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In the summer of 1967, Takahashi embarked on an exploration in Japan with the Colorado Mountain Club. His itinerary included Mt. Fujiyama, the central Japanese Alps and the peaks of Kirishima and Ishizuchi among others; however there were also stops at hot springs, thermal baths and leisure resorts, so the trip did offer some relaxing opportunities in addition to adventure. "Dr. Takahashi reports the outing will wander as far afield as possible from the usual tourist traps and tourist circuit," the Camera reported. The healer also had an affinity for Japanese swords and served as a consultant on the subject to the Denver Art Museum.

Dr. Takahashi passed away at Boulder Community Hospital on May 26, 2000 at the age of 86. Over the years, he'd been a doctor, father, world traveler, outdoorsman and Lower Chautauqua resident--to name just a few of his many achievements and endeavors. Like so many who live in our neighborhood today, he was a man passionate about people, playing and his profession.

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Sandzen spoke at the Community House that year and declared, "Colorado is an artist's paradise. Material is so abundant here that it is fairly bewildering. It is the greatest sketching ground in the world."

The following year the newsletter of the Colorado Chautauqua Association reiterated Sandzen's words. "Those are strong words, but an artist who has spent a summer at the Chautauqua will not contradict them. There are beautiful scenes everywhere. Just step out of doors and material for a score or a half a hundred pictures is at hand ... Just come along with plenty of paint and canvas and put Mr. Sandzen's statement to the test."

In recent years, art instruction and art appreciation lectures have given way to the more popular music and film and programming. I, for one, would welcome a return to the tradition of summer-long art workshops and lectures on the visual arts. The scenic inspiration remains, and renowned experts are now in our own backyard at the University of Colorado.

Nevertheless, original Chautauquan Jean Sherwood's Boulder Art Association is still going strong. It's the oldest continuously operating art association in Boulder. The group's annual juried art show was held at Chautauqua this past September.

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news & notes...

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

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

July 4th Parade - Thanks to Karen Gall and Krystal Mackey for organizing a successful annual parade and potluck breakfast. A great success again.

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

Real Estate - Once again, there was some healthy activity in the neighborhood during 2nd Quarter. Six deals closed between April 1st and June 30.

Buyers are not paying the high prices of just a few years ago but they are still buying here. Average sales price was down 9.87%. Median sales prices were up 10.9%. Simply put, the median is the midpoint between the most expensive house and the least expensive house sold. Homes are not on the market for very long and they are selling at 96% of asking price. Seems to me that sellers are pricing correctly. Only one home, priced in the high \$600s, failed to sell at all. Again, my opinion is that we are in a great place to experience some positive momentum, maybe baby steps but with overall improved prices down the road. Still, inventory and the number of sales here and around Boulder is as low as it's ever been and this is one factor which keeps prices from bottoming out. As usual, please holler with any questions about this market.

Please Drive Slow - Remember to drive slowly through our neighborhood. We have lots of kids outside cruising around now with the nice weather.

Security - Remember to secure your home anytime you leave to avoid being burgled. There have been some cases of theft in the neighborhood.

Reporting - Thanks to Carol Taylor and Courtney Holden for contributing stories to this newsletter.

Neighborhood Garage Sale - Keep your eyes peeled for garage sale signs on August 13th from 8a-12p at 401 18th Street. For more info or to participate please email Alex Teller at AlexTeller1@gmail.com

Join the Lower Chautauqua Yahoo!group - www.yahogroups.com/group/lowerchautauqua

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Steve Sims, a Mariposa resident, sports a smile on a hill climb on the July 4th parade route during the annual neighborhood holiday parade.

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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!