

Cheesman Tower West

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HUMBOLDT STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT.... just down the block

How did this historic district also called Humboldt Island get its start? A beautiful mansion on the southeast corner of 10th and Humboldt was originally owned by Frederick Bonfils. His mansion was just one of the Bonfils mansions in Denver. Frederick became a co-owner of the Denver Post and took the paper from small town news to a prominent paper for Denver and Colorado residents. Frederick Bonfils was a man of many talents and a bit of a crook as well. He died in 1933 leaving his estate to his two daughters.

In 1970 the mansion was torn down for ...you guessed it, an apartment building, now a condominium on 1510 East 10th Street. In 1972 the Denver Landmark Preservation Commission designated it as a historic district and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. One idea was not to block mountain views with high storied buildings.

There are 25 houses in two blocks between 10th and 12th on Humboldt Island, but not open for visitors.

PLUMBING REPAIRS...and THANK YOU! Due to the overwhelming response to fix suspect shutoffs, hoses and fixtures in owners' units we completed our additional building water shutoffs in April. During the air-conditioning season, building water shutoffs will only occur the first Tuesday **June-September and then from 9am-Noon** so that the AC is available in the warmer part of the day. Any repairs that are needed may be scheduled with Bridget in these time frames going forward. Plumbers that are familiar with the building are Squeaks, Quality Plus, and Massey but you can use any licensed plumber of your choosing. Let the office know your schedule so we don't have any conflicts. Your neighbors below you really appreciate addressing your plumbing issues. **THANK YOU.!**

SPRING IS HERE! Weather permitting, we plan the switch to **air-conditioning mid-May.**

CONTRACTORS, CLEANING PEOPLE, and anyone bringing in equipment/ supplies must use the back door or garage entry. No equipment should be brought in through our (rather expensive) front doors. Let Bridget and/or Rich know and they will assist.

THANK YOU, BRIDGET.

Several of you have commented positively on the fine work Bridget has done throughout our building. From adding signage where needed, to “deep cleaning”, to overseeing our work order process, Bridget has proven to be a highly skilled and highly valued employee. If you have a chance, give her a “thanks”. It means a lot.

If it’s an emergency after hours just call Weststar at 720-941-9200 ext 1.

When an Owner calls Weststar after hours, the on-call manager will call Rich who then returns to the building to address the emergency. Work may be necessary, and often, only once the issue is located and work completed can it be determined if the repair is the responsibility of the Association or the Owner. Per our Bylaws and Rules, in the event that the problem originates from an appliance, fixture, or activity that is the owner’s responsibility, Rich’s overtime costs will be charged to that owner.

FHA UPDATE: CTW has been recertified for FHA financing. This includes reverse mortgages, second mortgages, and purchase price mortgages. Contact the mortgage broker of your choice.

DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS ARE OPEN FOR SPRING

Did you know that with your membership to the Gardens you can gain entry through a back gate? Our own Board member, Barb Creek is a docent at the Gardens. She tells us the best thing to do is to go there... 1007 York. You can join and sign up for fob which is \$25 per year. The gate locks when the Gardens close and during some special events. Phone 720.865.3500 or visit www.botanicgardens.org. The Botanic Gardens new art exhibit is called **Human Nature**. It's a collection of mostly bronze statues loaned by Craig Ponzio, dated from early 20th century to present (17 in all). There are tours available that guide to various pieces. There is also artwork on display inside main building.

OUR GARDENS: Dog owners, please read:

We (the garden committee) agreed that the problem in the garden plot is mostly due to dogs being allowed to use that area as a bathroom (if one is actually standing in the plot, the smell of dog urine fermenting in the bark mulch is very strong and nasty). There is also evidence (trampled plants) of some foot traffic across the plot. We think that most of the dog traffic in this plot is from **dogs living in this building**. Dogs being walked past the building, do not seem to go in there often; they wait until the fence ends and then head into the lawn.

Come on, folks!

REMINDERS: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00 pm in the Community Room. Attend to learn more about what’s going on in the building. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. The office door will always be open 9-11 am, and 4-5:45pm (may vary on water shut-off days). In case of an emergency after hours, a manager will be on call at Weststar and can be reached at 720-941-9200 ext 1.

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