

the Lower Chautauqua Neighborhood Newsletter

...Housel, from opposite page

When Peter Housel died in April, 1905, his second wife, Louisa Wolcott, arranged for his burial in Green Mountain Cemetery. The new burial ground had only been open a year and was still out in the country. Friends and relatives followed Housel's body on a horse-drawn hearse, as the procession slowly made its way from the judge's funeral in the First Presbyterian Church, in downtown Boulder.

Housel's children were outraged that their parents weren't buried together. So they had Eliza's remains dug up and moved, with her stone, from the old cemetery to the new one. Eliza was placed next to her husband, but there was no money left in his estate for his own stone. Louisa died in 1917 and was buried on his other side. And next to her are the re-interred remains of her first husband, Horace Wolcott.

Everyone's together at Green Mountain Cemetery, and Peter Housel now has his stone.

Silvia Pettem writes frequently on local history. Her latest book is "Positively Pearl Street: A Chronicle of the Center of Boulder, Colorado, 1859 to Present," available at local bookstores and at www.silviapettem.com

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news & notes...

-Spring Clean-Up Day! Join the Boulder City Improvement Association (BCIA2) and the city of Boulder in helping to beautify Boulder on Community Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 17. Help clean up Boulder by removing trash/recyclables, planting flowers and pulling weeds from parks, trails and greenways. You pick the location and on-site project leaders will provide directions and supplies. You'll clean from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. followed by an ice cream social at Scott Carpenter Park. All participants will receive a one day pass to the Boulder Reservoir and will be entered into a drawing for some great prizes! For more information and to sign up, visit www.bouldercolorado.gov/pwplan and click on the link for "Community Cleanup Day." You can also sign up or learn more by contacting **Mary Malley** at 303-413-7245 or malleym@bouldercolorado.gov. Or contact Jon Hatch if you want to help clean up the area at Skunk Creek near the Broadway overpass.

-Hip HOP! This summer, the city of Boulder hopes to alleviate some of the parking pressure by introducing the "Hop 2 Chautauqua," a pilot bus that will run every 15 minutes between noon and 10 p.m. from May 10 through Aug. 24. The route will begin at 13th and Pearl streets, head south up Ninth Street to Chautauqua and then go east on Baseline Road to 27th Way. "If (Chautauqua) is such a popular location, we definitely need to provide options other than driving," said Cris Jones, city transportation planner. The reallocated dollars will cover the majority of the Hop 2 Chautauqua's cost, but as a result, the regular Hop bus will run slightly less often -- every 15 minutes instead of every 12 minutes in the summer." *excerpted from the Daily Camera (Wednesday, April 2, 2008)* Oh and by the way, your dog friend(s) will be allowed to ride too.

-Want to leave your vehicle at home? Your neighborhood block could be eligible for **Eco Pass** bus passes offered by RTD. For more information call our new neighborhood Eco Pass coordinator Jim Hartman @ 303-448-1823

-Adopt-a-Park/Median! At the intersection of Mariposa Ave and Bellevue Ave. there is a space available for adoption through the city. There is also an adoptable median at Bellevue and Sierra. Contact info to volunteer to keep these medians clean and pretty is 303-413-7116 or email rosatop@ci.boulder.co.us

-Chautauqua - Become a member and take advantage of membership while supporting our local and National Historic Landmark - www.chautauqua.com

-CWA 2008! Congrats to our neighbor Jim Palmer, director of the annual Conference on World Affairs event, for another successful year at CWA.

-Lower Chautauqua Yahoo!group - Subscribe today (see website address above) and discover what you're missing out on. This has become a valuable resource and there's no cost to you. It's fun, safe and secure. We average only about five messages per month so your email inbox shouldn't be overwhelmed. You're free to unsubscribe at any time. The benefit? Learn form topics ranging from dentist referrals and wild life sightings to local events and city news affecting our neighborhood

-Parade! We're organizing a July 4th neighborhood kid's parade. Keep your eyes peeled for flyers promoting the event.

-Share! A reminder 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". Also feel free to email pictures and captions and I will be happy to publish them next time.

-Henry Vincent Ellwood, Jr. - Our condolences to the Ellwood family for the recent loss of Henry Vincent Ellwood, Jr, age 88, known by many simply as Vinny. I had the opportunity to sit down this past fall with Vinny and his wife Priscilla whom he was married to for 65+ years. They shared great memories of their lives here in the neighborhood with me and I published them in the previous edition "On the Corner." I am happy to send you a copy if you'd like. Again, our best to the Ellwood family.

-Real Estate! See "market watch" on opposite page for 2008 first quarter sales compared to the same time in 2007. Wow! 10 homes sold and closed compared to 3 homes the same time the previous year. It's a much more balanced market right now. And even into the 2nd quarter properties under \$2million are selling relatively fast. Feel free to contact me for more information on our market and for information on marketing your home and how recent market trends might affect the sale of your property.

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Snapshot!



Ethan Hatch holds beetles on a hike in mid-April near 4 Pines. What kind of beetles are they? photo by Jon Hatch



The next time you use the Skunk Creek tunnel, under Broadway, at the east end of Mariposa Ave. please feel free to pitch any trash you see into the new trash container provided by the City of Boulder. I empty out the trash bags there regularly and thank you for pitching in, on behalf of the Boulder City Improvement Association 2.