

the Lower Chautauqua Neighborhood Newsletter

Become Bear Aware! Here are steps to safety as bears begin to forage closer to your home (info provided by city of Boulder)



Bear Proof Your Backyard: Once a bear finds food, it will come back for more!

1. Keep garbage indoors until trash pick up.
2. Feed pets inside and store pet food indoors.
3. Lock Up Grills. Burn barbecues to clean them immediately after use and store indoors.
4. Only Feed Birds in Winter when they need it and when bears sleep. Bears love bird seed and hummingbird feeders. You can also string feeders high out of reach on a cable. This saves your feeder from bear damage too.
5. Never store any food outside. Bears will tear open locked freezers.
6. Keep a clean car. Never leave food, trash, pet food or coolers in your car. Bears will tear open doors and break windshields.
7. Fruit-bearing trees and bushes attract bears. Harvest fruit and vegetables as they ripen. Pick up fallen fruit from the ground. Keep your lawn mowed and free of flowering dandelions and clover.
8. Keep compost clean. Use a 2:1 dry:wet ratio.
9. Educate your Neighbors. If you follow these steps but neighbors don't, bears may still come to your backyard.

If You See a Bear in your Backyard: 1. Stay Calm – If the bear finds no food, it will usually leave.

2. Stay Away – bears may attack when they feel threatened.
3. Warn others – Bring kids and pets indoors. Remind others to keep their distance.
4. Scare That Bear – Make sure the bear has a clear escape path. Make lots of noise like banging pots together, turn on lights. Don't let the bear become comfortable around your home.
5. Remove attractants – After the bear has left, make sure your home is bear proof.
6. If the bear is threatening human safety, pets or destroying property, call the police at 911. Report sightings or encounters at 720-564-2020.

Photo insert; A mother bear and two cubs were photographed in a tree behind neighbor Hal Altshuler's home. Published in the Daily Camera newspaper September 21, 2006.

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news & notes...

-Spring Clean-Up Day! Thanks to the dozen volunteers (pictured below) who joined me in cleaning up trash and weeding the Skunk Creek underpass at the end of Mariposa Ave. A record number of volunteers participated in the annual cleanup event developed by the Boulder City Improvement Association (BCIA2) and the city of Boulder to help beautify Boulder in late May each year. In this area alone we collected a dozen or more large bags of trash.

-Hip HOP! The city of Boulder hopes to alleviate some of the parking pressure by introducing the "Hop 2 Chautauqua," a pilot bus that runs every 15 minutes between noon and 10 p.m. from May 10 through Aug. 24. The route begins 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 the ride is free and your dog friend 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

-Concert in the Park! City of Boulder Parks and Rec series comes to Chautauqua Park on August 4th at 7-8pm.

-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 from topics ranging from dentist referrals and wild life sightings to local events and city news affecting our neighborhood.

-Parade Cancelled! Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to postpone the proposed July 4th neighborhood kid's parade this year. Keep your eyes peeled for the 2009 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 with captions and I will be happy to publish them next time.

-On the Corner back issues - I hope to be getting past issues of "On the Corner" loaded to my website in the coming weeks. Check it out at <http://www.jonhatch.net/on-the-corner/> and share with friends and family around the world.

-\$22million home next door? Owner contemplates offer on 'Glass House' By Alicia Wallace – Daily Camera, published June 13, 2008 Near the top of Bellevue Drive, just east of Chautauqua Park, is the "Glass House." At 9,716 square feet, the five-bedroom, seven-bathroom property sits on 1.24 acres and offers an oversized heated garage, radiant heating, wood floors, multiple-sided glass fireplaces and "additional premium upgrades" throughout the home -- plus a 1,518-square-foot guest house. And at \$21.9 million. 333 Bellevue Drive appears to be the most expensive Boulder County home ever to go on the market. But the listing has been pulled, a move that, the representing broker says, was made because the owner is considering an offer. I'll keep you updated on this one for sure!

-Real Estate! See "market watch" on opposite page for 2008 2nd quarter sales results compared to the same time in 2007. It continues to prove to be a solid and balanced market here. Activity slowed a little from the first quarter this year but there is still a healthy vibe. Feel free to contact me for more information on our market and how recent market and mortgage trends might affect the sale of your home or investment property.

Have a great remainder of the summer. Best to you all! Jon Hatch

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2008 Cleanup Day volunteers at the underpass at Skunk Creek. Thanks volunteers! 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.