

The Mayfair Mirror

Voice of Mayfair Neighbors

Spring 2022

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Photo by Jim Medford

Mayfair welcomes back its annual Egg Hunt on April 16

Mayfair Neighbors' annual Egg Hunt in Mayfair Park is back, after cancellations in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19 complications. The 2022 Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m. in Mayfair Park. The hunt begins at 10 a.m. sharp, so don't be late or your children risk being unable to participate in the event. The moment the hunt starts, 5,000 eggs stuffed with candy are snatched up by eager participants in less than five minutes.

Sponsored by your Mayfair Neighbors Board, the Egg Hunt is one of Mayfair's largest events. Volunteers hide 5,000 eggs (in plain sight)

throughout the park. Areas are divided by age so everyone has a fair chance. Most people linger afterwards, so it is a good time for you to catch up with your neighbors and for the kids to play together.

We'll have a pre-Egg Hunt egg stuffing pizza party the night before the event. Candy needs to get into those 5,000 eggs somehow! With lots of helpers, they all get loaded quickly, and it is a great time to meet some new neighbors! Please contact us at mayfairneighbors@gmail.com if you'd like to help.

CALENDAR

save the date

Monthly Board Meeting

The Mayfair Neighbors board meeting takes place 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. Meetings may be held virtually until further notice. Please email to confirm meeting venue.

- Monday, March 7
- Monday, April 4
- Monday, May 2
- Monday, June 6
- Monday, July 11
- Monday, Aug. 1
- Monday, Sept. 12
- No October meeting
- Monday, Nov. 7
- No December Meeting

MARCH

Egg Cleaning for Egg Hunt

Monday, March 28

Time and place to be determined

Inquire at mayfairneighbors@gmail.com

The 5,000 plastic eggs for the Egg Hunt need to be cleaned before they are stuffed with candy



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APRIL

Egg Stuffing Party

Friday, April 15

Time and place to be determined

Inquire at mayfairneighbors@gmail.com

The Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16

10 a.m. sharp

Mayfair Park

MAY

Spring Shred-a-Thon

Saturday, May 14

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. Shredding is done onsite. 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.

Mayfair Garage Sale

Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days

Mayfair realtor Brad Colburn is again organizing this much anticipated event. RSVP to Brad Colburn at 303-618-0109 or brad@madisonprops.com if you want to participate.

Garage Sale Organizing Party

Wednesday, May 18

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Mayfair Park

Pizza is served

AUGUST

Concert in Mayfair Park

Saturday, Aug. 27

Food Trucks arrive at 5 p.m.,
music begins at 6:30 p.m.

Mayfair Park

Mark your calendars now for our most popular Mayfair event. The Denver Municipal Band plays an eclectic set of great music into the night. Bring a picnic or take advantage of the food trucks.

SEPTEMBER

2nd Annual Taste of Mayfair

Saturday, Sept. 17

All day event

Jersey Shopette, 900 Jersey Street

The 2nd Annual Taste of Mayfair will follow up on 2021's great initial success. The 2021 taste was well supported by sponsors, vendors, musicians, and attendees alike. This year's event promises to be bigger, better and more fun than ever.

OCTOBER

Fall Shred-a-Thon

Saturday, Oct. 1

9 a.m. to noon

Mayfair Plaza, 14th Avenue and Krameria Street

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Fall Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 11

Look for details of time and place and program to come in future Mayfair Mirror issues.

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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Photo by Jim Medford



Letter from the President

Patricia Mulligan

One of my great pleasures as the president of Mayfair Neighbors, Inc. has been to organize and participate in our annual Egg Hunt in Mayfair Park. To me it signals the beginning of spring when the weather is so lovely that I want to be outdoors as much as possible. Our board has had to cancel this rite of spring in both 2020 and 2021 due to COVID safety precautions, but we are roaring back in force this year!

Save this date on your calendar: Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m. sharp! Bring your children with their empty baskets to the park and prepare to have a fun, energetic celebration. When the bullhorn blasts, hundreds of children will dash to find more than 5,000 eggs scattered throughout the park. You won't be surprised to hear that the eggs are all discovered and scooped up within just a few minutes! The park will be marked off in large sections for different age groups: children ages 1 and 2 will have their own marked section, as will ages 3-4 and ages 5-6. Older kids (really all kids) are also welcome to hunt for eggs dispersed in every section of the park.

One of the special visitors we've invited to Mayfair Park that morning is the Easter Bunny. The Bunny will have a basket of candy and treats to hand out to youngsters; the Bunny will also be available for photos with your child. What could be sweeter?

Of course, to stage such an event for the neighborhood takes lots of planning and preparation by our board members, volunteers, and benefactors. Early supporters of this year's Egg Hunt are: Bertha's Baja Bistro, Steadyhand Barber Company, Denver Pizza Co., and Jimmy's Jersey Street Café and Osteria. Donations are also expected from Mayfair King Soopers and Safeway – both stores have reliably contributed to the Egg Hunt for many years. We are tremendously grateful to all these benefactors.

In addition, we host a pizza party the evening before the Hunt (Friday, April 15) for the purpose of stuffing all those thousands of eggs with candy and treats. With plenty of volunteers, the job amazingly is finished within a couple hours, even though there's lots of talking, laughing and eating. Please watch your email boxes for an invitation to



join us, or contact us at mayfairneighbors@gmail.com to help out. Many hands make light work!

To tell the truth, my favorite part of the Egg Hunt is what happens afterward. When all the eggs have been collected and parents have put a limit on the amount of candy eaten, I watch as the children head for the playground to clamber on the equipment and hang out with friends. That's when the families visit with each other, renewing neighborhood relationships with one another after a long winter. When a Parks and Rec official asks me to state the purpose of this event, I always think about the mission of Mayfair Neighbors, Inc., and answer "to build community."



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U.S. Rep. Diana DeGette sets out her 2022 priorities



It is an honor serving as your representative in the U.S. House. As we head into 2022, my top priority remains making sure our community's voice is heard throughout the halls of Congress.

In 2021, even as we focused on combatting the pandemic and accelerating the economic recovery by passing into law the American Rescue Plan – which boosted vaccinations, put money directly into people's pockets, and expanded the Child Tax Credit – we also made great progress on the critical issues facing our country, like health care and climate change.

Next year, we hope to accomplish even more, and we want to continue to hear from you.

As always, please contact me regarding the issues you care about, or if you ever need help dealing with a federal agency.

You can contact my office at any time by calling 303-844-4988 or by visiting my website at www.DeGette.house.gov where you can learn more about all of the different ways that my staff and I are available to assist you.

In the meantime, I wish you and your family all the very best in the new year.

Congresswoman Diana DeGette: Delivering for Denver Families

Promoting Environmental Justice & Addressing the Climate Crisis

Wrote a bill signed by Pres. Biden to toughen rules on methane, a driver of climate change. Championed a bill to make EPA clean up low-income areas harmed by pollution. Passed the CO Wilderness Act through the House to protect 660,000* acres of wilderness and meet Pres. Biden's "30 by 30" conservation goal.



Serving as House Impeachment Manager

Appointed by Speaker Pelosi to serve as a House Impeachment Manager to hold former President Donald Trump accountable for his actions on January 6 – and to strengthen our democracy by investigating the insurrection to make sure it never happens again.



Preserving Access to Reproductive Health Services

As co-chair of the Pro-Choice Caucus, helped pass a bill through the House to codify *Roe v. Wade* and protect a woman's right to access the full spectrum of health care, including abortion services. Led passage of spending bills without abortion restrictions for the first time in decades through the House.



Addressing Ethics & Voting Rights

Cosponsored HR.1 For the People Act and HR.4 John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, named in honor of the late Rep. John Lewis, to address ethics, election security, campaign finance, and voting rights – both of which passed the House.



Developing Cures for the Toughest Diseases

Introduced bipartisan legislation with Rep. Fred Upton of Michigan – "Cures 2.0" – to deliver breakthrough therapies to patients faster and develop cures for the most serious illnesses, like cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's, and ALS.



Staying Connected to Constituents

Helped constituents impacted by pandemic with issues ranging from unemployment to immigration, whether raised in-person, online, by phone, or through the mail. Staff in Denver responded to 5 times the volume of calls, emails, and casework over 2020 – and resolved most of them.





THE HUNT!

The hunt itself is over in about five minutes. The initial rush finds most of the eggs but there are always a few left over.

- Rarin' and ready to go! Areas of the park are divided by age groups so everyone has a fair chance to find eggs.

- They're off! Doesn't take long to find them all.
- Some eggs are bypassed in the initial rush and the wise hunter looks for these stragglers after most hunters have gone ahead!

Photo by Jim Medford

Mayfair neighborhood garage sale to take place May 20-21

Good news for our neighbors! Brad Colburn of Madison & Co. Properties will again be organizing a garage sale for Mayfair this year! Start gathering up your gently used items and prepare to hold a sale at your home on May 20-21. The sale will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday. This has been a highly anticipated and successful event in past years!

Join Brad at Mayfair Park on Wednesday, May 18, from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. for pizza, information on the sale and to get your address on his list for publicity.

Please RSVP to Brad Colburn at 303-618-0109 if you plan to participate. His email address is Brad@MadisonProps.com.



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Happenings at George Washington High School



George Washington High School is enjoying having students back in its classrooms and beyond this school year! Despite significant challenges, GWHS has prioritized student health, wellness and learning:

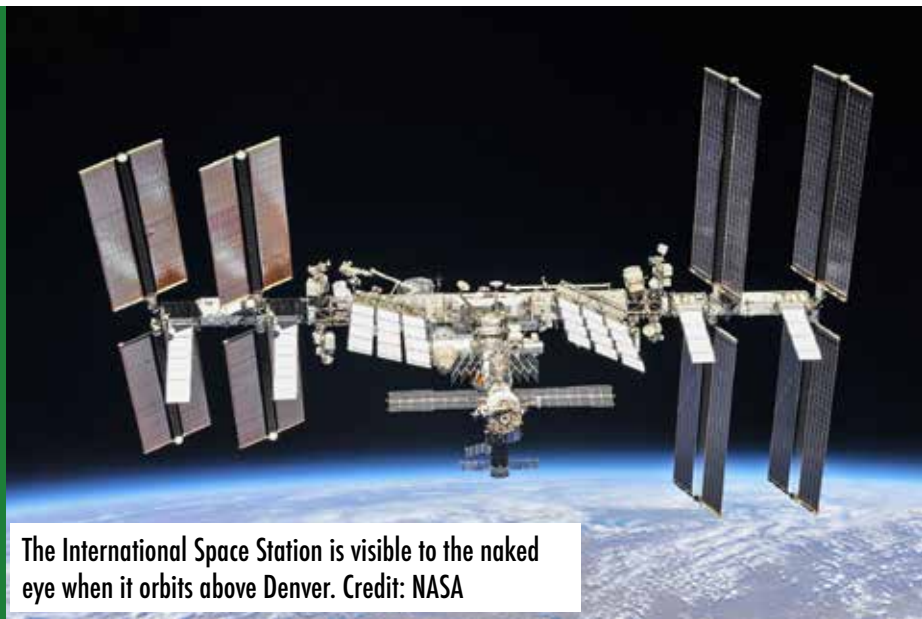
- The Pulse, a Denver Health School Based Health Center (a part of Denver Health Pediatrics), opened in January 2022, to provide DPS students with access to well care, sports physicals, vaccinations, therapy services, and chronic condition management. Service will be provided regardless of insurance status.
- Fall semester saw nine sports competing at district, regional and state championships.
- Four seniors are Boettcher Scholar semi-finalists, and three seniors are Coca-Cola Scholar semi-finalists.

- Thirteen seniors are National Merit semi-finalists.
- GWHS students were invited to the Citywide Choir Festival, served as JROTC Color Guard at the Lowry Speakers Series on Veterans Day, competed at the state level in DECA and Marshall-Brennan Moot Court, enjoyed wins at the national level in Speech and Debate, and inaugurated its E-Sports team into CHSAA competition.
- GWHS students mounted a fall production of Clue! to open their 2021-2022 theater series.
- Family and community volunteers run our GWHS Food Pantry to support students in need.
- Student Leadership prioritizes a welcoming school culture and sets a tone of inclusivity and acceptance.
- Community Learning classes support students' social/emotional well-being and offer students an opportunity to engage with peers outside their grade level and course schedule.
- Advanced coursework is open to all students, including Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses (GWHS boasts the oldest IB Program in Colorado).

As Denver Public Schools' School Choice opens, GWHS invites you to visit its website at gwhs.dpsk12.org/ to learn more about GWHS's diverse programs and opportunities. Go Patriots!

Look up in the sky and maybe meet some neighbors

Jim Brothers, MNI Board Member and
Skywatcher



The International Space Station is visible to the naked eye when it orbits above Denver. Credit: NASA

If you are walking along Severn Place some clear evening, you might encounter us with our eyes on the sky. Stop, say Hi and look up. Chances are we are watching the International Space Station (ISS) pass over Denver as it orbits the earth. It is an exciting feeling to think that there really are people in that bright, planet-looking thing moving quickly across the sky above us.

Although ISS does not pass over Denver every night, it does so often enough that it is not an unusual happening. It orbits the globe every 90 minutes at an altitude of around 250 miles above earth's surface. That orbit continually changes position relative to the earth's surface, so we don't see ISS every night. It is the largest man-made object in space, big enough to cover more than a football field. It is also the third brightest object in earth's sky, out-shown only by the sun and moon, making it easy to spot if you know where and when to look. And, you don't need binoculars or a telescope to see it.

NASA makes it easy to know that where and when. Look up SPOT THE STATION, part of NASA's website at spotthestation.nasa.gov/. There you can register your email address and your zip code to join the over 225,000 of us ISS watchers. NASA will automatically send you an email announcing when ISS will be visible over Denver. That announcement will tell when, where in the sky and how long it will be visible. It moves fast, with ISS usually being visible for only a few minutes, and it is always on time! And

no, I do not get up to observe passes that come at 3 a.m.! Give me a nice warm summer evening. If you can hold your binoculars steady, you might make out ISS's shape.

As I mentioned above, it is an awesome feeling to think about what that fast-moving white light represents and who is in it, maybe looking down at the lights of Denver. It is also a good way to connect with our neighbors. During a summer viewing several years ago, Patricia and Georgia, out for an evening dog walk, stopped to ask what we saw in the sky. That is how I met Patricia Mulligan, our Mayfair Neighbors' president, who later recruited me to my current position on the board. We've become friends since that chance meeting watching the sky!

So, get out and look up!

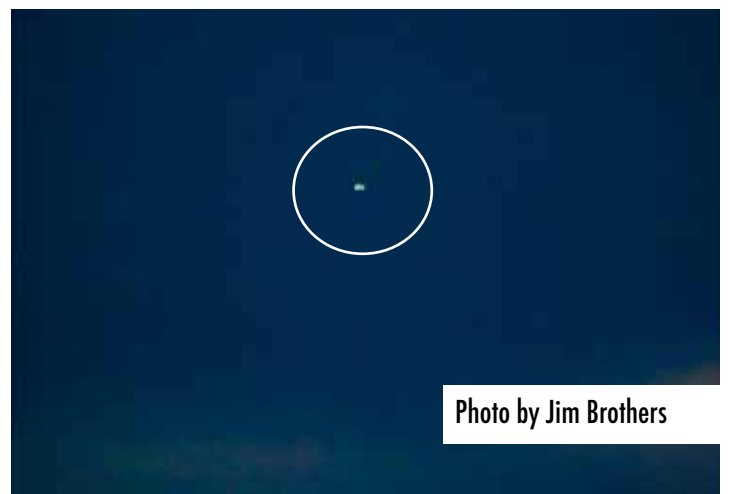


Photo by Jim Brothers



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!

Anticipation

By Jacklyn Medford

Sun always shining

Flowers blooming

Leaves changing colors—

Then falling.

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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.

Park Hill Community Bookstore thrives on support of members, volunteers



The independent bookstore is clearly an endangered species, fighting to survive against big box bookstores, mega retailers like Amazon, and audio books. But, the Park Hill Community Bookstore has defied the odds, recently celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Located in the historic business district at 23rd Avenue and Dexter Street, a short bike or car trip from Montclair, it is one of the few purely nonprofit bookstores in the region and perhaps the only one managed completely by volunteers. There are approximately 20,000 books on the shelves at the store, mostly used, although there is a modest new-title section. The book selection, hardcovers and paperbacks, is eclectic. Non-book items at the store include greeting cards and calendars (in season). Who owns the store? Well, actually no particular individual or group of individuals. In a very real sense it is owned by the community it serves.

The bookstore is open to the public, but has a program that provides generous benefits to members (currently numbering around 650), including a 15% discount on all purchases, and credits that can be used to trade for used hardcovers and paperbacks. Members may also order new books through the store, with minimal markup. Volunteers are entitled to even more benefits, including a 20% discount on all purchases. They perform a variety of tasks, including work behind the front desk, shelving books and assisting with the book inventory system.

Once a week, a book inventory team goes through books that have been donated or brought in for credits. This assures that the inventory remains fresh.

The bookstore's mission is to provide books at reasonable cost, both to members and the general public, and support literacy through donations of books to charitable agencies, such as ARC, the St. Francis Center on Curtis, and other shelters. The store also makes periodic donations to the libraries of local schools and supports various tutoring and literacy programs. Teachers and other educators are entitled to receive complimentary credits above and beyond those provided in a regular membership.

The store helps support the Greater Park Hill Community by selling Garden Tour calendars and Home Tour tickets.

In recent years, the store has tried to expand the age range of its customer/member base, developing a website and expanding its presence on Facebook and Instagram.

The Park Hill Community Bookstore is located at 4620 E. 23rd Ave., in a 1920s-vintage business district that is also the home of Spinelli's Market, the Cherry Tomato Italian restaurant, Honey Hill, a very popular cafe and coffee shop, and other merchants.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

The phone number is 303-355-8508. On the web, you can find the bookstore at parkhillcommunitybookstore.org. The email is parkhillbooks@gmail.com.

Record-breaking year for Park Hill Garden Walk

Park Hill Garden Walk had a successful 2021 event and is looking for volunteers to help with the 2022 event.



The 2021 Park Hill Garden Walk was a resounding success. The best year in our 21-year history. Total revenue was \$18,467, an increase of 42% from 2019. Attendance was estimated to be approximately 850 people. That's about a 40% increase over prior years. We realize part of this success is a result of being denied such events for over a year. Nevertheless, thank you to everyone who attended.

Ticket sales were off the charts, totaling \$11,567. This was a 43% increase over 2019. Equally as exciting is the increase to 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 Bookstore. Thank you so much for your loyal commitment to the Park Hill Garden Walk and the Park Hill community.


Total sponsorships saw a 40% increase over 2019, coming in at \$6,900. 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, Crock Spot, 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 the 2021 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.




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Seeking Park Hill Garden Walk volunteers

We are continually looking for volunteers to work the day of the event. Volunteers work in half-day (3.5-hour) shifts so they can attend the Garden Walk the other half of the day. Volunteers also get a free ticket to the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kate Blanas at klblanas@gmail.com.

The success of the Park Hill Garden Walk doesn't just happen. The Park Hill Garden Walk committee is made up of just eight people who are extremely dedicated to this event and work for months to make it a reality. As a result, we raise funds to support the Greater Park Hill Community mission. Greater Park Hill Community, Inc., is 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.

2022 Park Hill Garden Walk calendars still available

The Park Hill Garden Walk calendar, created specifically for the Colorado Front Range gardener, is back by popular demand. It showcases stunning images of gardens featured in the 2021 Garden Walk and will help you keep your garden plans right on track with timely gardening tips and reminders throughout the year. You'll learn when to plant, prune, fertilize, mulch, watering tips and so much more to create and maintain a beautiful garden. The calendar measures 12" x 24" and is available now for only \$10 at these local area retailers:

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Cake Crumbs Bakery and Café
Spinelli's Market
Oneida Park Dental Studio
Park Hill Community Bookstore

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.

2022 Garden Walk – June 12

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Mayfair's Spring 2022 Shred-a-Thon is scheduled for Saturday, May 14

To remind all of our Mayfair neighbors, members and non-members alike, the Spring 2022 Shred-a-Thon will be held Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m. to noon, in the Mayfair Plaza parking lot, 14th Avenue and Krameria Street. The Shred-a-Thon is a fun event that is often your neighborhood organization's largest single fundraiser. It is also a time when we get an influx of new members joining the 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. Shredding is done onsite, not hauled away to be shredded later. 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. Thanks to Mayfair Neighbors board members Dan Percefull and Dave Emick for sponsoring this event. We're looking for one more sponsor if you are interested. Jackie Medford, Mayfair Neighbors board member, has again organized the event.

Our October Shred-a-Thon was one of our greatest successes ever! People were lined up before 8:30 a.m. and it was a steady stream until noon. Many, many Pro-Shred trash cans went into the truck and we made enough money to get 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 those who renewed their memberships! We also got people who expressed interest in volunteering and joining the Mayfair Neighbors board! But none of this could have happened without the sponsorship of Dan Percefull from RE/MAX Cherry Creek Mortgage, a Board member interested in our lovely neighborhood and willing to help anyone who needs help. Thanks Dan!

We hope to see everyone on Saturday, May 14!



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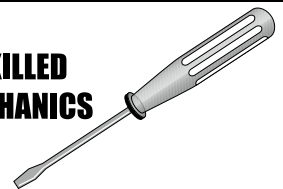
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City Council Corner

By Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer

Hello neighbors! 2022 promises to be another busy year in the City of Denver. Our office is working on many projects in response to community concerns, including two traffic studies and our gun buyback program. There are also numerous City-wide initiatives and events happening and I hope that you will get involved!

An update on 13th and 14th Avenue traffic

concerns. As part of the East Area Plan planning process, the City studied traffic patterns on 13th and 14th Avenues and identified several areas where traffic calming measures are needed. Construction of these treatments was delayed due to COVID budget constraints; however, they will begin this spring. In addition to these safety upgrades, the City is taking another look at both 13th and 14th from Elm to Hudson due to the number of crashes. They are considering what additional measures to implement in this particular area. Stay tuned for further information as it becomes available.

Eighth Avenue traffic study final recommendations.

Our traffic study of Eighth Avenue from Colorado to Quebec is complete! You can view the full memorandum of recommendations or the simplified one pager by visiting bit.ly/8thAveTrafficStudy. The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) is now planning work on some of the changes we identified, and we expect to see upgrades being installed as early as this summer. Due to budget constraints, the implementation of these proposed changes will span the next several years. Thank you to all the community members who participated in this process.

Additional 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 S. Dayton Street from Alameda Avenue to Mississippi Avenue. These two studies will include surveys, data collection, and community meetings.



Help us improve Sixth Avenue safety by taking the survey at bit.ly/6thAveSurvey until April 1, and join us for two community meetings to discuss the data collected and possible solutions later this summer. Find more information and dates for these events on our social media pages.

Spring Parks Clean Up Day on Sunday, May 15.

Volunteers' energy and enthusiasm drive our twice-a-year Clean Up Days. Join us on Sunday, May 15, from 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. to clean half of District 5's City-managed Parks. Rain date: Sunday, May 22.

Register at bit.ly/SpringParksCleanUp22.

Redistricting Denver 2022. Every 10 years, City Council is required to draw new district boundaries based on Census data. Denver has 13 council members and a mayor. The mayor and two at-large council members are elected by all residents of Denver, whereas 11 council members are elected by residents of their council district. In January, Denver residents were encouraged to Define Your Denver with Maptitude using Redistricting Rules for Council per Resolution 21-1059. In February, City Council hosted a series of six public meetings to gather feedback from the public on the proposed maps. Council will vote on



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final district boundaries at the end of March. For the most up-to-date information, please visit www.denvergov.org/redistricting.

Virtual blood drive. On Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, Denver City Council adopted Proclamation 22-0025. January is now Blood Donor Month in Denver! The proclamation recognizes Vitalant for its lifesaving work, and announced the 2022 Southeast Denver Blood, Platelet & Plasma Donation Drive. Although the virtual drive has ended, the registration link stays active year-round. Blood donations are critically low right now, and Vitalant needs our support. Please consider making a pledge this spring by visiting northeast.vitalant.org/LP=28?drive_code=DEN10315&division=MOUNTAIN@ion=DEN.

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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The Real Estate Market (No.52)

By David Bromberg, a Mayfair Neighbor



2021 Year in Review (and a peek at 2022)

The table shows five years of MLS activity (I have data going back to 2005) for the Mayfair area detached homes (Sixth Avenue to Colfax Avenue, Colorado Boulevard to Monaco Parkway). The number of homes Closed was up 12% from last year's activity, while the average price was up another whopping 12%.

Average days on market in 2021 was down 65% to eight from 23 in 2020 (only two homes, both on Locust, were on the market for more than eight weeks). Nineteen homes were Pending within the first full day on market. Just over half of the homes Closed (105) were under contract within four days of going on the market, a strong indication that multiple offers may have been received. There was \$171 million in homes Closed vs. \$137 million in 2020. On average, homes Closed for 105% of the original list price, up from 99% in 2020.

I always enjoy analyzing the data and creating useful and interesting information. Closed prices ranged from \$415,000 to \$1,967,500. 124 homes (61%) Closed for more and 26 homes (13%) Closed right at the original asking price leaving 26% selling below original price (compared to 49% below in 2020). At the extremes, one home Closed for \$260,000 (19%) above the original list price and a home Closed for \$165,000 (22%) less than the original list price. There were 158 different Closed prices for the 203 transactions with \$775,000 being the most popular Closed price (5 homes). There were 38 homes (18.7%) that Closed for a million dollars or more, up from 30 (16.5%) in 2020.

Activity shows some interesting trends in homes built in the pre- and post-World War II era. This was the most active time for home construction in the neighborhood. There were 16 homes Closed last year that were built in 1942, 13 from 1951 and 12 from 1947. The most popular streets for home sales in 2021 (as well as 2020 & 2019) were Locust

with 20 Closed and Hudson with 12 Closed. The most popular street block for home sales was the 700 block (700 to 799 street numbers) with 40 sales which indicates how strong the market is considering the proximity to Eighth Avenue.

Six homes sold twice in 2021 through the MLS which indicates to me that they were flipped (many homes to be flipped are bought outside of the MLS and are not easily identifiable). The average time between sales was 5.5 months and the average increase in Closed price was \$355,000, representing a 51% average price increase. One wonderfully updated Tudor style home sold for a 90% increase. It was purchased for around \$500,000 and sold for \$950,000. If you are curious about other historical trends in Mayfair, please contact me and I would be happy to investigate.

The above information is for detached homes only listed as Closed in the MLS. I will provide an analysis of the active and growing attached home market (condo and townhomes) in the next issue of The Mirror.

What can we expect in 2022?

It is too early to forecast how the full year 2022 will shake out but January demand was similar to 2021. Supply continues to be at an all-time low and interest rates are historically still very good but increasing. Higher prices and interest rates will impact affordability in 2022. As I write this article, there are seven Active and 11 Pending homes in the study area (numbers reported last year were six and 15 respectively). Rent rates have continued to climb, which makes homeownership a viable alternative for many (depending on lifestyle and personal circumstances). Interest rates are up from the historic lows we enjoyed during the pandemic but are still below 4%. The fundamentals in Denver point to another strong real estate year.

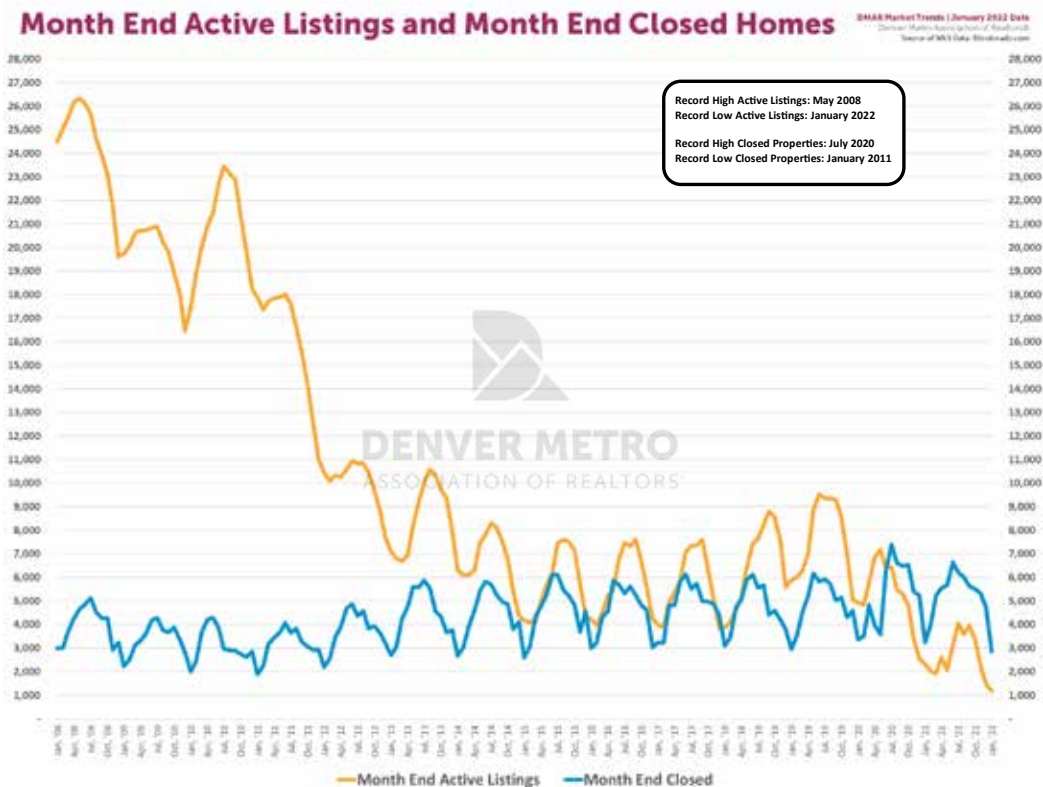
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Five years of Mayfair detached home activity

Year	# Closed	Average Closed \$	Median Closed \$	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Sq. Ft. \$	Average Days On Market
2005	262	354,615	301,111	1,392	262	51
2017	191	602,843	550,000	1,507	423	33
2018	144	663,291	600,500	1,544	456	22
2019	167	674,369	597,000	1,542	468	28
2020	182	752,631	650,000	1,545	512	23
2021	203	843,326	775,000	1,529	586	8
2018 vs 2017	-25%	10%	9%	2%	8%	-33%
2019 vs 2018	16%	2%	-1%	0%	3%	27%
2020 vs 2019	9%	12%	9%	0%	9%	-18%
2021 vs 2020	12%	12%	19%	-1%	14%	-65%

Based on Information from REColorado, Inc. for the period Jan-01-2021 through Dec-31-2021 NOTE: This representation is based in whole or in part on data supplied by REColorado, Inc. REColorado, Inc. does not guarantee nor is in any way responsible for its accuracy. Data maintained by REColorado, Inc. may not reflect all real estate activity in the market.

The chart below shows a slow and steady home sale history (blue line) for the past 14 years. The supply of homes (orange line) shows the swing in market from the financial crisis in 2008-10 and the limited supply in 2020-21. (Seasonality in our market is very evident)





Snow removal rules in Denver

By Denver.org

It will be early March when you receive the Spring 2022 issue of the Mayfair Mirror. Most of us are thinking of spring and will think that this article is a bit late. However, as anyone who has lived in Denver for more than a few winters knows, March, April and even early May can bring substantial snowfall. So, here is a reminder of Denver's rules on snow removal from sidewalks, driveways and pedestrian ramps. These apply to all of our homes and businesses in Mayfair.

Shoveling

Denver requires that property owners clear snow and ice from their sidewalks, including adjacent ADA ramps, so that **EVERYONE** has safe access throughout the city! Senior citizens, people with disabilities, parents with strollers, and mail carriers — just to name a few — struggle to negotiate hazardous walkways. We need to do our part to make our community safe and accessible for all.

Timing: After snow has stopped falling, businesses need to begin clearing their sidewalks immediately. Residences need to clear their sidewalks by the next day.

Inspectors leave a time-stamped notice at properties with un-shoveled sidewalks. After receiving a notice, businesses have four hours and residences have 24 hours before the inspector's re-check and a potential \$150 fine.

Report A Problem: If it has been more than 24 hours after a snow event and sidewalks near you are still not shoveled, please contact Denver 311 to provide the address of the unshoveled sidewalk.

Tips: For how to properly shovel snow, please visit [Denver Health's Snow Removal Injury Prevention](http://DenverHealth.org)



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How to winterize your vehicle

By Capital Dent Masters

We've got a mind refresher of the top tips for everything from driving in the snow, an emergency kit list, what to check on your vehicle and how to best protect the body of your vehicle from the harsh winter elements.

The best tip for driving in the snow is to not go out unless you have to. If you do need to go out, your best bet is to be a defensive driver. It will take longer to get everywhere, so leave as early as you are able to so as to not rush, buckle up, and drive slowly with caution. Give yourself time to clean off all of the snow from your vehicle and let the engine warm up. Snow that falls off of your car as you drive can be a hazard for other drivers.

One of the top things to remember once you are on the road is to give yourself some extra space, especially if you are driving without snow tires. The roads become slick in the snow, which means you should not brake or accelerate suddenly. You should not use cruise control while driving in the snow. Experts recommend leaving eight to 10 seconds between yourself and the vehicle in front of you.

Should you get stuck in the snow, stay where you are. Staying warm while calling for help should be your top priority. Before you spend an extended period of time in your vehicle, be sure to clear the exhaust pipe of any snow or debris to ensure the carbon monoxide is properly exiting your vehicle. Pull out the items from your roadside car emergency kit, and get yourself settled for the situation at hand.

Having a kit in your vehicle for the "uh oh" moments in life can help ease an already stressful situation. You can be more comfortable while waiting for help to arrive, or even get yourself back on the road. Some of our top items for a winter roadside kit include extra hats, gloves and scarves, blankets, food and water, a flashlight, an ice scraper, jumper cables, and a charging battery. You could even customize your kit with things that brings you warmth and comfort like instant hand warmers, a pocket knife or a book. If you frequently drive in snow or remote locations, you can include tools to repair chains, rescue flares, rock salt, and a towing rope.



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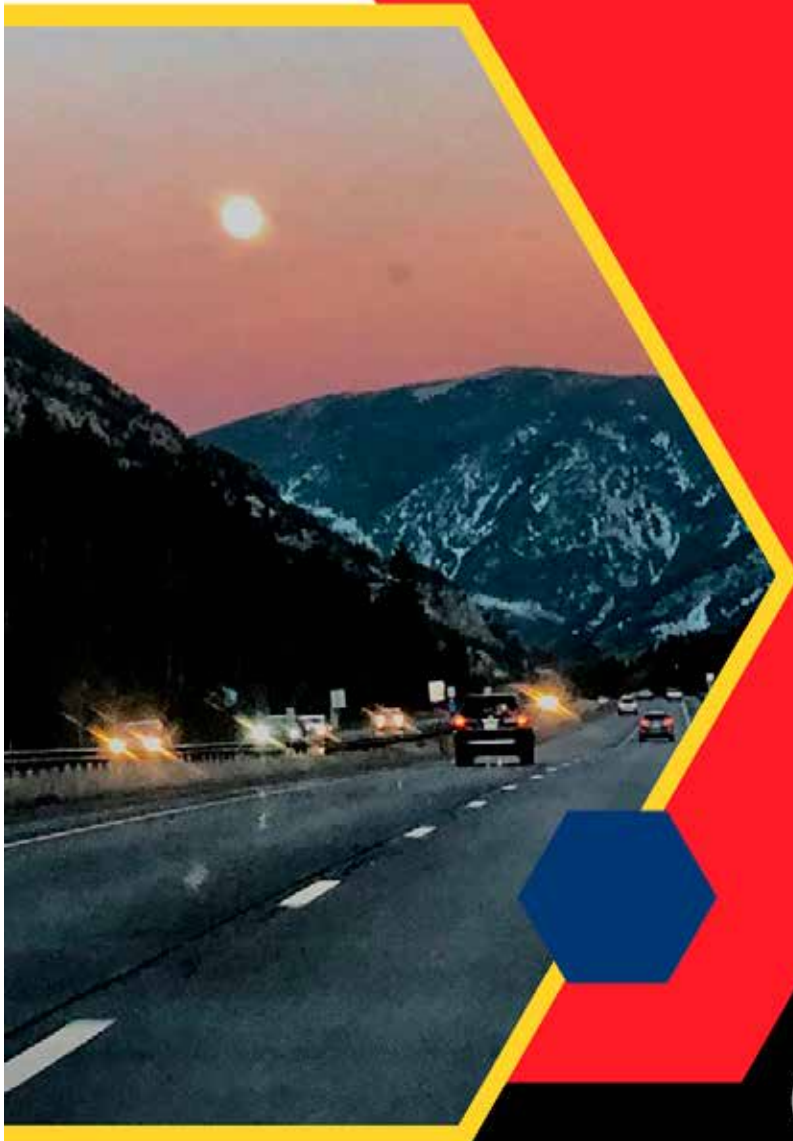
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Before you drive in bad weather, make sure the tread on your tires is adequate, or consider changing to snow tires for the season. Check your vehicle's battery, heater and filter, oil and antifreeze levels, and windshield wipers.

There are many things you can do to help protect the exterior of your vehicle during the winter. Over time, road salt can erode the paint on the exterior of your vehicle. This easily leads to the metal of your vehicle rusting. Our top method to protect and maintain a beautiful, rust-free coat of paint on your vehicle this winter begins with detailing your vehicle. Adding a protective layer to your paint like paint sealant, clear bra, or ceramic coating increases the

barrier between your paint and the elements. Regularly hand washing your vehicle will prevent any salt from causing harm. Always use covered parking when available. Otherwise, only use soft brushes to remove snow from your vehicle.

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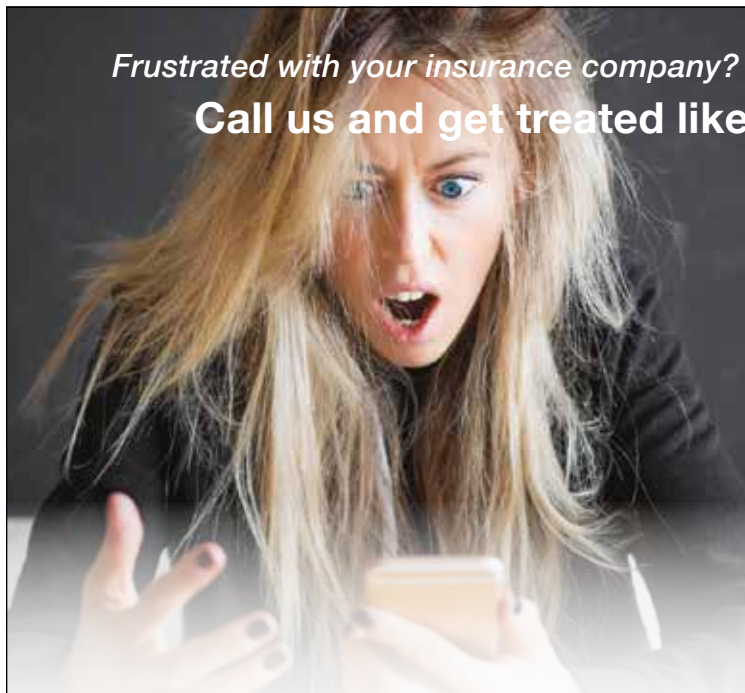
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