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2011 University Park Home Tour

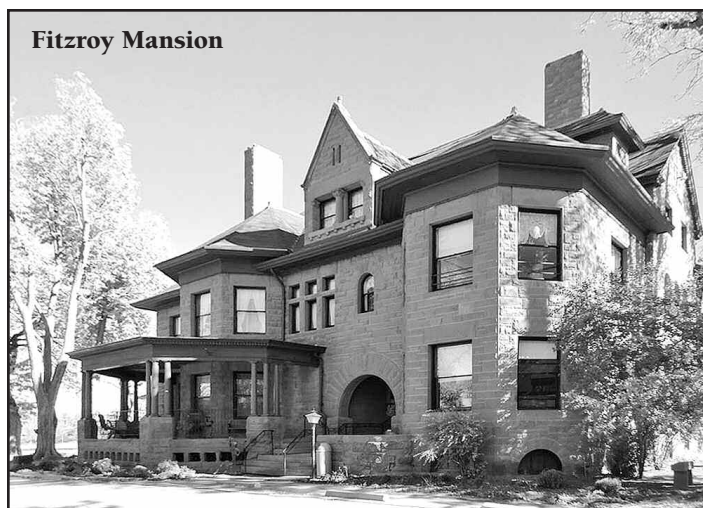
May 1, 2011, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. • From Historic To Modern

Tour Includes Concrete Home And A Mansion Of Red Stone

It's hard to imagine a home tour with more diversity than University Park Elementary School's upcoming 2011 event. This year, home selections that honor the very old and the very modern will make for a fascinating affair. The tour will take place Sunday, May 1, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All proceeds from the Home Tour go directly to help pay for a full-time PE teacher, a technology teacher, and paraprofessionals for the classrooms (teacher's assistants).

Highlighting the tour this year will be the 118-year-old Fitzroy Mansion, now the home of Accelerated Schools. Jane Queen, executive director of the school, is excited about being part of the tour, and exclaims "she has always been pro-active about reaching out to the community. The home tour is yet another opportunity for us to participate in a wonderful neighborhood event."



Fitzroy Mansion

Constructed of red stone in 1893, this historic 22,000 square-foot mansion was originally built by Elizabeth Iliff Warren, widow of John Wesley Iliff, a successful cattle baron and Denver philanthropist. Many of the original furnishings and artifacts — including tapestries, chandeliers, and paintings — still enhance the interior beauty of the mansion. In addition to the mansion, the property also houses the carriage house and the 1890s cottage. The Fitzroy Mansion is named to the National Historical and the Denver Historical Society, and both the mansion and carriage house were designated local historic landmarks in 2008 by Denver City Council. This designation protects the architectural integrity of a property, and further prohibits its demolition.

This year's tour also features the historic Chamberlin Observatory, and five fabulous homes that showcase something for everyone.

Other homes in the tour include:

- Mediterranean/Tuscan Style home with Asian décor and five bedrooms, a sunroom, and solar energy which generates 70 percent of the total electrical draw annually.
- The "Holland House," built by Eugene Groves in 1933 using an all concrete building technique he later patented in 1937. With a goal of designing for "simplicity, economy, and efficiency," even the kitchen countertops, tables, seating, and bed units are made of reinforced concrete. Designated

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University Park Community Council Spring General Meeting Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Just a reminder about the next general UPCC meeting: it will be held at the University Park Elementary School auditorium, with a half hour of socializing starting at 6:30 p.m.; and the meeting starting at 7 p.m. Here is the agenda:

6:30 to 7 p.m. — Social Time with Neighbors
7 to 7:05 p.m. — Welcome from the president of UPCC, Tom Gonnella

7:05 to 7:15 p.m. — Dana Williams, Principal of University Park Elementary

7:15 to 7:35 p.m. — Charlie Brown, City Council, District 6

7:35 to 7:45 p.m. — DU Updates, Neil Krauss

7:45 to 8:20 p.m. — "Spring into the Garden — Tips on Getting Ready for the New Gardening Year" — Panayoti Kelaidis, Senior Curator and Director of Outreach, Denver Botanic Gardens

8:20 to 8:30 p.m. — Wrap Up and remaining questions

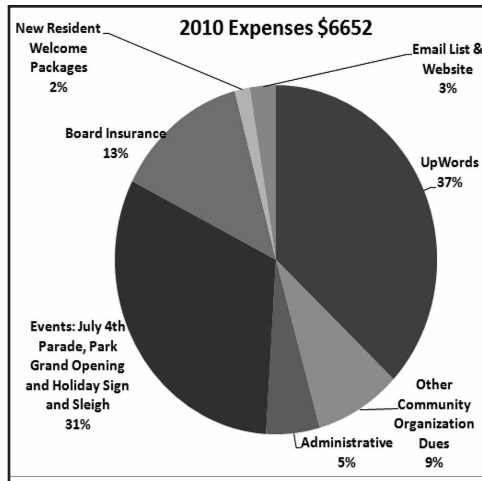
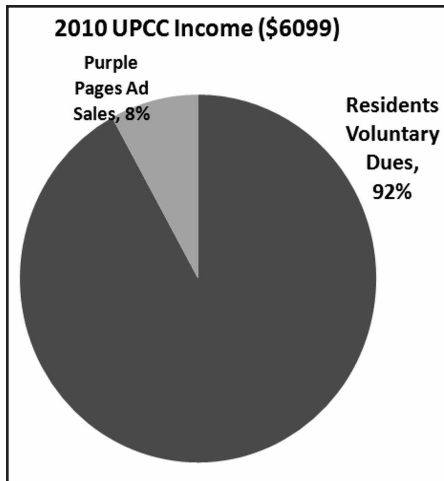
How Do We Use Our UPCC Funds?

In 2009, the UPCC had a 30 percent budget shortfall between expenses and revenues. In 2010 we closed the gap to just under a 10 percent shortfall. Our expenses stayed nearly the same (\$6,592 in 2009 versus \$6,652 in 2010) but our dues payers increased in 2010. If you were a dues payer in 2010, **we thank you** for helping us close the gap! Now, we are looking to 2011 to be the year we no longer have a shortfall. UPCC's treasury depends on University Park resident voluntary dues, and we couldn't fund the Fourth of July Parade, the annual Holiday Sing & Sleigh Bells,

or many other community projects without your continuing support. If you have never been a dues payer or you have yet to pay in 2011, please consider doing so. Annual dues (voluntary) are \$20 per household, and \$15 for seniors (see tear-sheet, on back.)

How do we spend these funds? Below are two pie charts showing a breakdown of UPCC income sources and how we divide up our expenses. (Questions? E-mail vp@upcc.us.)

Submitted by Dana O'Connor, Vice President and David Seymour, Treasurer



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by the Denver City Council in August 2010 as a "protected" individual landmark, this is one of four concrete homes built by Eugene Groves.

- The Babcock house, a Victorian dream with beautiful gingerbread details in bright Victorian colors originally built in 1892. Although it has since been remodeled, owners have preserved the original

architecture, especially the spectacular front staircase, stained glass windows and the mirrored mantle in the living room. John Babcock is known as a man with a passion for education who served on the District 35 school board from 1888 to 1891 and established two schools, Coronado (1886) and University Park (1893).

- A charming cottage still featuring the original built-in curio cabinets in the entryway and wild roses surrounding the home.

A silent auction, bake sale, and a book fair will be part of the festivities. Advance tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in the office at University Park Elementary School, 2300 South Saint Paul Street in Denver or at www.uparkhometour.org. Ticket price is \$20 the day of the tour. For more information call Amy Homburger at 303-725-8431 or uparkpta@gmail.com.

Edited by Paula Smith, UpWords Editor

UPCC E-mail Notification List

Stay connected and informed by signing up for the UPCC e-mail notification list. We send monthly e-mails as well as e-mails when there is something time sensitive that needs to be communicated to our residents. To learn more about our list and read recent e-mails visit www.upcc.us/email.

Submitted by Dana O'Connor, Vice President

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Crime Statistics For University Park

Crime statistics specific to University Park, as well as other major Denver neighborhoods, are available at:
www.denvergov.org/denvermaps/crime_mapping. Acknowledge the disclaimer and select "University Park" from the neighborhood selection. A map displays, indicating crime incidents, and their locations and types throughout the neighborhood. You can scroll down the page to see specific dates, times, locations, and crime types throughout the area. You can visit the Denver Crime Statistics link also via our Web site at:
<http://upcc.us/safety.html>.

Neighborhood Garage Sale

June 11, 7a.m. to 2p.m.

Pam Adams and Jennifer Schmidt are organizing a garage sale for the University Park neighborhood. All neighbors are invited to hold their own sale in the front yard (proceeds are yours to keep) or participate in the Centralized Sale at Upark Elementary (proceeds donated to Upark Elementary and University Park Community Council). The event will be advertised in advance and sandwich board signs will be placed at major intersections the day of the sale to direct shoppers into the neighborhood. A charity organization will be scheduled to pick up any working, useable items after 3 p.m. the day of the sale. Interested?

For more information on the event, visit www.upcc.us/gs or contact Pam Adams, AdamsCoRE@aol.com or 303-898-3598.

Nominate A UPCC Officer For The Upcoming Annual Election

Annual elections for UPCC officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) are held at the May General Meeting. The Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of candidates to be presented at the meeting for a vote.

To suggest a candidate or participate on the Nominating Committee, please call Ellen Van Ness-Seymour (303-759-2488) or Pam Adams (303-796-7000), Co-Chairs of the Committee.

Be Vigilant As Summer Approaches — Safety Tip Reminders

The recent buzz around the neighborhood has raised serious concerns about a rash of petty crimes such as vehicle break-ins and garage robberies. As summer approaches, neighbors should be increasingly vigilant to keep garage doors closed, and to lock both their house and vehicle doors. Keep in touch with your neighbors and call the police if you see unusual activity. Call the **District 3 Non-Emergency Number** if something or someone doesn't look right. **720-913-2000, Press 1** and they will send an officer out.

Remember these safety tips:

- Know your neighbors and keep an eye out for one another
- Be vigilant at all times and know your surroundings
- If possible, walk/exercise in groups or pairs
- Always keep a cell phone on your person
- Always lock your vehicle, and never leave anything of value in your vehicle
- Increase exterior lighting
- If out of town, set timers on interior lights, and ask a neighbor to pick up mail or newspapers

Work To Start At Buchtel/S. Columbine

This Spring the Dept. of Public Works will begin work to reconfigure the intersection of Buchtel Blvd. Pkwy., S. Columbine St., and E. Jewell Ave. The east half of the E. Jewell block between S. Josephine and S. Columbine will be vacated, closing the Jewell entry/exit at Buchtel. The vacated land will be added to Buchtel Centennial Park, and a sidewalk will be constructed from Columbine to Josephine. Buchtel will be aligned, to make a much safer intersection. North end alley traffic access will be at Josephine, and it is requested that parking be removed from the remainder of Jewell. This work is part of the Better Denver Bond Project. It will greatly facilitate pedestrian and bike traffic to reach the DU light rail station and other destinations, and will result in a much safer intersection.

Submitted by Diana Helper, UPCC Open Space and Parks Chairman

Highlights From The Observatory

Chamberlin Observatory has joined Twitter at: www.twitter.com/Chamberlin_Obs. Don't miss out on special "Moon Saturdays," scheduled May 14, June 11, July 9, and August 6, from 7-10 p.m. On clear Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the Observatory is typically open for viewings with astronomers at 8 p.m. Go to <http://mysite.du.edu/~rstencel/Chamberlin/> for dates and times of the Observatory's upcoming events.

WUCA Dissolves

UPCC's longtime neighbor to the west, West University Community Association (WUCA), has dissolved its Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO). WUCA members may meet with West University neighbors, or other groups in the original WUCA area. We will miss WUCA, but wish all its active residents continued good work on neighborhood concerns, including those shared by UPCC.

UPCC Event Coordinator Needed

An event coordinator is needed to help with our annual events (July 4th parade and Sing and Sleigh on December 4th). The time commitment is minimal but we need someone who is organized, willing to run a few errands and be the leader at the event. If interested in a way to get involved and spread joy to the neighborhood, e-mail Dana O'Connor at vp@upcc.us.

Good Neighbors Meeting At DU

April 26, 7 p.m.

DU's Driscoll Center Building

(North side of bridge over Evans)

All neighbors are welcome at the "Good Neighbors" meetings. Discussions focus on traffic, building plans, events and other issues concerning both DU and University Park.

Graffiti Help Available

UPCC Vice President Dana O'Connor, 2219 South Harrison Street, continues to offer help with eradicating neighborhood graffiti. She has worked with Denver Solid Waste Management to provide graffiti wipes, dumpster paint, and green paint at no cost. If you have a graffiti problem, you may contact Dana at 303-920-0193 or vp@upcc.us. The UPCC is also looking for someone to help spearhead a graffiti clean-up day in the neighborhood. UPCC would provide supplies in a central location and a team of volunteers would canvas the entire neighborhood painting and erasing all graffiti in sight. If interested in helping with this great cause, contact Dana.

So Thank You!! Recent Dues Payers!

(Two lists this time...one for 2010 and the other for 2011)

The following residents paid dues in November/December of 2010; however, our database malfunctioned at the end of 2010 and if you did pay and have not been recognized, please e-mail vp@upcc.us and we will make sure you are acknowledged in the next issue of *UpWords*. See the second list, below right, for the 2011 Dues Payers.

Dues Payers In 2010:

Becky & Brian Schaub
Bill & Kathleen Winn
Bill & Shirley Berct
Brent & Janice Nelson
Calvin & Shirley
VanHeukelem
Carol & Richard McMahon
David & Mary Glaser
Deborah Lands
Donna & Larry Peterson
Eliza Prall & Bill Carleton
Garry & Dale Appel
Jen & Brian Frenkel
Jill Boice & Bob Trout
Jim & Katy Park
Joyce Haen
K. Sue Giovanini
Kathleen Akin & Nick R.
Edyvane
Larry & Sue Apple

Larry Moore
Lyn & David Hills
Lynn & Bo Dexter
Mary Aline O'Donnell
Matthew & Sarah Schnittman
Mike & Rosemary Devlin
Nina & Cray Healy
Pat & Wills Long
Patrick & Mary Sullivan
Patty Lynch & Clay Whitlow
Peter Rockwood & Karen
Coffey
Russ, Kathy, Emily & Hannah
Thomas
Ryan & Lisa Zorn
Susan & Curt Blattner
Susan & Tom Larkin
Tom & Margaret Colbert
Tyler & Jill Moore
Vance & Phyllis Allen
Vicki Dodd

Dues Payers In 2011:

Marc & Kristin Able
Julie Anderies
Howard & Carol Atkins
Vivian & Janet Bardwell
Letty Bass
Bill & Shirley Berg
Ryan & Briea Berry
Pat & Martha Cashen
Leslie & Charles Cavness
Cynthia G. Daniels
Richard & Tam Frye
Greg & Helen Fulton
Ann & Jeff Garfinkel
Mimi Haas
Diana & John Helper
Stephanie Hensel
Tyrone & Mary Holt
Phil & Debbie Homburger
Jim Black

Mary Anne & Dave Keyte
Randy & Sarah Levine
Bob & Natalie Mesko
Mary & Randy Miller
Mike Morgan
Michele & Greg Morris
Mary Myers
Melissa Nowakowski
Claire O'Neal
David Peck
The Petersen/Williams family
William & Nancy Rector
Lee & Pam Reichert
Megan Schlegel
Virginia Shanks
Jo Ann Slater
Muffy & David Steinhoff
Robert Dwyer & Michelle
Vogt
Nicole Warot

UPCC Voluntary Dues 2011

Please fill out the following form and send it with your check for UPCC dues (\$20, \$15 seniors) to UPCC treasurer June Morgan, 2100 S. Monroe St., Denver, CO 80210. Another payment option: Use PayPal to pay your dues online by visiting www.upcc.us/support. During the current economic downturn, the UPCC has received fewer contributions. We encourage those who are able to increase their donations to help us compensate for this shortfall. **Thank you!**

Date _____

Name _____

Phone # _____

Street Address _____

Amount enclosed _____

Neighborhood interests or concerns _____