



# Englewood Historic Preservation Society

## Preserving Englewood Colorado History

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### Upcoming Events for April

#### **EHPS LECTURE SERIES:**

*We have decided to change our lectures to the last Tuesday of the month and will continue with both an afternoon and evening presentation. New evening venue to be announced next month.*

#### **April 9th - Saturday**

*Join Doug Cohn at the Eggstremely Springy Event hosted by the City of Englewood. Come for an egg hunt at 10 am and stay after to enjoy local vendors, crafts, games, food trucks, and more! Drop by the EHPS booth, near the jet plane/rocket to purchase a copy of Englewood's Amazing Story or pick up some of the History Tour Brochures.*

#### **April 26th - Tuesday (New Day)**

**2:30 pm & 6:30 pm - Hampden Hall**  
*It's been 3 years since Josh Goldstein gave us an early preview of his digital reconstruction of Cinderella City Mall, so it's time to revisit his project and see what's new. Since then, he's added the 1960s/1970s era, implemented the ability to time-travel, added animated shoppers, fountains, and plants, and has built out dozens of new stores and given life to previously unfinished areas of the mall. Join us in partnership with the Englewood Public Library at Hampden Hall (Englewood CityCenter) as we go back in time to Cinderella City. We'll learn about the mall's colorful history, then walk its halls once more as we experience the latest simulation of this historic Englewood landmark. See you at the mall! Please RSVP online at [https://visit\\_cinderella\\_city.eventbrite.com](https://visit_cinderella_city.eventbrite.com) or by phone or email.*

### MEMBERSHIP

*Please RENEW your membership in our society!*

*You can use the form in this newsletter or go to our website*

*We thank you for your contribution.*

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### Englewood Historic Preservation Society Mission

*To Preserve and share  
Englewood's history.*



In 1962, Maida Navis, was the first volunteer coordinator for the Tri-County Health Department located in Englewood and started a food and clothing bank in her garage. In 1964, Maida Navis noticed that some of her neighbors needed extra help. Working families were not making ends meet, neighborhood children went without necessities, and elderly residents were losing their independence. In 1964, Maida started recruiting volunteers and leaders from community churches reaching out to the community. Under her leadership, she began Inter-Faith Task Force (IFTF) until 1984 when she retired and moved with her husband, Warren, to Arizona. Maida continued volunteering and started another organization for children. Her sterling character was an inspiration to the many who knew her, and her efforts were dedicated to the citizens. Maida Navis passed away in April 2011, but her legacy continues to live on with the service of Intergrated Family Community Services (IFCS).

John J. Nicholl, a longtime resident born in Englewood, had just been elected Arapahoe County Commissioner at the age of 31, and took office in 1965. Maida Navis went to the county to seek help in funding and spoke with Commissioner Nicholl. Nicholl went to her house to see how her garage was laid out and to hear more about Maida's mission. She answered the many questions he asked her and then he told her, "Yes!" Nicholl

said he would bring the other two Commissioners on board; he would find a building for holding the food and clothing and for the volunteers to do their work. Arapahoe County would also give financial support. Nicholl did some searching and found a building for Inter-Faith, west of Federal, at 3370 S. Irving Street in Englewood. The building is still being used today in 2022. Arapahoe County Commissioners, Churches, Friends, and a few Local Businesses, were the first to support Inter-Faith Task Force, which is now known as "Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS)." It has continued Maida Navis's work in the same building with only twelve employees and hundreds of volunteers over these many years.

I can attest to the many fundraisers. One of the popular fundraisers used for a number of years was the Inter-Faith 25 Mile Walk through an Englewood and Littleton route. It was huge. Folks from different organizations of Englewood and Littleton participated, as well as the schools and churches. You had to sign up and ask your neighbors, friends, or family to sponsor you, and all the money was given to Inter-Faith. I was always surprised at the large number of people who signed up and walked those 25 miles, even the young. My young daughter, Jami Nicholl, signed up. I did not think those young children could do it, but most did. It shows the dedication and tenacity of the large number of folks who wanted to help the community they lived in, and they helped Inter-Faith.

By 1968, Inter-Faith was designated an "official poverty agency" of South Metro Denver. Maida reached out to many in the communities to volunteer under her guidance and leadership over 20 years. The many people she helped during her years at the helm of the organization, continues today

in 2022. The leaders of today have the same type of devotion and love to the people in the communities they serve. The continued growth of IFCS has grown into the "Largest Social Service Organization" in the South Metro area. The Task Force has provided services designed to help struggling neighbors achieve independent living - some for the first time.

Those early leaders were determined to provide assistance that would always be a hand up rather than a handout. Just as the leaders of IFCS are doing today by giving motivation, incentive, and services not available elsewhere.

**The Mission:** To provide basic human services and enrichment programs to low-income people, using community resources. IFCS fosters self-sufficiency and respects the dignity of each client

**The Resources:** Through a variety of resources, IFCS helps individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency. Best known for their food market, IFCS services also nourish lives in a broader sense through financial assistance, school supplies, holiday grocery boxes, recreation center vouchers, and so much more.

**Funding Sources:** Donations from businesses, individuals, community organizations, as well as grants from foundations and federal, state, and local governments are IFCS' major sources of funding. Fundraising, material and in-kind donations, and thousands of volunteer hours play an integral part in the continuation of IFCS services.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, IFCS pivoted operations to support a growing number of households with groceries and other basic needs. IFCS is a safety net to support families and children during difficult times by providing food access to those who are hungry or facing food insecurity and

## A&A TRADIN' POST -THE AUSFAHL FAMILY

After serving in World War II, Elmer Ausfahl returned to Englewood and went into business with his father operating a small machine shop doing welding and building hydraulic loaders for Ford tractors. Elmer's brother Harold joined the business. In 1948, Elmer and Bobbie had a daughter and named her Peggy. When Harry decided to retire, Elmer sold the shop and decided to go into the restaurant business. They opened the Loop Kitchen at 3524 S. Broadway which was so named because that was the spot where the street cars turned around to go back to Denver. The restaurant venture was good for the brothers until they decided to buy an acreage on Union west of the South Platte River. They raised cattle, hogs and laying hens in cages to supply meat and eggs for the restaurant. The Loop served coffee for a nickel a cup and among other specialties a complete roast sirloin of beef dinner which included choice of potato soup, tomato juice, prune juice, orange juice, a combination dressing, potatoes, of peach cobbler, ice sundae or strawberry for \$.75. They found in a day were not to get everything trying to do so they and eventually the they were still going a long time, they Tradin' Post in 1955.



juice or grapefruit salad with Russian vegetables, choice cream, chocolate sundae and coffee out that 24 hours enough for them done they were sold the restaurant acreage. Knowing to have to work started the A & A Why Tradin' Post?

They did not know what they were going to sell. Throughout the early years of the A&A they carried everything from watches and jewelry to towel sets to bicycles, paints, guns and ammunition to boats and motors until they finally settled into the hardware business. Elmer and I, Harold Ausfahl, founded the A&A Tradin' Post at 4925 S. Broadway in 1955 with an investment of \$10,000. This building also housed a used furniture store (Railey's) and a post office annex. The reason for the name was we did not know what kind of merchandise we were going to handle. We started up in October with gift towel sets, costume jewelry, watches, and anything else we thought would sell before Christmas time. We constructed a building at 4545 S. Broadway. In it we sold guns, ammunition, bicycles, electric appliances, lawn mowers and auto parts while increasing our stock of hardware. We also started hiring employees. The grocery and frozen food locker plant at 4509 S. Broadway became available, and we bought the building. This entailed another move at which time we leased the building at 4545 S. Broadway. It had been an organ and piano company and later a carpet and floor covering business, Fireside Floor Coverings. By this time, we had settled on the merchandise that we were going to stock, such as hardware, plumbing, electrical, paint, garden supplies and auto parts. Elmer's son, Timothy, and Harold's son, Gary, bought the business in 1979. After approximately three years, the lease was up on 4545 S. Broadway. The young Ausfahls remodeled the building and moved out the Auto Parts, added receiving and main office spaces. All located right across the parking lot from the main store.

~ by Elmer Lee Ausfahl, 1993

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## IFCS *Continued*

other issues associated with poverty. Since 1964, IFCS has been nourishing lives, building community, and partnering with the community to alleviate hunger. Their Impact and Partnership with many organizations, have made the difference in our communities. Just between January-December 2021, they have provided 849,184 meals, helped 55,098 individuals and logged 6,357 volunteer hours.

One of IFCS's main goals is homeless prevention. Through a variety of resources including financial assistance (rental, utility, mortgage assistance) and transitional and off-site housing, IFCS can help families achieve their housing goals, access more affordable housing or simply help its' families maintain their present shelter.

IFCS assists families and children dealing with issues detrimental to a stable quality of life. IFCS' 57 years of social service experience, coupled with individualized case management often means the difference between clients' reliance on public assistance and economic security. Lack of access to healthy food options leads to a greater risk of chronic disease and poor health outcomes including diabetes and obesity.

IFCS is a small organization with only twelve employees with a large impact. They depend on the generous donation of volunteer time and help to fulfill their mission. While observing the pandemic safety protocols, they were responding to our community's growing need with food support and other basic services. Even with their huge accomplishments, many people in Englewood do not know that IFCS even exists. Let's honor this long-time dedicated organization for their many years of service they have given to Englewood and surrounding communities. Thank you IFCS!

# *Join Us!* IN A HISTORY MAKING ADVENTURE!

*We have a broad-based mission, including the restoration and preservation of historic buildings, accepting, cataloging and displaying donated artifacts, recording, transcribing and publishing the oral history of Englewood and its residents, providing interesting and educational lectures each month on historical subjects, and reaching out to our local schools to assist with instilling a love of history in the students.*

## **SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AS A MEMBER, A VOLUNTEER, AND AN ADVOCATE!**

We welcome new members at all levels of involvement: positions of leadership, administration, committee chairs and volunteers, or simply furthering our mission by supporting us with your annual dues.

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### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

*We are a 501c3 non-profit organization. Dues and other contributions are tax deductible.*

Annual membership rates include: Individual \$25, Family \$40.

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