

Englewood Historic Preservation Society

Preserving Englewood Colorado History

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Upcoming Events for Summer

June 8th - Thursday

Join EHPS in touring the Cherokee Ranch and Highlands Ranch Mansion. Leave from 1501 E. Dartmouth Ave at 8:45 am and return at 3:00 pm. \$12 for admission plus self-pay lunch. For more details and to RSVP please contact CJ Cullinan at 720.556.6770 by text, or email cjcullinan@msn.com.

June 17th - Saturday

OPEN HOUSE -Member tour of our office space in the library from 11am-3pm. Come and check it out!

July 15th - Saturday

EHPS ANNUAL MEETING- Twin Dragon 10am-2pm with \$12 lunch special. Details in next newsletter.

August 6th or 13th - Sunday

Join EHPS in touring Lakeside Amusement Park led by David Forsyth. Get an insider tour of the Park from a historic researcher's perspective. To RSVP, contact CJ Cullinan at 720.556.6770 by text, or email cjcullinan@msn.com.

SPECIAL Thank You!

KAY HOWARD & TEAM

Once again, a wonderful job on putting together the Memorial Day Celebration at Englewood High School! WOW!!

EHPS LECTURE SERIES:

All lectures, unless otherwise noted take place the last Monday of the month at 2 locations. **FIRST:** 2:30 pm at the Englewood Public Library **SECOND:** 6:30 pm at the BOB, Brew on Broadway, 3445 S. Broadway.

June 26th - Monday

The 1918 Flu Epidemic and Pandemic Planning Today with Cassandra Letkomiller.

July 31st - Monday

The History of Tiny Town with Dave Christopherson, TT train engineer.

August 28th - Monday

General Iron Works, Part Two with Roger Kinney.

EHPS ELECTIONS

April nomination determined the following slate, and then we proceed with a May election and June installation at our Annual Meeting.

Vice President – Nomination of Paul Skizinski by Ida May Nicholl, 2nd by CJ

Secretary – Nomination of CJ Cullinan by Paul, 2nd by Matt

Board Member – Nomination of Pat LaMoe by Matt Crabtree, 2nd by Ida May

Board Member - Nomination of Lindsey Runyan by Matt, 2nd by Ida May

If anyone would like to read the Board of Directors' minutes, please contact us and we will make them available to you.

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Englewood Historic Preservation Society Mission

To Preserve and share Englewood's history.

DOUG COHN, CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

By Dave Paschal



Recently, on May 22nd, the City Council of Englewood bestowed on the Englewood Historic Preservation Society's co-founder, newsletter editor, board member, and voice of reason, Doug Cohn, the honor of "Citizen of the Year". We all know Doug and his unlimited energies and devotion to history. Often you will find him combing an area like Fort Logan with his Magnetometer in search of a treasure such as a button, an old tobacco can, or a prized military insignia. And who can deny his unselfish work with our historic society. But guess what, there is another side to Doug of which you may not be aware.

Doug and his family are a major part of the fabric of the city. While a youngster, Doug's parents moved to Englewood into a new home in the East Bates Parkway subdivision. Doug and his older brother attended class at the newly opened Charles Hay School. Doug was in the first grade and his brother was in the second grade. His brother's teacher left during the school year to have a baby. Strange what some people refer to as fate or destiny because Doug's brother's teacher, Mrs. Nilsen, was pregnant with Doug's future wife, Linda.

He graduated from the Englewood

school system in 1965, a year of life change for Doug. He became a Christian at a Billy Graham Crusade in Denver. He discovered God loved him and He had a plan for his life. A short time later Doug enrolled at CU in Boulder. Mentored by the Campus Crusade for Christ during his academic years, Doug graduated in 1969 with a BA degree in American History, minoring in Education. That was followed with a Master of Divinity from the Baptist Theological Seminary in 1972. The next six years were spent in missionary outreach work with young people living on the streets; drug users, runaways, and throwaways. His efforts included operating the halfway house known as the Carpenter's House on Capitol Hill in Denver. There wasn't government aid available during those years. Doug was a major part of the only program helping teens. All other outreach groups were adult oriented.

In 1976, Doug married the love of his life, Linda. "What a great decision that was for me", he says, "Linda has been a most wonderful wife and mother". Shortly after they married, Linda decided to pursue a career in law. She graduated from the CU Law School in 1980. Her practice is in Englewood. The halfway house was closed in 1978. Doug then devoted the next 24 years to the family business, the Bonny Brae Hobby Shop and his own hobby wholesale business. After a 53 year run the family business closed in 2015.

The Cohn family contributions to the city reads almost like a novel. Doug has been involved, as he puts it, "with Englewood stuff" since 1986. Both of Doug's and Linda's sons graduated

from the Englewood Schools. Doug was their Boy Scout Troop Leader. He served on the Library Board, worked with the Englewood 2020 Visionary Group, and was a member of Adjustments and Appeals Board until 2010. Doug ran for City Council three times and was soundly defeated each time. He says that the voters seem to prefer and appreciate his "behind the scenes" activity more than him being on the dais. "Probably a good choice", said Doug. He was tapped to help with the Citizen's Initiatives in 2011. Doug has continued to serve the community by becoming a member of the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee in 2011 which was followed by an appointment in 2012 to the Election Commission. The year 2012 also marks Doug becoming one of the co-founders of the Englewood Historic Preservation Society.

The Cohn family has continued to host the "National Night-Out Party" in Englewood for the past 12 years. This is a national campaign which promotes police-community partnerships and neighbor relations for safer neighborhoods and works to build a true sense of community.

The large turnout for Doug's award ceremony at the Malley Center was filled with family, friends, high school classmates, acquaintances, admirers, and council members. The band provided just the right celebratory touch. An evening of stories, remembrances, smiles, and laughter were shared about the man who received the following Proclamation presented by our Mayor, Joe Jefferson...

Whereas, Doug Cohn is a long-time Englewood resident who has devoted countless hours of volunteer service to the City of Englewood, Whereas, Mr. Cohn has sacrificially dedicated his time to the City of Englewood through his service on several of Englewood's Boards and Commissions over the years, including the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, the Library Board, Code Enforcement Advisory Committee, and the Election Commission; and Whereas, if Mr. Cohn's years of service on Englewood's Boards and Commissions were combined, they would total more than two decades of service to the community, and Whereas, Mr. Cohn is a charter member of the Englewood Historic Preservation Society and uses his knowledge of Englewood's history to educate others about the City's rich history; and Whereas, the Englewood City Council wishes to honor Doug Cohn for his many contributions to the City and community of Englewood: Now, therefore, we the Council of the City of Englewood, Colorado hereby take great pride in proclaiming Doug Cohn 2017 Citizen of the Year.

When asked about all this, Doug just smiles his smile and says, "I'm having a lot of fun". ~ Dave Paschal

THE FOURTH OF JULY AND A BIT OF HISTORY

By Dave Paschal

The other evening coming home from my late shift at work, I was detoured by some residential street maintenance. What immediately caught my attention on this alternate route was a house displaying the American flag properly lighted for the night time. My reaction was a quick lump in my throat. What a welcome sight while driving home.

Reflection brought me to thinking about the upcoming July 4th celebration. And I wondered how many people looked to the day as only a three day weekend, illegal fireworks in the front yard, or a fireworks display at the local ballpark or racetrack. Further reflection took me to remembering Longfellow's poem Paul Revere's Ride. There are probably a scattered few who may have read or remember the first four lines of the poem. Fewer still who have read the entire work. I recall in the 5th grade standing in front of the class reciting the lengthy classic from memory. An assignment which at the time I found to be unfair, but I've carried those words with me for all these years. I may not be able to offer an exact recitation now. I can,

however, recite the complete story fashioned by Longfellow's poetic license of history. In reality, there were three riders the night of April 18th, 1775. And how many lanterns did they see? And where? Two, in the Old North Church belfry tower, in case you may wonder.

For the record, Paul never made it to Concord. He was captured by the British. Revere was released a day or two later in Lexington. But through poetic license Longfellow gave us a hero named Paul Revere in our American History. And Longfellow documented, as well, the fight the colonists put up against the British Army. I was raised during the age of "Mom, the Flag, and Apple pie." It was a time about being an American first. The name Paul Revere has unfortunately faded as have the heroics of others such as Davey Crockett and Jim Bowie at the Alamo which added another cornerstone to our nation. I thought about an obscure lawyer, Francis Scott Key, who witnessed a day and night long siege on a fort during the War of 1812 that inspired the lyrics to the Star Spangled Banner, our Nation Anthem. The fort, by the way, was

Fort McHenry. In Maryland.

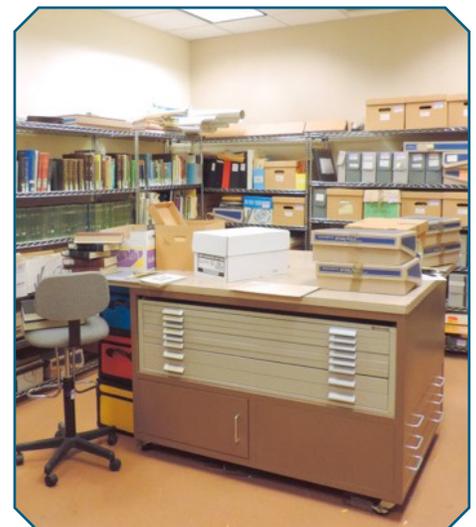
What does it mean to be an American? Our country is a self-governing Republic... "the land of the free and the home of the brave". And from these historic principles demonstrated by John Hancock's famous quote on his bold and large signature affixed to the Declaration of Independence so that "the British Ministry can read that name without spectacles; let them double the reward!" came a legacy. Such action, again, appeared decades later when another hero, General Anthony McAuliffe, acting commander of the 101st Airborne defending Bastogne, Belgium during WWII replied to the German commander's offer of surrender... "Nuts!"

July 4th isn't about fireworks or a three day holiday away from the job, it's the day that commemorates when we became the United States of America with the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress.

On this July 4th, maybe it would be a good time to revisit our history, and our heroes, and to learn again what it means to be an American.

OUR OFFICE IN CITY HALL

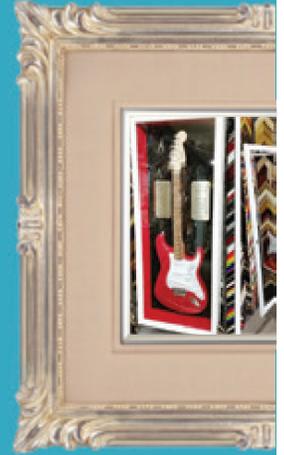
The City has generously provided us with an office in the Library. On Saturday June 17th, please come and visit our new space. We want our office to have regular hours and will need volunteers to help greet visitors and work on cataloging history room artifacts. We need your help! Contact EHPS by email or phone.



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