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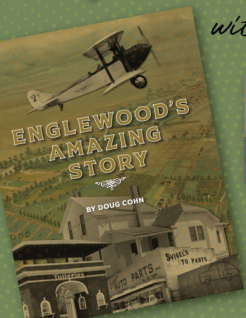
EHPS LECTURE SERIES:

Please note, we will not have any lectures in November or December. We will resume our series in January. Wishing you all a happy holiday season.


November 13th - Saturday

Treasure Box Tours is coming to Englewood! This unique bus tour includes transportation, lunch and will be guided by EHPS VP Paul Skizinski. To Register go to treasureboxtours.com and look for "Englewood Extravaganza." Questions? Email coordinator - Kevin@treasureboxtours.com.

One of a kind Book Signing with Doug Cohn




ENGLEWOOD'S AMAZING STORY
BY DOUG COHN



HISTORIAN & AUTHOR

WEDNESDAY
November 17th
6 - 7:00 pm



3220 S. Acoma St. Englewood, CO 80110

November 17th - Thursday

Join Doug Cohn for a one of a kind Book Signing at The Sacred Grace on November 17th from 6-7 pm. Doug recently published a book entitled "Englewood's Amazing Story" which will be available for sale for \$13.95. Pre-order by using the order form on the last page.

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Special Thanks



SCOTT PERRY

Thank you for sharing the history of the NFL and the Denver Broncos.

JIM WOODWARD

Thank you for the treasured memories of the Rotary Club in Englewood.

BILLY MAC TERRY

Thank you for for sharing your book with us on growing up in Englewood in the 1940s.

ENGLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY & THE FILLING STATION

Thank you for sponsoring our ongoing lecture series this year.

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Englewood Historic Preservation Society Mission

To Preserve and share Englewood's history.

THE STORY OF ENGLEWOOD'S WATER SUPPLY

Compiled By Doug Cohn
Photo Denver Audobon Society



When Englewood was incorporated in 1903, most residents relied on shallow wells. Some obtained water from the City Ditch. The 4th meeting of the 1903 council was with the Denver Union Water Company discussing putting in a water main system in the new city.

In 1909 the city tried to buy the Brown Ditch, but it couldn't obtain the money to do it. So Englewood contracted with the Denver Union Water Company for water service. Residents had to lay their own water mains. Union's water pressure became inadequate. In 1917, Englewood City Council asked voters to approve a bond issue for constructing an independent water system. It was defeated.

After Union was acquired by the Denver Water Board in 1918, Englewood's mayor, Alfred Bell, requested more water taps. He was given two options: Either construct a parallel water line and pay a metered rate or pay a much higher rate for new water taps.

Talk of annexing Englewood to Denver surfaced in the early 1920s, spurred by water service problems with the Denver Water Board. Englewood's mayor and City Council were for annexation. The Englewood

Chamber of Commerce opposed it. Pro-annexation forces won the election by 16 votes! Arapahoe County District Court dismissed the election results, after irregularities were found in balloting and polling procedures. Another election was held. This time the annexation proposal was defeated, 538 to 531.

Englewood's future was decided by 7 votes!

Proposals to build an independent water system were put to a vote - and defeated - in 1921 and 1923. Englewood tried again in 1932 and this time voters approved bonds for building a water system and a municipal power plant. The election results were disputed by Colorado Central Power Company and the matter was tied-up in the courts until 1938, when Englewood gave the power company a long term contract for supplying electricity to the city.

During all of this time Englewood continued to obtain water from the Denver Water Board.

In 1948, the Denver Water Board issued new conditions for selling water to Englewood. The 1909 Union Water Company water service contract was annulled. Water rates

were increased 50 percent. Water mains and meters had to be installed at customer expense. Water rates would be renegotiated annually. Englewood would have to sign an agreement stating that the DWB was not a public utility subject to regulation by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.

Englewood officials were furious!

Enter Charles Allen, elected mayor in 1948. He was well aware of Englewood's water problems as he had to drill two wells to supply water to his own creamery business on Broadway that he had started in 1944.

In October 1948, Englewood voters authorized the sale of \$2 million in bonds to purchase water rights and build a water treatment plant. The city purchased the Atcheson ranch at the mouth of Waterton Canyon for its water rights. They sold the ground to a brand new company Martin Marietta. The only way to access the water was to put it in the Platte River and build a new water treatment plant. He and the Council got it done. It took a lengthy legal battle to put in and take out our water.

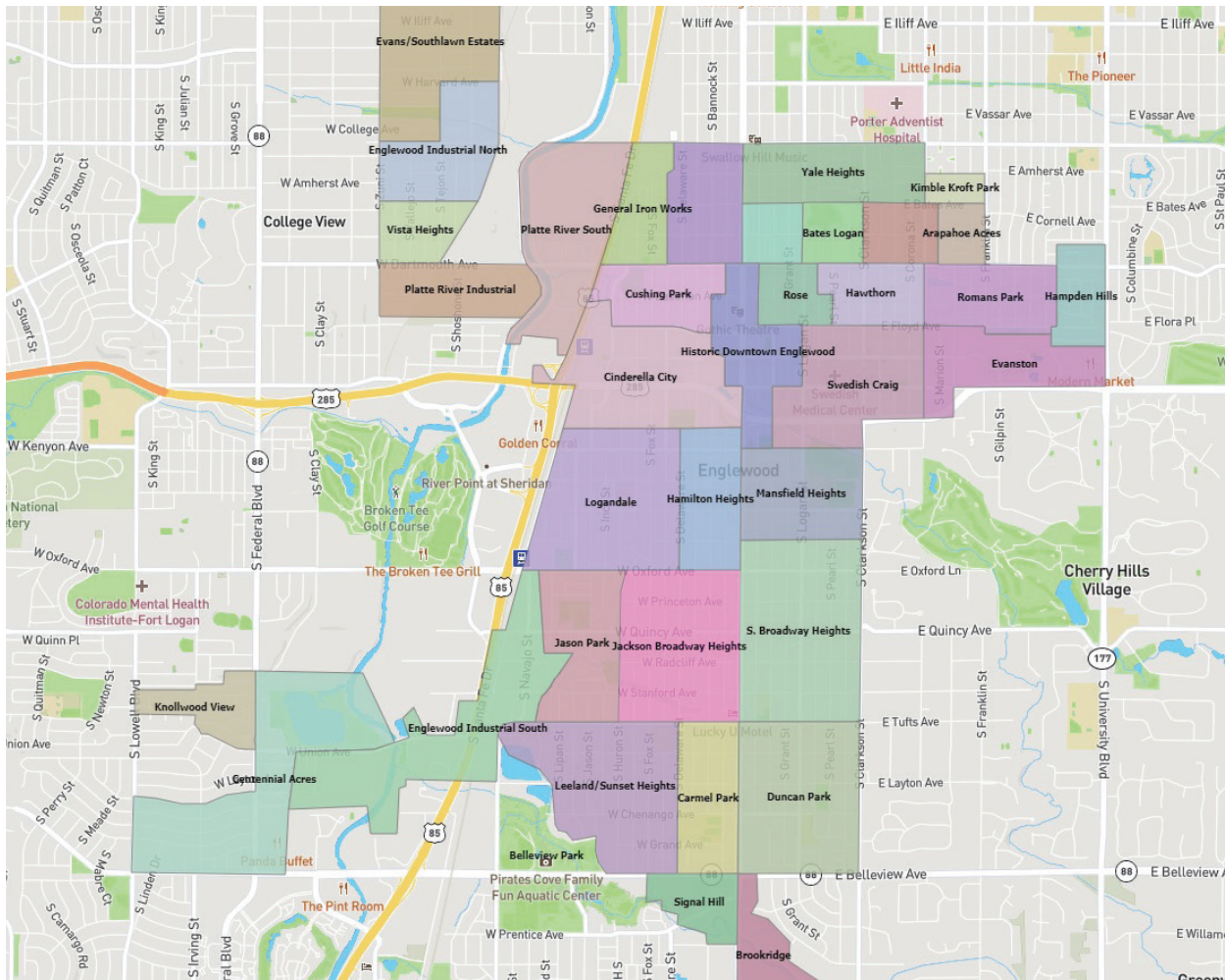
With the completion of the plant, Englewood became independent of Denver. Englewood bought the Denver water pipe delivery system too. The water plant was finished in 1952, shortly after Allen had died.

The City purchased water rights in the Brown, McBroom and Petersburg Ditches. It bought the Boreas Pass Ditch in South Park, which diverts water across the Continental Divide from the Blue River watershed into Tarryall Creek, a tributary of the South Platte as well as other water from other sources.

Englewood became the first customer of Denver Water to create its own water system!

Englewood Neighborhood Map

Have you filled out the survey on the Englewood Neighborhood Map draft? You can share your input online at englewoodco.gov/neighborhoodmap or fill out a paper survey at the Englewood Rec Center, Malley Rec Center or Englewood Public Library. The Historic Preservation Commission and the city will also be hosting an open house on Wednesday, November 17 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Englewood Public Library!



Fun Facts About Thanksgiving

from Worldstrides.com

1. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three day harvest festival. It included 50 Pilgrims, 90 Wampanoag Indians, and lasted three days. It is believed by historians that only five women were present. Turkey wasn't on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries (but not pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce!).
2. Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863. Sarah Josepha Hale, the woman who wrote "Mary Had A Little Lamb," convinced Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday after writing letters for 17 years.
3. The history of U.S. presidents pardoning turkeys is patchy. Harry Truman is often credited with being the first president to pardon a turkey, but that's not quite true. He was the first to receive a ceremonial turkey from the National Turkey Federation – and he had it for dinner. John F. Kennedy was the first to let a Thanksgiving turkey go, followed by Richard Nixon who sent his turkey to a petting zoo. George H.W. Bush is the president who formalized the turkey pardoning tradition in 1989.
4. There are four towns in the United States named "Turkey." They can be found in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and N. Carolina.
5. The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500.
6. Butterball answers more than 100,000 turkey-cooking questions via their Butterball Turkey Hotline each Nov. & Dec.
7. The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale and Princeton. The first NFL games were played on Thanksgiving in 1920.

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BOOK ORDER FORM

Book Cost: \$13.95 (*includes tax*)

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Cash Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Credit Card

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