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Preserving Englewood Colorado History

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Upcoming EHPS Events for August



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presenting
ED BEMIS, MY GRANDFATHER
By Maya DeBus
Friday - August 1st, 2014 at 3pm

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sources of news. He organized the Arapahoe County Fair Assoc. He was dedicated to telling the history of Littleton and his dream was a local history society and museum. The museum opened in 1970. He was co-founder of the Denver West-erners. He loved western history. The Bemis library is named for him. Join EHPS at the Englewood Public Library at 3pm for this lecture. The event is open to the public with complimentary refreshments served. Donations greatly appreciated.



August 1st - Friday

Maya DeBus, will present Littleton history, in a talk entitled "Ed Bemis, My Grandfather." Who is Ed Bemis? He was in the first graduating class from Littleton High School, worked for and then co-owned the Littleton Independent newspaper. He hired Houston Waring to write for the paper and they became partners after two years. He transformed local newspapers from partisan rags to advertiser supported independent



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To Preserve and share
Englewood's history.

Upcoming EHPS Events for August and September

August 6th - Wednesday

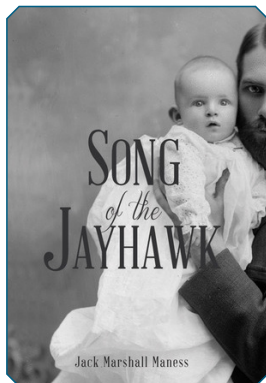
Monthly EHPS Meeting from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the City Center Community Center, Suite 118. Everyone is welcome!

August 9th - Saturday

Join EHPS at Englewood's annual FunFest from 10 am to 5 pm at Belleview Park. We will have our own tent featuring a photo booth with costumes. Volunteers are needed to assist the children and distribute our literature. If you are interested in volunteering please email or call EHPS today!

August 22nd - Friday

Jack Marshall Maness, Author of the novel, "Song of the Jayhawk", is our upcoming speaker for August 22nd. (Please note that this is NOT the last Friday of the month, so as to avoid a conflict with any plans for Labor Day Weekend.) Jack is the son of four generations of Kansans, and spent much of his early life in Atchison, KS and along the Missouri River, learning her character, her ghost stories, and her past. His novel was inspired by his great-great grandparents' lives in territorial Kansas. Join EHPS at the Englewood Public Library at 3pm for this lecture. The event is open to the public with complimentary refreshments served. Donations greatly appreciated.



August 27th - Wednesday

Visit Patxi's Pizza - 3455 S. University Blvd, Englewood anytime during regular business hours and help raise money for EHPS. 10% of the total sales for that day will be given to our organization. The Board Members will meet at 6:30 pm. Meet us there!

September 13th - Saturday

We have been invited to the Historic Littleton "Historic Scavenger Hunt". More details to follow in the next newsletter.

September 26th - Friday

Ken Heraldson, cowboy poet, harmonica player and a most interesting Englewood resident, will be our guest speaker. Join EHPS at the Englewood Public Library at 3pm for this lecture. The event is open to the public with complimentary refreshments served. Donations greatly appreciated.

EHPS Field Trips

With the goal of developing more interest in our society, encourage participation of a wider circle of members, and invite others to become members, we plan to begin scheduling more activities beyond our meetings and lectures, which will continue as scheduled. Among the first opportunities to do this are a couple of invitations from other organizations.



Our friends at the Littleton Historical Society have invited our members to visit the Littleton Museum. It is a facility of which they are justly proud. Besides the main museum building, itself a fascinating home to historical artifacts, the property includes a collection of old buildings comprising a working farm, illustrating rural life in Littleton near the beginning of the 20th Century.

Also, Mr. Dave Christopherson, a volunteer train engineer at Tiny Town, has invited us to see this unique attraction in the foothills west of Denver. Tiny Town received an extensive facelift following the recent flood damage.

We would like to hear from our members about their interest in participating in these field trips, and offer suggestions about other places we should visit. Your feedback will help us as we establish firm scheduling for these events.



This is what we hope will be the first of a series of regular columns in the EHPS Newsletter on the subject of Faith, and the way it has helped to shape the past, present and future of our home, the City of Englewood, Colorado. Following this introduction, I will submit the first installment, based on the faith community I know best, the Roman Catholic Church. We, the staff of this newsletter, invite other EHPS members to submit stories to be published on this subject in future issues. It is not our intention to proselytize, but rather to tell the history of each faith tradition in Englewood, and how each place of worship participates in the life of the community at large. However, anyone who reads these columns and feels inclined to learn more about a particular place of worship is welcome to attend a service and find out if they feel welcome there.

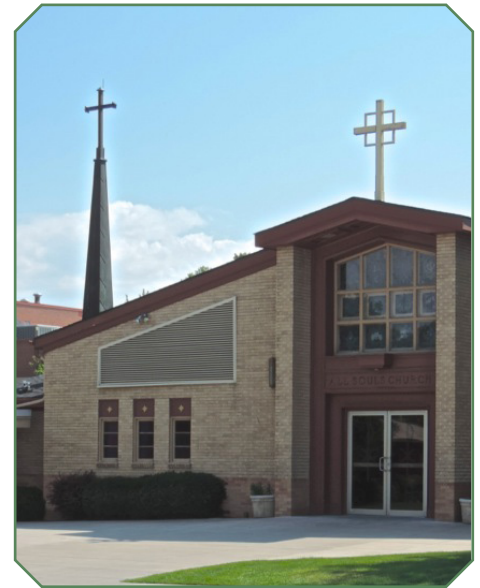
From the very beginnings of the settlement of the Colonies that eventually became the United States of America, people came in search of religious freedom. It took some time to formalize the guarantee of that freedom in our Constitution, but it has become one of the hallmarks of our way of life in this country. Colorado, as far back as when it was a portion of the Kansas Territory, was a microcosm of that pursuit of freedom of all kinds, including religious freedom. As areas were settled and towns were established, churches and other places of worship were among the first public structures to be built.

Englewood, being a suburb of a major city, is intimately connected with the metropolitan area, yet retains an identity and style of its own. Just as is true throughout the country, Christian sects collectively

account for a majority of faith groups, although many other traditions are represented, including Jewish, Muslim, Mormon, various non-denominational churches, and many others too numerous to list. We will attempt to present the articles provided to us without judgement or show of favoritism, in the hope that this column will be well received by all who read it.



Saint Louis Church is the oldest Catholic Church in Englewood, having been established as a parish less than a decade after the incorporation of the City in 1903. In less than a year, the church was built at 3310 South Sherman Street, and Mass was first celebrated there on July 11, 1911. More than a hundred years later, it still stands tall and strong, providing worship space for an active parish. The current pastor is Rev. Robert Reycraft. Saint Louis Parish has an elementary school, and supports many ministries. Besides those that are faith-based and established for the spiritual enrichment of parishioners, the parish provides outreach to area hospitals, and manages Saint Vincent House, the creation of former pastor Rev. Roger Mollison. The House provides shelter for families of patients in local hospitals who cannot afford hotel rooms while visiting their loved ones.



There are several other Catholic Churches with an Englewood address, but the only other one actually within the city boundaries is All Souls Church at 4950 South Logan Street, under the leadership of Rev. Bob Fisher. This is my parish, and it serves my spiritual needs very well. All Souls is a vibrant faith community with a 60 year history and a myriad of activities, serving both the parishioners and the surrounding community. All Souls also has an elementary school with outstanding credentials and active youth groups for several age levels. The parish sponsors many events which are open to the public.

So why are there Catholic Churches spaced approximately every mile or two along Sherman and Logan Streets, all the way from the Cathedral of the Immaculate

THE IMPACT OF FAITH ON THE HISTORY OF ENGLEWOOD *continued*

Conception on Colfax and Logan in Denver to All Souls Church? The story, as told by the late Monsignor Thomas Barry and recounted in the 2004 issue of the All Souls Parish Directory, is this: Archbishop Urban Vehr, 4th Archbishop of Denver from 1931 to 1967, stood on the steps of the Cathedral one day looking south along Logan Street, and realizing that the metropolitan area was growing in size and population, thought there should be a Catholic Church within walking distance from every Catholic family, so within about eight miles of the Cathedral you will find Mother of God Church, Saint Francis de Sales, Our Lady of Lourdes, Saint Louis and All Souls, all on Logan or Sherman Streets.



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