

The Mayfair Mirror

Voice of Mayfair Neighbors

Winter 2021

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Concert brings Mayfair together

The evening of Saturday, Aug. 28, couldn't have been more perfect to host Mayfair's annual summer concert in Mayfair Park. The concert had been canceled in 2020 due to Covid-19 complications and everyone was excited about being able to have it in 2021. This year has been a special year for the park because we have been celebrating its 25th birthday! That's right, it is 25 years old, having been dedicated and opened in 1996.

The 2021 Concert in Mayfair Park was the culmination of celebrating the park throughout 2021. We were especially excited to welcome The Denver Municipal Jazz Band back to Mayfair. They played at the park's dedication and have played most of

our concerts since then. The food trucks were a popular addition and plan to come back next year. Thanks to the volunteers from Four Mile House who educated attendees on the Smokey Hill Trail, which passes through the northern part of the park.

Neighbors came early to claim their favorite spots on the grass. By the time the band started playing at 6 p.m., the park was full of people. The band played a great mix of music, and we couldn't have asked for better weather. Lots of folks stayed in the park visiting with their neighbors well after the band finished playing. Everyone reportedly had a great time and we all look forward to 2022's Concert in Mayfair Park.

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CALENDAR

■ save the date

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.org. Please email to confirm meeting venue. Meeting venue(s) will require proof of completed Covid-19 vaccination. Meetings may be held virtually if necessary.

- Monday, Jan. 10, 2022 officer elections
- Monday, Feb. 7
- Monday, March 7
- Monday, April 4

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m.

Mayfair Park

There will be an Easter Egg Stuffing event on Friday, April 15



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MAY

Spring Shred-A-Thon

May date to be determined, 9 a.m. to noon
Mayfair Plaza, 14th Avenue and Krameria Street
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. 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.

AUGUST

Concert in the Park

Saturday, Aug. 27, 6-8 p.m.

Mayfair Park

SEPTEMBER

Second Annual Taste of Mayfair

Saturday, Sept. 17

Jersey Shoppette, 900 Jersey St.

OCTOBER

Fall General Meeting

First week in October

Details to come in a future Mayfair Mirror.

Fall Shred-a-Thon

October date to be determined, 9 a.m. to noon
Mayfair Plaza, 14th Avenue and Krameria Street

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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Many, many thanks to all of our neighbors whose volunteer efforts helped make this concert an exceptional event. Thanks especially to Mayfair Neighbors Board President Patricia Mulligan for her efforts beyond the call of duty in making the concert a great success.

We can't wait until next August! (The band is already booked.)



MNI welcomes new board member



Kelsey Ganno

Hi neighbors! After moving to Colorado in 2014 and finishing our degrees at the University of Colorado at Boulder, my husband and I moved to the Mayfair neighborhood in 2017. We bought our first home in Mayfair in 2020.

I'm originally from southern Illinois – middle of a cornfield, roughly. However, my home now, Mayfair, has so much to offer, especially amazing local businesses, fantastic walkability, great local parks, and tasty restaurants (deep dish at Denver Pizza Co. is a MUST).

I am a legal assistant by day, amateur baker by night (well, after 5 p.m.). I enjoy reading, baking, music, traveling, and the occasional exercise, like biking to work, hiking, and skiing. I am excited to now serve on the Mayfair Neighbors Board of Directors.

You will see me or my husband, Alex, walking our two dogs, Walter and Maisel, throughout the neighborhood. If you see us, please say hello! I look forward to serving our community and making it as inclusive, fun, and inviting as possible.



Mayfair welcomes Padoca: a Brazilian Bakery and Market

By Leslie Reingold, MNI Vice President, Secretary



Padoca owners Chase and Paula Lowrey at their new bakery in the Mayfair neighborhood.

Paula and Chase Lowrey opened Padoca: Brazilian Bakery & Market in the Jersey Shoppette in September. This coincided with the neighborhood's Taste of Mayfair outdoor fair.

Padoca is a slang term in Brazil for neighborhood bakery, and the Lowreys note that this is the first such bakery in Denver. However, many are located throughout the world, including Dublin. Very successful already, this delightful shop serves folks throughout Denver and also appeals to our large Brazilian community of approximately 10,000 to 15,000 residents. The Lowreys envision Padoca to be a comfortable community area. In the mornings, nannies and their charges visit, eat and rest in this spacious, airy environment. Tables and chairs are placed indoors and outdoors, and soft gray couches are situated in the clean, modern remodeled space. Plus, one video screen features a variety of Brazilian musicians, and another one focuses on Brazilian street scenes.

Not only does Padoca provide delicious savory and sweet pastries and a variety of coffee, tea and fruit juices, but it also has a well-stocked market selling Brazilian commodities. Bona coffee, a Brazilian brand, is obtained from Boulder, and the young couple deals with a Brazilian import company to provide diverse grains, bread products, non-alcoholic juices and other staples. In addition, homemade pastries, which Paula and her team make from scratch, are organized in the back freezer for takeout service.

Cheese Bread or Pao de Queijo is gluten free. Tapioca flour is a core product here as it is in other Padocas. Other savory treats include a variety of meat, fish and cheese, snacks such as Hearts of Palm, cheese, ham and bacon quiches and croquettes. Carrot cake, more orange colored and not the typical American type, is among their many sweet cakes and cookies. Prices range from \$3-\$5 per item for both takeout and table service. Private catering is also available. Currently,

Padoca is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and closed Sunday and Monday. While working extremely hard now, these committed small business owners hope to increase their hours when appropriate.

The last six to seven years have been very, very intense for these friendly and open folks. Fluent in Portuguese and originally from the east Denver area, Chase went to East High, attended college in Hawaii and moved to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, several years ago to experience another culture. A connection with a Brazilian foreign exchange student was the catalyst for this last adventure, and they are still in contact. Originally from Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Paula, who is fluent in English, met Chase in Rio. They got married and eventually moved back to the U.S. and began working in the corporate world in Colorado Springs. Sixteen months ago, the couple welcomed their precious baby, Jade.

Paula's true love and vocation is to make pastry so she resigned to follow her dream. In synch with his radiant and engaging spouse, Chase, with his quiet and patient business sense, identified with her. Luckily, during the pandemic, they were able to find the open space in the Jersey Shoppette, and began remodeling. I've visited here often and always felt warmly included and appreciated. You'll also enjoy snacking and hanging out in this culturally enriching bakery.

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Letter from the President

Patricia Mulligan

Happy holiday wishes to all our Mayfair residents! Here's hoping you are busy celebrating with family and friends – in a safe way, of course.

I am again pondering about just what makes a great neighborhood; what are the practices, beliefs, and customs of the people who live there? As I walk around Mayfair with Georgia and our dog, I notice some folks make eye contact with us and some don't, some say hello or wave, and some don't. I definitely feel that our neighborhood is terrific, but I wonder what makes it so.

One fellow who we see often along Severn Place is Larry Henson. He not only waves and says hello from his driveway or garage, but he also offers Blanca a doggie treat each time. You may know him, too, he frequently has one or two folks chatting with him while their dogs nose around for a treat. So I decided to get to know him a bit and ask him about his views on the neighborhood, and on neighborliness in general.

Larry has lived in his house here for five years. He was born in Pryor, Oklahoma, and grew up there. He has a daughter, Sammi, and a grandson named Samuel. He is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, and he has also studied the Sufi practice of mysticism. Larry's Sufi name is Zakir. He makes his living woodworking, specifically interior finish carpentry. His driveway and garage serve as his workshop for current projects.

I have observed often that people who spend time outdoors in their front yards and driveways are easier to become acquainted with than folks who stay mostly indoors. This is certainly true with Larry. He enjoys talking with passersby; not politics or occupations, mind you, but just everyday chat and observations. When I asked him about this, he said it's probably due to his upbringing in the South; the attitude there is slower and more mindful, with neighbors more willing to hang out together. For example, last year he had a huge bounty of tomatoes from his garden here which he offered to anyone passing by. But most people wouldn't stop or take any, or maybe just a couple. In his hometown, he said that neighbors would have been glad to go home with an armload. He calls that the "spirit of offering," of

not being bashful about giving and accepting.

I asked Larry why he thought some folks are hesitant to interact. I guessed it was maybe out of fear of extending themselves to a stranger, but he disagreed. He believes it's not necessarily fear, but that it's just not in their culture to reach out to unfamiliar people. It's not how they were raised.

We talked about how to make Mayfair a safer and even friendlier place to live. We both believe that a great neighborhood needs people who take the time to talk to each other and to watch out for each other, including their pets. For example, some new neighbors moved in next door to Larry, and the children were unhappy at having to move. Larry's cat Shadow started investigating his new neighbors, hanging out in their yard. Soon the kids became fond of Shadow; meeting Larry and Shadow helped ease their transition to the new community.

I hope Larry's ideas inspire you to consider how you can help build an even friendlier (and therefore safer) Mayfair. I thank him for his time and his considered ideas. Best wishes to you all!



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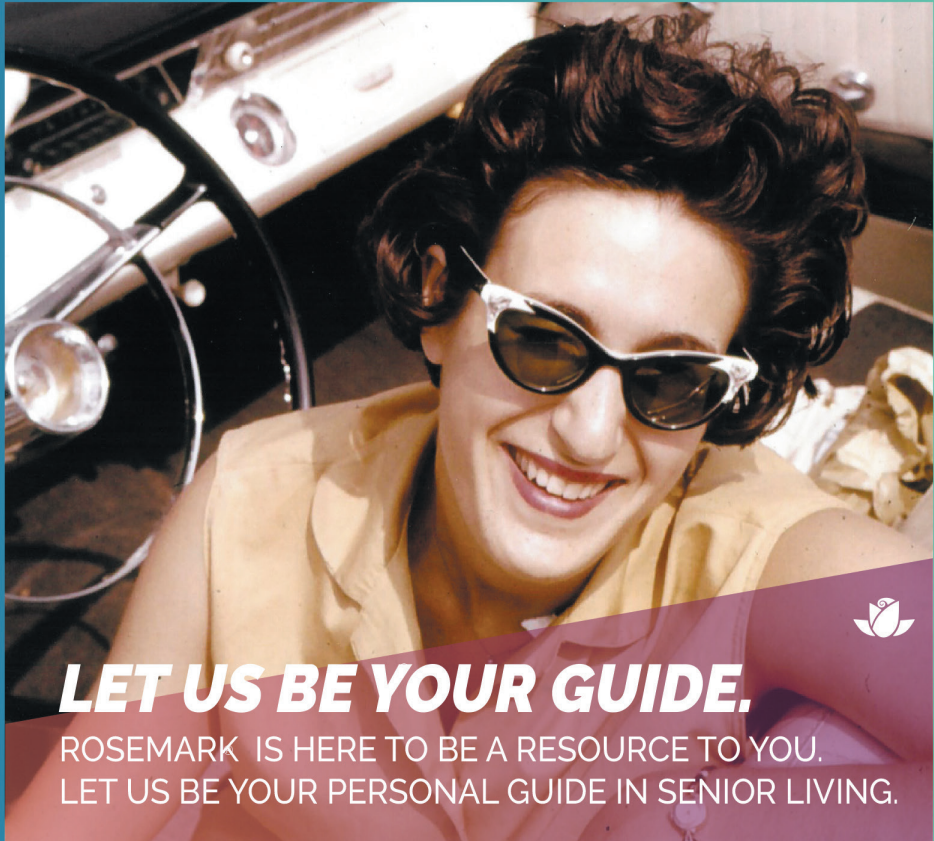
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The Taste of Mayfair was a neighborhood hit

Mayfair's first ever Taste of Mayfair was a huge hit, bringing in visitors of all ages from Mayfair and the surrounding neighborhoods to shop the craft booths, sample local cuisine and listen to live music from local musicians. The event was held at the Jersey Shoppette, Ninth Avenue and Jersey Street, on Sept. 18, and each participating restaurant had a Taste of Mayfair menu to offer visitors, including Bertha's Baja Bistro, Denver Pizza Company, Jimmy's Osteria, Sweet Rice Café, Chook Chicken, Clean Eat, Kettlehead gourmet popcorn, The Seasoned Chef and Padoca Brazilian Bakery & Market.

A huge shout out and thanks to all who participated in the event. From the restaurants, vendors, musicians and amazing volunteers to all of the neighbors who stopped by, this inaugural event was a success. We also received many suggestions that we will try to implement for next year's event, which is planned for Sept. 17, 2022.

We will be looking for more unique vendors and sponsorships beginning in January 2022. Look out for the Taste of Mayfair website coming soon with information.



Taste of Mayfair event on Sept. 18, 2021



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The Park Hill Garden Walk calendar makes a great gift for local gardeners



By Jean Ercolani

Looking for the perfect gift for all the Colorado Front Range gardeners in your life? The Park Hill Garden Walk calendar is back by popular demand. It showcases stunning images of gardens featured in the 2021 Garden Walk, including a Mayfair garden. This calendar will also keep your garden plans on track with timely gardening tips and reminders throughout the year.

The Park Hill Garden Walk calendar is created specifically for the Colorado Front Range gardener. You'll learn when to plant, prune, fertilize, mulch, water and so much more to create and maintain a beautiful garden. If you or someone you know finds Colorado gardening challenging, then this is just what you need. Get one for yourself or give it as a gift.

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Or you can place your order online at parkhillgardenwalk.org/calendar/ and pick it up at 2823 Fairfax St. on Mondays and Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The Park Hill Garden Walk Calendar is ONLY \$20. It measures 12" X 24" when open. You, your family and friends will love it. Supplies are limited, so don't delay.

Proceeds from the sale of these calendars support the Greater Park Hill Community mission. The Park Hill Garden Walk committee is a group of volunteers working to raise funds to support Greater Park Hill Community, Inc., a volunteer-based registered neighborhood organization that promotes the character and vibrancy of Park Hill through its resources, information and advocacy, all while preserving the quality of life and the history of the neighborhood through community participation. Learn more and get involved in the Greater Park Hill Community at www.greaterparkhill.org.



Featuring photos from the 2021 Park Hill Garden Walk by Ed Demafles <https://edwindemaflesphotography.zenfolio.com>

Garden tips specific to the Colorado Front Range are provided by the Park Hill Garden Walk.



The Real Estate Market



Because of Colorado's lack of moisture, it is important to water your trees, even during the winter months.

By David Bromberg, a Mayfair Neighbor

Preparing your home for....

Winter

As I write this in balmy late-November, it is hard to believe that ski season and snow shoveling are right around the corner. We have had what I believe is a very mild summer and fall and it is easy to put off cold weather maintenance for our homes.

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

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

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

Now is a great time to have the furnace cleaned and serviced. It is easier to deal with a scheduled service call rather than be without heat and at the mercy of the contractor's schedule. Be sure to change the filter regularly – clean air will help with the efficiency of your furnace and extend its life. You may want to consider a programmable thermostat to adjust the temperature when you're sleeping or away to reduce your energy bill. Similarly, don't forget to have your fireplaces serviced if you use them.

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

To sell

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

Please do not forget the trees!

I've seen many large spruce trees lost throughout the city, including here in Mayfair, due to our recent weather. Significant droughts in 2020 and 2021 have weakened the trees. Bark beetles sense the stress and they move in for the kill. The trees die out from the top down. An arborist interviewed on 9News says some trees can be saved if we water them now to encourage root growth. Dead/dying trees are costly to remove and a loss to our environment.

David Bromberg is a licensed REALTOR



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 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!

Here are our first three poems:

Canaan Dog in Winter

By Ruth Burnham, a Mayfair Neighbor

Dogs seem to dream,
sleep-sluggish legs kicking in subconscious chase,
muffled yelps signaling sighted prey
or, possibly, our neighbor's cat;
but do dogs daydream?
Today, ours sits motionless,
gazing, sphinx-like, through a window
as grey skies dissolve into white drifts,
branches bare, except for ice,
cold seeping through old brick walls.

I call her, rattle treats in a jar,
but she ignores me, lost in thought as it were,
daydreaming the desert home of her distant kin,
Megiddo's temple, Hazor's chambered gates,
ageless dunes, endless sand, warmth.

Christmastime in Mayfair

By Ronald Busse, a Mayfair neighbor

As the Season draws near,
Hear the crystal clear sound
Of festive Christmas carols
Wafting 'cross chilly December air
For it's Christmastime in Mayfair

Frosty breath forms the notes
As we sing Perry and Bing,
Mariah, 'The King';
Crooning "Colorado Christmas"
And classic Johnny Mathis

Look west, see the Front Range
Draped in glistening snow,
Kids hoping it will blow over
To Denver, whitening the night
For Santa's Christmas Eve flight

'Tis the Season for giving,
Our hearts overflowing
With the love of Christ our King
And all the joy his birthday brings,
The decorations, peace, and fanfare
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By Sylvia Cavender, 8, a Mayfair Neighbor

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Denver Digs Trees giving out \$10 trees starting in January

By Jemmy Barrera, Volunteer Coordinator for The Park People

The Park People is happy to report that its Community Forester program went really well this year and 18 more Community Foresters are now at large in our community. Perfect timing too, since Denver Digs Trees 2022 is right around the corner.

The Denver Digs Trees program helps residents to cultivate greener, healthier, more vibrant communities. It provides Denver residents with free and low-cost trees for planting on both private and public property. We offer a variety of species carefully selected for Colorado's climate and the urban environment.

Over the past 35 years, this special program has provided more than 60,000 trees to Denver residents, helping to enhance quality of life in our community. Trees combat climate change and reverse the urban heat island effect by shading and cooling our homes and streets. They lower utility costs, beautify our neighborhoods, enhance property value, encourage slower traffic speeds, improve air and water quality, and much more.

With trees just \$10, this is a once-a-year opportunity to snag some beautiful trees for your neighborhood and take advantage of our Community Foresters for guidance along the way. Not sure how to care for your tree? We provide free planting and care guides, and offer free planting and care workshops to all tree recipients.

Enrollment is open to anyone starting in January and trees go fast. Our main priority is to make sure Denver residents in lower canopy areas have access to our tree applications first. Please spread the word. If you belong to a community organization or church and would like your members to hear about the program, please contact us. We have the materials to provide if you want to lead a walking (canvassing) event with your own volunteers or we can pair our leaders with the volunteers you round up!

In times when we are spread thin and worried about so many big issues, gathering together to make small improvements to our environment is a healing balm. Use



us this year to help make the world a little brighter and cheerier.

This year, we planted 58% of our trees in low canopy neighborhoods and our goal is to increase that even more this next year!

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Winter watering guide: Caring for newly planted trees during the winter

Why is winter watering vital?

In the fall and winter, trees drop their leaves and become dormant as they prepare for colder temperatures. However, newly planted trees experience the greatest growth in their root system during this time. Colorado often experiences dry periods during winter (two or more weeks without snow cover), which can leave roots susceptible to drying out, causing tree death or severe root damage. Not watering throughout the winter is the largest contributing factor to the mortality of newly planted trees. It is best to slowly give any newly planted trees 10-15 gallons of water before putting the hose away for the winter and to supplement with 10-15 gallons of water during dry periods and when temperatures are above 40 degrees. Do not water when temperatures are near or below freezing.

Watering routine:

- Before winter: Continue to water your tree(s) until the ground freezes. Slowly (trickle over several hours) give your newly planted tree 10-15 gallons of water. Once complete, don't forget to disconnect your hose so that it doesn't freeze.
- During winter: Water your tree twice a month with 10-15 gallons of water if the ground isn't frozen. This is best done when the temperature is around 40 degrees and at mid-day to allow water to soak in before the ground freezes at night. Continue to check the moisture level of the root ball (the main mass of roots directly beneath the trunk), especially during long periods without snow cover.
- Following spring and summer: Continue to water the tree once a week with 10-15 gallons of water and more when the weather is dry, windy or during prolonged periods of drought and sunshine.

Additional tree care tips for the winter:

- Wrap the trunk: In Colorado, young trees, especially thin-barked trees like Honeylocust, Maple and Linden, are susceptible to sunscald and frost cracks because of drastic winter temperature fluctuations. To prevent bark damage, wrap the trunks of younger trees up to the first branches using commercial tree

wrap. A general rule of thumb is to wrap trees around Thanksgiving and remove tree wrap around Easter.

- Mulch the base: Apply 2 to 4 inches of wood chips, bark or other organic mulch near the base of the tree, but not against it, to reduce soil evaporation, improve water absorption and insulate against temperature extremes. Some community recycling programs like Denver Recycles provide wood chips free of charge.

Proper tree care during the winter months is crucial for tree health and survival. Following these watering and tree care tips can help your trees continue to grow and thrive. For additional information, read more from the Colorado State Forest Service on winter tree watering.



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Bringing back joy

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

Whew, we made it through another crazy year! 2021 was a lesson in supporting our families, neighbors and ourselves as we sorted through what the new normal looks like. Most of us have recalibrated our everyday lives and reassessed how we value our community. Hopefully, we've discovered what matters most and brings us joy!

We're still here

From the shopkeepers and employees who make our Colfax main street hum, an enormous THANK YOU. Your support of local businesses ensured that we kept our doors open through the pandemic. As a result, the neighborhood gems that stock everyday essentials, personal treats and round-the-corner eats are still serving the neighborhood. Thank you for making Colfax Mayfair your go-to for local shopping!



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Eat your heart out

Did you know Colfax Mayfair is home to nearly 30 eateries and bars? So meet your besties at a local pub or restaurant, treat yourself to tasty take-out or delivery, sample local java and enjoy the people-watching. Our main street is also the source for wine and spirits, groceries and goodies. You don't have to travel far to make the foodie in your family smile.

Celebrate on Colfax

We're glad that 2021 is almost over and 2022 is just around the bend! Celebrate with us by sharing a warm hello with your neighbors on our main street. Look for local specials and other news on Facebook and Instagram. We appreciate you and wish you all the best!

Kiddie Academy of Denver-Boulevard One to open in 2022

By Franz von Haas

Every day your child's imagination grows and their curiosity gathers momentum. Kiddie Academy of Denver-Boulevard One's main goal is to empower and celebrate all of it. Kiddie Academy is opening in the new Boulevard One development on First Avenue and Pontiac Street. We love this area as it will provide more services that have not been readily available to the community: new restaurants, a specialty grocer and a neighborhood Target just to name a few.

Kiddie Academy is a nationally recognized franchise with more than 275 locations. We have been recognized as the No. 1 daycare franchise by publications such as topfranchises.com. We have also received accreditations from AdvancED, The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA). With Covid at the top of many people's minds, the health and safety of our children is of utmost importance. Being a new building we are able to build in health measures that other older facilities might not be able to, such as better filtration systems.

Our hours of operation will be 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The new development will have over 500 parking stalls, so parking should never be an issue. The school offers care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and before and after school camps. The facility encourages children to step out, be bold and act on their natural curiosity.

Our Life Essentials learning approach and curriculum encourages children to explore and progress in their own way and at their own pace to help them grow socially, physically, emotionally and intellectually. Our highly trained teachers are there every step of the way to guide, nurture and cultivate your child's development.

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City Council Corner

By Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer

District 5's 2022 work plan

Happy Winter Holidays to everyone! From the entire District 5 Team, we hope your season is bright and meaningful and spent with family and friends – even if only virtually.

2021 was another extraordinary year. Thank you to everyone who helped our community thrive during this unprecedented time. In the District 5 office, 2021 was focused on responding to community concerns with projects and initiatives that reflect our four core values: Transparency, Accountability, Customer Service and Good Communication. Looking toward 2022, our Work Plan continues to center around your feedback. Some of the initiatives our office will pursue in 2022 are:

Traffic Studies. My office has again engaged traffic engineering firm Fehr & Peers to conduct two more traffic studies: Sixth Avenue from Colorado Boulevard to Quebec Street, and South Dayton Street from Alameda Avenue to Mississippi Avenue. We have confirmed with Denver's Department of Transportation & Infrastructure (DOTI) that implementation funding for installation of some recommended improvements will be included in the 2023 Budget. Stay tuned for information on upcoming community meetings and feedback surveys.

Civil Wage Theft Ordinance. We have seen that post-pandemic economic recovery for our low-wage workers has not mirrored the economic recovery of the city's high-wage earners. We also know that wage theft is a significant issue in Denver, particularly in the construction, home care, janitorial, and hospitality industries. To combat these challenges, we are working on a civil wage theft ordinance that would give the Denver Auditor's Office the ability to investigate and collect unpaid, earned wages on behalf of workers in Denver.

Gun Buy Back Program. To help address the uptick in violent crime across the Front Range, we are working with Denver Department of Safety, Denver Police Department, and the City of Aurora to launch a gun buy-back program. We have created a partnership with a Colorado Springs-



based nonprofit organization, RAWtools, that purchases the guns from owners, melts them down, and turns them into garden tools. While I recognize that criminals won't be turning in their weapons, DPD has seen a significant uptick in guns being stolen out of cars and homes and then being used in other crimes. Our goal is to help alleviate those gun thefts by providing a no-questions-asked opportunity for residents to turn in unwanted guns.

Spring Parks Clean Up Day on Sunday, May 15. Volunteers' energy and enthusiasm drive our twice-a-year Clean-Up Days. Save the date on Sunday, May 15, to clean half of D5's City-managed parks. Rain date: Sunday, May 22.

You are the heartbeat of our communities! To help our Team continue to plan and prioritize around the issues that matter to you, please complete the survey at bit.ly/D5ResidentSurvey2021 by Dec. 31. Thank you for your input!

As always, feel free to contact our office at denvercouncil5@denvergov.org or 720-337-5555 with comments or questions. Go to the D5 website for community updates and resources: bit.ly/D5Website; 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 our social media:

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Denver Parks and Recreation encourages residents to take advantage of local recreation centers

As part of the Recreation Center Reopening Plan, recreation center memberships are now offered for sale in-person and online. All 30 Denver recreation centers have returned to (pre-Covid) full operating hours and offer a large variety of amenities, fitness classes and activities.

Three recreation center membership levels are available: regional, local and neighborhood. These tiers are based on the amenities offered and the hours of operation at each location. All memberships include access to recreation centers, drop-in fitness and aqua fitness classes, plus access to all outdoor pools during the summer months.

Recreation Center Membership is free to Denver students, ages 5-18, through the MY Denver Card program, and for residents 60 and older through the MY Denver Prime program. In addition, all residents within the 80216 zip code are eligible to receive a 90% discount on registrations and memberships. Residents can register for this discount at the Johnson, Swansea and 5090 Broadway recreation centers.

For more information on membership options, activities and programming, visit denvergov.org/Recreation.

Denver requires residents to shovel sidewalks within 24 hours of a storm

Be a great neighbor! Everyone enjoys safe, clear sidewalks—and it's everyone's responsibility to keep the sidewalks adjacent to their home or business clear and accessible. Shovel all sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, and bus stops around your home as soon as it's practical and safe. Businesses have four hours after the snow stops to shovel, and residents have 24 hours. RTD only shovels bus stops that have a shelter. If it's just a sign with no shelter, the resident/business is responsible for this sidewalk.

Show kindness and offer to help your neighbors if they aren't able to shovel! Neighbors helping neighbors is one of the things that makes Denver great. You can volunteer to be an official "snow angel" at www.denvergov.org/snowangels or just do a #NeighborCheck. There are all sorts of reasons

why people may need assistance, or they may just not know what the city's rules are for keeping sidewalks clear. A simple conversation with a neighbor or just lending that helping hand will almost always resolve a snowy sidewalk faster than the city can, and it will preserve city resources for the rest of Denver's 3,000 miles of sidewalks.

Tips:

- Use the shovel to push the snow; don't lift it.
- Shovel early! When snow isn't shoveled, it gets packed down and becomes ice. Shoveling all the way to the pavement will also prevent ice from forming.
- Shovel into your yard and not into roadways and bike lanes.
- Salt can be damaging when it runs off into your lawn or the storm sewer with the snowmelt. Look for ecofriendly and pet-safe deicers.
- Be proactive and come up with a plan for addressing sidewalks now, before it's snowing.

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St. Luke's Episcopal Church invites everyone to celebrate Christmas in the neighborhood



St. Luke's at 13th Avenue and Quebec Street invites everyone in Mayfair and surrounding neighborhoods to celebrate the holidays with them.

Are you looking for hope and joy this Christmas? Come join us! St. Luke's is open and joyously celebrating Christmas! St. Luke's offers a variety of celebrations during December and all are welcome.

Friday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m.: No rehearsal Christmas Pageant

A delightful retelling of the Christmas story that is interactive as children and adults join together in the telling of the Christmas story that will bring you joy and inspiration. If your child wishes they can be part of the pageant, bring a costume, animal, angel, or whatever to be a part of the heart of Christmas; and parents and grandparents bring a camera.

Friday, Dec. 24, at 10:30 p.m.: Candlelight service with choir

One of the most moving services of Christmas begins with the community and choir singing carols from 10:30-11 p.m. and then the Christmas Mass ends with just candlelight and quietly singing "Silent Night" together before walking out to a new morning, a new Christmas.

Saturday, Dec. 25, at 9 a.m.: Christmas Day service

A service of joy to welcome the birth of Jesus with sermon and community singing of carols. It is a spiritually fulfilling way to begin a morning of celebration and love.

Sunday, Dec. 26, at 7:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Christmas lessons and carols

The Christmas story continues with this service that tells the story of the fall and the redemption of humankind using scripture readings, hymns, and carols.



Probably more than in other times in recent memory this 2021 season brings many of us looking for a way to celebrate beyond movies on the television, office parties, waiting for that delivery truck or pushing through the stores. If your spirit needs a rest, your family needs the solace and understanding of the real Christmas, then come join us at St. Luke's and feel the welcome of people who want to celebrate with you. You do not have to be a member of our church to join us. No matter your religious tradition or belief, you are welcome!

St. Luke's is located at 1270 Poplar (13th Avenue and Quebec Street). Entrance from the parking lot is on 13th and Quebec, or park on Poplar Street. The church opens 30 minutes before services begin. St. Luke's, following directives from the City and County of Denver, requires masks indoors and offers physically distanced seating.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church was established in 1890 and is a loving, joyful, inclusive community. We offer a place of prayer, hope, and welcome for all. Come join in this Christmas!

Sunday Night at the Movies in Mayfair

By Kriss Whitman, a Mayfair Neighbor

"Sunday night at the movies" was very real on Sunday, June 6, at the corner of Locust and Eighth Avenue. At twilight, a car came speeding westbound down Eighth Avenue and went airborne through the neighborhood. It ended up leaning vertically against a brick ranch home. The owners had just moved in a week earlier and were not home.

The loud crash caused the neighbors to stop watching their TV movies and come out to see what the commotion was about. We looked on incredulously, gobsmacked at the lack of destruction along this vehicle's path. This event drew out so many neighbors that we started talking about a neighborhood block party. We did a quick survey of dates and landed on July 11. Twenty-six neighbors of all ages showed up for a potluck gathering on Locust Street. Neighbor Holly painted the faces of the children. We all ate well and we look forward to more parties in 2022, without any crazy accidents.

In June, a car went airborne and ended up leaning vertically against a brick ranch home on Locust Street and Eighth Avenue.



Neighbors on Locust Street met for a potluck in July. They planned the event after a car crashed into a neighbor's home.

Make a difference – support your neighborhood!

Join Mayfair Neighbors, Inc. or make a donation to support our events and publication of The Mayfair Mirror.

We have a variety of memberships – all are tax deductible:

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If these fees are not feasible, MNI will accept a membership donation that is comfortable for you.

Please send to Mayfair Neighbors, Inc., PO Box 200306, Denver 80220-0306 or mayfairneighbors@gmail.com.

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Email (to alert you of events and pertinent neighborhood info)

Areas of interest for volunteering

Mayfair Neighbors, Inc. (MNI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization staffed by volunteers. The Mayfair Neighborhood Association is a Registered Neighborhood Association with the City of Denver. Mayfair's borders are (clockwise from the north) Colfax, Monaco, 6th Avenue and Eudora, encompassing more than 3,200 households.

Cool weather didn't impede Fall Shred-a-Thon's success



Mayfair Neighbors hosted its Fall Shred-a-Thon on Oct. 23 in Mayfair Plaza Shopping Center by 7Eleven. It was a cool, overcast day, but that did not keep the Fall Shred-A-Thon from being a great success! People were lined up before 8:30 a.m. and it was steady until noon. Lots of Pro-Shred trash cans went into the truck and Mayfair Neighbors made enough money to help continue our neighborhood activities, including getting a paper copy of the Mirror out, so thanks to all....the shredders and the volunteers!

But more importantly were the new members who signed up and the people who renewed their membership to the neighborhood organization! 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 Cherry Creek Mortgage, a board member interested in our lovely neighborhood and willing to help anyone who needs help. Thanks, Dan!

And lastly, but never leastly, our board members and others who volunteered on that cool day. Special thanks to Dave Emick who brought along his convertible and mascot. Couldn't have done it without all of you. Spring 2022 Shred-a-Thon is set for May 2022, from 9 a.m. until noon at 14th Avenue and Krameria Street.



Mayfair Neighbors' Fall Shred-a-Thon brought out the neighborhood in droves to shred their personal documents.

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Home sales about to surge?

We may see a winter like never before

By Mark Hunter, a Hilltop Neighbor

Like most industries, residential real estate has a seasonality to it. For example, toy stores sell more toys in October, November, and December than they do in any other three-month span throughout the year. More cars are sold in the U.S. during the second quarter (April, May, and June) than in any other quarter of the year.

Real estate is very similar. The number of homes sold in the spring is almost always much greater than at any other time of the year. It's even labeled as the spring buying season. Historically, the number of buyers and listings for sale significantly increase in the spring and remain strong throughout the summer. Once fall sets in, the number of buyers and sellers typically drops off.

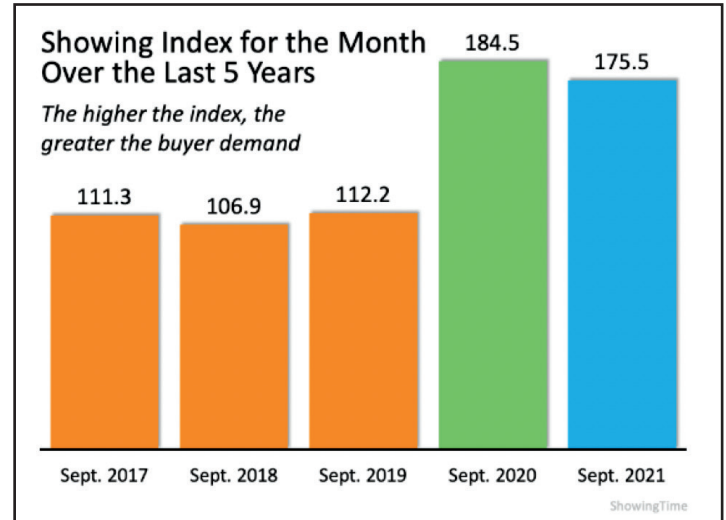
Last year, however, that seasonality didn't happen. The outbreak of the virus and subsequent slowing of the economy limited sales during the spring market. These sales were pushed back later in the year and last fall and winter saw a dramatic increase in home sales over previous years. The only thing that held the market back was the extremely limited supply of homes for sale.

What about this winter?

Some experts thought we'd return to the industry's normal seasonality this winter with both the number of purchasers and houses available for sale falling off. However, data now shows that neither of those situations will likely occur. Buyer demand is still extremely strong, and it appears we may soon see a somewhat uncharacteristic increase in the number of homes coming to the market.



Buyer demand remains strong



The latest Showing Index from ShowingTime, which tracks the average number of monthly showings on available homes, indicates buyer activity was slightly lower than at the same time last year but much higher than any of the three previous years (see chart):

A report from realtor.com confirms buying activity remains strong in the existing home sales market:

“New housing data shows 2021’s feverish home sales pace broke a yearly record in October . . . with last month marking the eighth straight month of buyers snatching up homes more quickly than the fastest pace in previous years.”

Buyer activity for newly constructed homes is also very strong. Ali Wolf, Chief Economist for Zonda, recently reported that Stuart Miller, the Executive Chairman of Lennar, one of the nation’s largest home builders, said, “There is still a great deal of demand at our sales centers with people lining up and not enough supply.”

The only question heading into this winter is whether the number of listings available could come close to meeting this buyer demand. We may have just received the answer to that question.

Sellers are about to list – right now

Instead of waiting for the normal spring buying market, new research indicates that homeowners thinking about selling are about to put their homes on the market this winter.

“The pandemic has delayed plans for many Americans, and homeowners looking to move on to the next stage of life are no exception. Recent survey data suggests the majority of prospective sellers are actively preparing to enter the market this winter,” said George Ratiu, manager of economic research for realtor.com.

Here are some highlights in the report:

Of homeowners planning to enter the market in the next year:

- 65% - Have just listed (19%) or plan to list this winter
- 93% - Have already taken steps toward listing their home, including working with an agent (28%)
- 36% - Have researched the value of their home and others in their neighborhood
- 36% - Have started making repairs or decluttering

The report also discusses the reasons sellers want to move:

- 33% - Have realized they want different home features
- 37% - Say their home no longer meets their family's needs
- 32% - Want to move closer to friends and family
- 23% - Are looking for a home office

Data shows buyer demand remains unusually strong going into this winter. Research indicates the supply of inventory is about to increase. This could be a winter real estate market like never before.

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