

the Lower Chautauqua Neighborhood Newsletter

Free Home Energy Audit Award winning entry by Madelyn Clair, 1516 Columbine Avenue

(sing along: Home on the Range)

Oh I live in a home
Where the cold freely blows
Through our charming but old window panes

Built in 1939
Added on two more times
This poor house needs your audit today

Chorus:
NOOOOO insulation
Was everrrr found in the walls
So we blew in some stuff
But it's not quite enough
Cause our heating bill we cannot pay!

Says Madelyn, "Everybody in the neighborhood loves the light in my house ... especially the wall of windows in the living room. But at night.. the dark dirty secret is that our living room is uninhabitable. The cold radiates off the windows, leaks through doors, and COMES UP THROUGH THE FLOORS! Oy vay! Please help!

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news & notes...

Bobcat Lore - Thanks to Elaine McCoy Walford, a resident of 1434 Baseline, for providing the piece on Bobcat Lore by Avia Venefica. Elaine spent several years living in a tipi at Gold Lake Ranch, writing and studying Native culture. "It's always fascinated me," says Elaine, "and I learned to more deeply appreciate our animal friends during that time." Elaine passed this on after seeing the photos of the bobcat in my family's backyard.

Share! - A reminder to contact me if there are events or neighbor's stories you want to share with *On the Corner* readers.

Bus Pass - Your block may be eligible for RTD Eco Pass through. For more info call our Eco Pass coordinator Jim Hartman, 303-448-1823

Chautauqua - Become a member & support our local and National Historic Landmark - www.chautauqua.com

Carousel of Happiness - A 501(c)3 non-profit organization needs your financial contribution to finish the final stage of construction of the building that will house Boulder County's only carousel & one of only a few in the West. Help make it turn by spring of 2010. To learn more go to www.carouselofhappiness.org

Energy Efficient Digs? Keep your eyes peeled for a Home Energy Audit Event sponsored by Standard Renewable Energy (SRE) and Goodacre & Co. Real Estate. The free event will show you examples of how to improve energy inefficiency at the home of David & Madelyn Claire. In her winning entry, Madelyn penned a song declaring why her home should win a free energy audit from SRE (see opposite page for entry). Date and time TBD.

Love is in the air - A Valentine's concert and sing-along with Mollie O'Brien & Rich Moore and Pete & Joan Wernick Saturday, February 13, 8:00 pm in the Community House at Chautauqua. \$17 (Members \$14) 303-444-3282 or buy tickets Online <http://www.chautauqua.com/tickets.htm>
Come share in an evening of love songs with these gifted and well-known couples. There will be a special place for your voice in the sing-along, and refreshments will be served. Treat your valentine to this special celebration!

CWA - Check out the 62nd Annual Conference on World Affairs right here in Boulder at the University of Colorado from April 5 -9, 2010.

Director and our neighbor Jim Palmer says this year promises to have lots of new faces in addition to the familiar faces we've seen before.

Fourth quarter come-back? A late 4th quarter surge didn't do much to improve the overall sour market here in 2009. Compared 2009 to 2008? The number of home sales was *down* 74%. The average sales price was *down* 23%. Median sales price was *down* 13.5%. It took almost 2 months longer to sell these homes. The good news? The 4th quarter and part way into the 1st quarter we've seen good activity, especially at the higher end.

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Next time you use the Skunk Creek tunnel, under Broadway, at the lower end of Mariposa Ave. please consider pitching any trash you see into the trash container near the stone bench on the east side of the tunnel.

Thanks, on behalf of the Boulder City Improvement Association 2, for pitching in!