

Congress for New Urbanism in Denver June 10-14

The 17th annual Congress for New Urbanism returns to Denver June 10-14 and will include a walking tour of 3 new urbanist neighborhoods, including Stapleton! Learn about opportunities in the reurbanization of America at the premier gathering for urbanist education, collaboration and networking.

CNU 17 will be held at the Sheraton Denver Hotel, 1550 Court Place, Denver, CO 80202. For information about registration, call 800-788-7077, email convene@aol.com, or visit www.cnu.org/cnu17

Park Hill Family Bike Ride June 20

Free Family Bike Rides are held the third Saturday of the month through October (except for a Sunday in July). Each 5 mile ride begins at 10am and ends at about 11:30 am. The June ride will start at Joseph's Southern Food at 2868 Fairfax St.

Helmets are required and young riders must be accompanied by an adult (no training wheels). Each ride will end with drawings for prizes and the chance to win a free bicycle, donated by The Bike Depot. Free loaner bikes are available, with 7-day advance notice. For more information, contact the GPHC at (303) 388-0918 or the Park Hill Bike Depot at (303) 393-1963.

Relay for Life, June 26-27

Celebrate with cancer survivors and carnegies and remember those who lost their battle with cancer at Smiley Middle School. At nightfall, participants will light hundreds of luminaries to honor cancer survivors as well as friends and family lost to the disease. Events start at 6pm. The NE Denver Relay for Life includes Stapleton, Park Hill, Lowry, Hilltop and Crestmoor. Teams and sponsors are still needed. Activities for children of all ages. www.nedenverrelay.com

June 12, 5-9pm Summer Art Walk

Visit Aurora's historic original downtown for the East End Arts District's 2009 Summer Art Walk on June 12 from 5 to 9 p.m. The art walk is a self-guided tour that showcases galleries and artist studios in Aurora's 16-block arts district.

The event includes exhibits of pottery, painting, photography, jewelry, prints, sculpture, fiber arts and performing arts. Member galleries and artist studios have refreshments, demonstrations and artists on site.

Start at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library/Municipal Services Center, 9898 E. Colfax Ave. to pick up a map and grab a free pedi-cab to guide you through the district.

Events during the art walk include: the Aurora Symphony Orchestra Wine Social silent auction and tasting; Red Delicious Press' popular "Steamroller Printmaking;" Downtown Aurora Visual Arts' outdoor fashion show at 7 p.m. and roving reports by Cool Lew Gaiter, host of "Friday Night Jazz" on KUVU.

Enjoy free appetizers at La Cueva restaurant and close the evening at the Zephyr Lounge's 2 for 1 happy hour from 5 to 7 p.m. and from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The summer art walk is sponsored by the generous donations from Citywide Bank, Community College of Aurora and Aurora Art in Public Places.

To learn more or obtain a map of the art walk route, call 720-276-2335 or visit www.eastendartsdistrict.org.

Charity Chase Fun Run & Walk To Benefit Catholic Charities

Saturday, June 20
Stapleton Central Park

Register on-line by June 16th
www.ccdenver.org

Odyssey Students Improve Their Community



Photo by Doug Pensinger

Above: Odyssey students paint tree trunks with a mixture of sand and paint to deter beavers at the confluence of Westerly and Sand Creeks near Stapleton. Odyssey student Elizabeth Hailu is painting the tree in foreground.

First, fourth, sixth and eighth grade students from The Odyssey School recently worked on stewardship projects along Westerly and Sand Creeks and at Bluff Lake Nature Center. The older students worked on protection measures in a mature cottonwood grove and a planting project at Bluff Lake Nature Center. Younger students cleaned the water and banks of Westerly Creek. They all met near the creeks' confluence to celebrate their accomplishments. More than 100 students and eight Odyssey teachers participated. The day was coordinated by Donny Roush, Odyssey's advancement director, who says, "Odyssey kids really understand how they can impact their own environment and they think this work is really worthwhile. And, they love being outside."

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