

Lower Chautauqua Newsletter

Developer, from opposite page...

Dobbins kept a floral theme when he laid out Columbine, Mariposa, and Bluebell avenues. At the time, trains of the Colorado & Southern Railway ran through the University campus and down one lane of what we now call South Broadway. Plans were underway for the Interurban, an electric railroad, soon to run between Boulder and Denver on the same tracks. In 1908, the Interurban's first year, Dobbins laid out and platted the subdivision of Interurban Park. He then added "Chautauqua Avenue" (now King Avenue) south of Bluebell, and he extended Columbine, Mariposa, and Bluebell avenues until they reached the railroad tracks. Not one to mince words, Dobbins ended his subdivision sales pitch with, "Remember that an ounce of action is worth a ton of I'll-think-it-over."

Note: This is the first of Silvia Pettem's historical articles written exclusively for this newsletter. Look for others in upcoming issues. Silvia can be reached at pettem@earthlink.net

Notes...

- 107-year-old Chautauqua makes history...

It's been a landmark for years, but now it's official: Boulder's Chautauqua Park has been added to the list of National Historic Landmarks, officials with the National Park Service announced recently. The park joins 2,500 such sites across the country. There are now 20 in Colorado, and Chautauqua Park is the first in the central Front Range. Excerpt from the *Daily Camera* February 11, 2006 (<http://chautauqua.com/>)

- City of Boulder Spring Clean-up...

The city of Boulder's organics-only Spring Clean-up begins Monday, April 17. Leaves, grass clippings and tree branches will be picked up curbside; non-organic materials will not be picked up. Dates for the pick-up for south side of Baseline to south city limits are April 17 to 28. Leaves and grass should be placed loose at the curb or in paper bags; plastic bags will not be accepted. Tree branches must be cut into lengths no more than six feet long and six inches in diameter. Materials should be placed at the curb no sooner April 10th. Bike lanes must be kept clear. A special drop-off site will be available thru May 19th at the old Colorado Brickyard site located on 63rd Street between Arapahoe and Valmont roads. For more information visit the city's Environmental Affairs Web site at www.environmentalaffairs.com or call the Spring Clean-up Hotline at (303) 448-2282.

- Second annual neighborhood garage sale June 24, 2006!

Did you miss out on last year's community garage sale? It was a great success. Neighbors met new neighbors and we all sold lots of stuff. "Our sale was a huge success, we had a bunch of people come by and we kept selling till 4:30. Once we got started, we couldn't stop. It was also pretty fun." The Urbanowski Family ...keep your eyes peeled for more details on this June event!

- **Water, Water!** There are ditches, (Anderson for example), streams (like Skunk Creek) and other conduits which frequently carry water through the neighborhood. Who has the rights and/or shares to the water? What's the water used for? Do you know answers to these questions? Please let us know. I'll publish the mysteries of the water in the next edition of "On the Corner" just in time for spring runoff.

- Web Tip! Go Online and check out "Google Earth" for a 3D picture of your home from space, <http://earth.google.com/>



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