leading our District through the pandemic, here are a few examples of ways I have helped our community thrive over the past twelve months:

- Writing nearly 50 articles, editorials, and newsletters; and attending 100-plus community meetings.
- Partnering with local RNOs and engineering firm Fehr & Peers to conduct a traffic study of Eighth Avenue from Colorado Boulevard to Quebec Street to enhance safety and quality of life for those who live and work here.



- Initiating a new D5 tradition: Parks Clean Up Day, bringing together volunteers twice a year to tidy D5's City-managed parks.
- Authoring Charter Amendment 2F and an ordinance amending Denver's open meetings laws to increase community access to government and allow for remote electronic meeting participation.
- Securing over \$267,000 in State funding to implement a community policing program along East Colfax Avenue from Monaco Parkway to Yosemite Street, and from 11th to 17th Avenues to address the uptick in violent crime in that area.
- Advancing an ordinance providing free access to legal counsel for residents facing eviction who make less than 80% of the area median income.
- Increasing oversight of the Mayor's Office by writing Measure 2E which gives Council confirmation authority over 14 mayoral appointees.

The D5 team sincerely appreciates your partnership. Please complete our 2021 Annual Resident Survey at bit.ly/D5ResidentSurvey2021. As always, be in touch if there is anything we can do to assist you.



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One of the core values of the Council District 5 Team has always been outstanding customer service. Every D5 resident is welcome to call or email our office with your questions and concerns. We hear feedback on all kinds of issues from constituents, including requests for infrastructure improvements, speeding, crime, trash collection, snow removal, and much more. While we can't solve every problem brought to our office, my staff and I will always strive to be responsive to your outreach.

You are our eyes and ears in the neighborhood, and we truly appreciate your partnership in letting us know when something needs to be addressed in our community. In addition to contacting the Council Office, we also strongly encourage residents to call 3-1-1 and report items on pocketgov.org. We're not trying to "pass the buck," but there are a few reasons why these tools are the most effective ways to report problems you see in our city. Reporting an issue by calling 3-1-1 or visiting pocketgov.org:

- Helps connect the issue with the correct City agency so that it will be resolved as quickly as possible.
- Reduces calls to 9-1-1, which should only be called to report life-threatening emergencies or crimes in-progress.
- Allows all City leaders – not just the District 5 Council Office – to hear feedback about issues directly from our residents.
- Collects each report as a separate data point so that specific issues can be tracked; the more data points collected on a concern in D5, the better my office can advocate for that issue to be addressed.

In addition to reporting your concerns, pocketgov.org helps residents access many City services and a wealth of helpful information, including:

- Trash, recycling and compost collection schedules and reminders
- Information about your property taxes
- Vehicle registration renewal
- Street sweeping schedules

Payments for services like storm drainage

- Election information including:
 - ✓ Ballot and voting locations
 - ✓ Ballot trace
 - ✓ Election results

Thank you for helping us ensure that the issues affecting Council District 5 are handled in the most efficient and effective way possible. Reporting via 3-1-1 or pocketgov.org, in addition to the Council Office, will help us advocate for your needs. Together we can make sure that the concerns you report receive the attention they deserve.

As always, please contact our office if we can be of service by emailing denvercouncil5@denvergov.org or calling 720-337-5555. Sign up to receive our monthly newsletter and updates at bit.ly/Council5News, and we'll also keep you apprised of developments as they happen through these communication channels:

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Part 2: Q&A with Christ the King School Principal Erich Hoffer

By Jean Bolling, a Mayfair Neighbor

Please see Part 1 of this interview in the Summer Mayfair Mirror.

What can you tell us about the financial support available to families looking to send their children to Christ the King?

There are lots of opportunities to help decrease the cost of education at CK. I firmly believe that anyone who wants a Catholic Education can have that – and that the cost of attending our school should not be prohibitive. We have financial assistance via Catholic organizations and our Church Parish community. I welcome anyone who would like to find out more about attending Catholic school to contact our front office, or me personally.

What is one of the toughest aspects of being a school principal?

Trusting people to do their job takes work, effort, and faith, and it's sometimes difficult to allow others the space to do what they need to do because I'm ultimately responsible for the educational direction of our school. However, as a former teacher myself, I've seen bad leadership, and I didn't want to repeat those behaviors. I strive to give my teachers the space and trust they need to successfully lead their classrooms – they've been well trained and are passionate about teaching and helping kids be all they can be. In the end, it's not all about proficiency or test scores – it's about working with teachers to build relationships with the students, too. As the question relates to the community, I strive to create a bridge of communication and trust with students and their families. When you build relationships, hard conversations are still hard, and tough decisions are still tough, but because you have a firm foundation in place with the community, people can work together to move forward. Building relationships is what we are called to do, and that is one of the greatest challenges and greatest rewards of this job.



How did Christ the King school handle the pandemic?

In Spring 2020, we moved to remote learning in a harried 48-hour period as the state shut down schools. It was a learning experience for teachers, students, and parents, but we learned a lot from that time and successfully supported our students' education to finish the school year. Our leadership team worked all summer with the CDPHE and CDC to enact protocols that would need to be in place to re-open in August 2020 including installing HEPA filters throughout the school, enacting masking protocols, building desk shields for every child, and putting cohorts in place to ensure the safety of staff and students.

We have been able to do this successfully and continue our wonderful education and community environment for all. Christ the King has one of the lowest incidence rates of COVID-19 in any Catholic school in the Denver area, and we have been in school every day since Aug. 24. When it has become necessary to quarantine a class, our teachers have been incredibly nimble in moving to remote learning. These excellent transitions have allowed parents to continue to work, students to continue to be educated and have social interaction and paved a seamless

We've been very happy with the efforts of all involved to help keep our school open and operating safely.

You are well known for wearing bow ties. What can you tell us about your bow ties?

My first year teaching I was assigned lunchroom duty where I had to eat standing up. Inevitably, I would end up with food spilled on my long tie each and every day. Our secretary at the time suggested I try a bow tie because it was cheaper and easier to get stains out of shirts than it was to buy new ties, and the rest is history. I now have over 80 bow ties to select from each day, and the kids love seeing what I might be wearing. It also helps kids know who I am even with a mask on!

What would you like to leave the reader with today as a final thought?

If you have a desire for a neighborhood school that has value for your child beyond just academic formation, come check us out! We want to partner with parents to form our young people into the people God is calling them to

be. Our job, as we see it, is to walk with families in their educational journey. Come for a tour and feel the difference for yourself! We'd love to have you!

To learn more about Christ the King School, contact Heidi Dignan, admissions coordinator, at 303-321-2123.

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The Smokey Hill Trail story

The following history is adapted from the original by Fred Jefferies, as published in the Mayfair Park Dedication program for the Aug 10, 1996, dedication ceremony. It tells of the fascinating story of an important part of Colorado history right in the middle of our neighborhood.

The Smokey Hill Trail gets its name from the Smokey Hill River in Kansas. The trail was a direct route from the east to the gold fields west of Denver and had its highest use from 1859 to 1861. The Civil War saw fewer men heading west due to the need by both the North and South for soldiers, and the trail was practically abandoned at that time. The trail was revived in 1865 by the Butterfield Overland Service (BOD) that ran stagecoach and freight wagon service along the original route. The coming of the railroads in 1870 took over both services, with the Kansas Pacific R.R. following the original Smokey Hill Trail North route. As with most western trails, there were a number of “cutoffs” or alternate routes branching from and rejoining the main trail.

The Smokey Hill Trail North went right through Mayfair! The map, “Historic Trail Map of the Greater Denver Area” was published in 1976 by Glen R. Scott and it clearly shows the trail going through Mayfair and Mayfair Park. Scott created his map from older maps and from aerial photographs taken by Lowry Air Base, which used them to develop bombing run training exercises on the Lowry Bombing Range southeast of Denver. From the older maps and traces of the trails on the aerial photos, Scott was able to draw the old trail routes on modern maps.

On Scott’s map, the trail is shown as it comes west from Buckley, through Aurora and Del Mar Park, then into Lowry. It crosses the north side of Lowry and exits at East 10th Avenue, turns north along Olive Street and then heads west on 11th Avenue where it connects with one of the cutoff trails. It rejoins the main trail at Niagara Street, along the south side of the current Montclair Academy school property, traveling across Monaco Parkway on its original westward route, but not along present-day 11th Avenue, which jogs north at Monaco. Along the trail’s route from Monaco to Holly there is still evidence of the trail. Some houses are separated by 35-foot to 40-foot open space gaps along the old trail route. Some houses were built directly on the old trail and usually sit in a long depression that does not appear to either side. Many of those houses are quite narrow and usually do not have basements. The trail route was lowered and compacted by horse and mule hooves and stagecoach and wagon wheels over the years, making for good house foundations.



The old trail crosses Monaco Parkway at 1059 Monaco, the lowest ground level in that block, and continues straight west. It crosses Krameria between 1055 and 1061, with an obvious depression and one small house on a small lot. A trail gap between houses can be found on the east side of Jasmine between 1058 and 1064. From there, the route continues west, under the north end of the Jasmine Place Townhomes into the north end of Mayfair Park. Still heading directly west, the trail crosses the north end of the park, crosses Ivanhoe and rejoins 11th Avenue at Holly Street, where 11th Avenue has jogged south again. Houses at 1060 and 1068 Holly have the wide trail gap between them. Comments were that land in the gap is too compacted to be used as a garden and the city does not claim it either.

The trail follows 11th Avenue west until it intersects with Hale Parkway. A small stream used to run down the current parkway right-of-way. There are periodic rumors of plans to redo the parkway and restore the stream in the process, but no schedule is mentioned. The stream was a watering hole for travelers on the trail and a favorite “Buffalo wallow” for the southern plains or Texas bison herd of 5 to 6 million animals. Basements in the earlier buildings erected in that area would flood with spring rains and everyone used sump pumps. The trail crosses over Hale Parkway at Clermont Street, runs through Lindsley Park and crosses Colorado Boulevard near the 1100 block. The trail runs through Congress Park and the Denver Botanic Gardens to 12th Avenue and goes across the north end of Cheesman Park, where the trail divides. The north branch goes up Franklin Street to Park Avenue, where it continued to corrals and warehouses along the Platte River. The main trail continued west to join the Smokey Hill Trail South at 14th Avenue and Sherman Street. The trail crossed Civic Center Park to its terminus in lower downtown Denver.

To commemorate the crossing of the Smokey Hill Trail North through Mayfair Park, the north end of the park has been designated the Smokey Hill Trail North Interpretive Area and Trail. It includes a walking trail, native grasses and other plants and historical markers with interpretive signage. Mayfair should be proud to have this unique historical element as part of our neighborhood park, reminding us and future generations of Mayfair residents of the thousands of settlers who passed through our neighborhood over a century ago.

Taste of Mayfair to take over Jersey Shopette on Sept. 18, 12-8 p.m.

By Patti Shyne, a Mayfair Neighbor

Celebrate the Taste of Mayfair Sept. 18, from noon-8 p.m. Come participate in this inaugural event, hosted by the stellar restaurants and businesses at the Jersey Shopette, Ninth Avenue and Jersey Street.

Enjoy food from local eateries, including Bertha's Baja Bistro, Denver Pizza Company, Jimmy's Jersey Street Café & Osteria, Sweet Rice Café, Chook Chicken, Clean Eat, Kettlehead gourmet popcorn, The Seasoned Chef and the soon-to-be-open Brazilian bakery Padoca.

While delighting in the incredible cuisine, have a seat and take in the sounds of local musicians and a DJ. Start your holiday shopping early. Meander up and down the pavement and check out one-of-a-kind artists and craftspeople. You will be awestruck by these vendors' talent. Let's not forget the kiddos. There is a kids' corner.

The Taste of Mayfair is a wonderful way to support small local businesses, meet your neighbors, make new friends, and take in an early fall afternoon/evening and celebrate what makes the Mayfair neighborhood so special.



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By Capital Dent Masters

Each year in Colorado, around summertime, hail stones accompany a thunderstorm – often taking us by surprise. If you were caught in a hailstorm today, would you know how to navigate the repair process? Here's a quick how-to for repairing your hail damaged vehicles.

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The Real Estate Market

By David Bromberg, a Mayfair Neighbor

It's a Seller's Market

2021 has been an atypical year so far. The table breaks down the Mayfair area (Sixth Avenue to Colfax Avenue, Colorado Boulevard to Monaco Parkway) MLS activity for detached and attached properties through July for the past three years (I wanted to see how the market has reacted before and after the COVID shock in the spring of 2020).

There are a few stories in the numbers. Detached homes are moving very quickly, just nine days on market on average, while prices have shot up. Average square feet have been steady indicating a stable detached housing stock. Attached homes numbers have been influenced by new construction. In 2020, there was a modestly priced six-plex completed at 13th Avenue and Jersey Street and moderately priced slot homes sold at Hale Parkway and Birch Street. Three of the 35 luxury townhomes at the 9+CO site were sold in 2020 and 21 sold in 2021 so far. These slot homes and luxury townhomes have driven up the sold price, square footage, and days on market (many new construction properties are listed in the MLS early in the building process) for attached properties.

The selling season started early in 2021, Jan. 2 I believe, and buyers were out in droves. The market velocity, or cycle, has accelerated. Homes are going under contract very quickly and some much higher than list price, especially if they are "bright and shiny." If a home does not go under contract in the first or second weekend, I'm seeing substantial price reductions.

The moral of this story is that price matters. In general, the market works – when supply is low and demand is high, prices rise. As we move toward the end of summer and start of school, I'm seeing a slight slowing in the market and increase in inventory. Buyers that have lost bidding wars and are fatigued may have a better chance at buying a home as the outside temperature starts to cool.

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2020	86	744,891	653,650	1,575	495	26
2021	113	838,424	790,000	1,547	583	9
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2019	82	303,827	262,000	892	343	28
2020	76	352,557	284,000	1,019	352	55
2021	103	552,935	340,000	1,294	409	25

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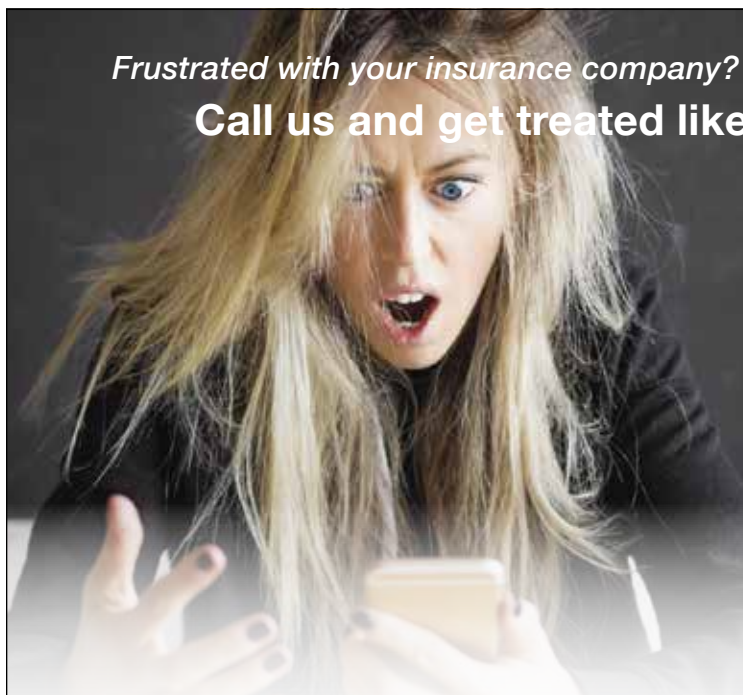
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