

Lower Chautauqua Newsletter

Snow Daze!

By Jon Hatch

Welcome to the fourth edition of "On the Corner," a community newsletter designed to share some history of the people and events that have shaped this great neighborhood and also to better connect us as neighbors.

Digging out from these recent snowstorms has been a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and catch up with others. I witnessed some folks shoveling their neighbor's side walks and walkways. Sledding below Four Pines has also drawn a number of families together. What a place to live. Thank you SNOW!

In response to Silvia's previous article about the Oak tree on lower Bluebell Avenue: Those touched by the tree contacted Silvia and shared the tree's history. Check out the story across this page.

Please see the "notes" on the opposite page and catch events and issues that may impact you. A reminder to please feel free to contact me if there are events you want neighbors to know about. And if you have a special story to tell about the neighborhood or a resident please contact me and I will share it with readers in the next "On the Corner". Thanks!

Have a great day! *Jon Hatch*

I intend to distribute the newsletter on a quarterly basis. If you do not wish to receive this mailing please let me know and I will respect your request and remove your name from the mailing list.

'Net Connected Neighborhood?

Are you interested in sharing and seeking information with neighbors through email on topics like;

- gardening tips, like how to recover from hail damage
- community events
- handyman or contractor referrals
- neighborhood zoning ordinances
- personal items for sale, to donate, or trade
- cooking tips and secret recipes
- trash pickup schedules
- local mountain lion sightings and behavior
- flood zone info
- hiking trails
- hosting block parties
- and much, much more

It's called a "LISTSERV." An online tool to facilitate communications just between neighbors in the Lower Chautauqua neighborhood.

This is a FREE service. It is a SECURE service. ABSOLUTELY NO SPAM! And your EMAIL address WILL NOT BE SOLD OR SHARED!

(see LISTSERV in "notes on opposite page)

2006 Home Sales Stats

Diff. from 2005

Average Price/sqft, \$286/sqft.....	Up 8%
Average Price, \$798,475.....	Down 8.6%
Median Price, \$700,000.....	Down 9.4%
Avg. Days on Mrkt, 106.....	2% Longer
Purchase Price to List, 96%.....	UP 1%
Homes Sold, 26.....	Down 21%
Homes Failed to Sell, 7.....	Down 46%

Lowest Priced Home.....\$459,500
Highest Priced home..\$1,883,000

Information from Multiple Listing Service, deemed reliable but not guaranteed.

More on Darwin Andrews and the old oak tree

By Silvia Pettem

After the last issue of "On the Corner" that featured an article on Rockmont Nursery, several property owners in the Lower Bluebell neighborhood reminisced about the old oak tree that stood for many years in the middle of Bluebell Avenue. The tree blew down in a windstorm in 1999.

Eight decades earlier, when Darwin Andrews built his house at 2250 Bluebell in 1919, he also made it the home of his business, the Rockmont Nursery. At the time, Bluebell was a country lane that ended at the nursery. The Altschulers have lived in the since-remodeled home for the past 41 years. The trees on their property are so thick that, in September, a mother bear and her two cubs settled in and took refuge for a day.

But, somehow, the oak tree grew up in the middle of the road. Whether the long dirt lane to the nursery curved around it, or whether the tree just took root and grew, no one knows. Before it was sawn up and carted away, no one had even estimated its accurate age and height. If Andrews planted the tree the year he built his house, the oak would have been 80 years old. Except for native cottonwoods and willows that grow along streams and irrigation ditches, the Bluebell neighborhood before Andrews' time was open and treeless.

John and Sally Holloway bought their property at 2222 Bluebell in the late 1950s. "Bluebell was still a dirt road," said John in a recent interview, "and Darwin's son Phillip Andrews was still raising sheep and horses." John, who was mayor of Boulder in 1962 and 1963, prevailed upon the city council to allow the tree to remain.

He even gave the Boulder a right-of-way into his property so the tree could be protected with an island. The island, with some replacement trees, is still there. *please see Oak next page...*



In 1965, Cindy Holloway posed by the oak tree in front of her parent's home at 2222 Bluebell Avenue. In 1998, a city forester noticed that it had become infested with carpenter ants. The tree blew down in a windstorm the following year.

Photo courtesy John and Sally Holloway.



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