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Plant Sale To Raise Money For Trees

The final plant sale of the 1982 summer season will be held on September 16 and 17 at the First of Denver Plaza. Plants will be provided by Cheri's Flower Patch and proceeds will benefit the Greenway Foundation. Come, bring your lunch and enjoy the beautiful plants and music from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

My Brother's Bar Concerts On The Green

Confluence Park has been the site of three exhilarating evenings of classical music this summer. Hundreds of people have been entertained by baroque, jazz, brass ensembles and song while enjoying their picnic dinners on the Greenway. Join us for a festive final concert on August 30 at 6:30 p.m. and help us thank the generous sponsors making these concerts possible . . . Pabst Brewing Co., My Brother's Bar, and The Music Performers Trust Fund.

The Greenway Salutes

The Greenway Foundation would like to give a special thanks to these individuals who have made valuable donations of time and materials to the Greenway project:

- For their special assistance with the Great Relay Race we would like to thank Jack Unit and Col. Weinert of the Army Corps of Engineers, Al Yorke from the Environmental Protection Agency, Anna Mahlberg and the girls from Girl Scout Troop #265 from the Denver Council of Girl Scouts and the numerous volunteers who assisted with the Race.
- If you have been on the Greenway trail lately you will notice the newly stained bridges and picnic benches. The paint for these improvements was generously donated by Ken Valis of Colorado Paint Company and we would like to extend our thanks to him for this donation.
- The First of Denver community relations department spent an entire morning cleaning the Weir Gulch Park, painting over graffiti and staining benches. Thank you Nacy Washington and your volunteers from the First of Denver.
- The sign system along the bicycle path will be greatly improved, thanks to a generous donation of lexan covers given by Tom Cooper and his company, Plasticrafts, Inc.

The Greenway Foundation continues to appreciate the valuable generosity of time, energy and materials all of our volunteers have so willingly given.

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Greenway Projects Move Steadily Along

The major projects which are currently underway have seen consistent progress since the last newsletter.

- Constructions on GATES-CRESCENT PARK is fully underway and site improvements along the pathway should be finished by mid-September. Irrigation system installation will be the next phase of improvement with soil placement to occur in mid-October. At this printing, it appears that the Children's Museum will not begin construction in this park until next spring.
- THE SOUTH TRAIL EXTENSION, which extends from Wesley Avenue to the Denver City limit at Bates Avenue, has gone through the bid and award process for construction on this portion of the path. L and M Construction has been awarded the bid for the construction, which will begin at the end of August and should conclude by late November.
- The construction award for THE NORTHWEST TRAIL CONNECTION has gone to Abbott Construction Company. The construction schedule for this portion of the Greenway Trail is the same as the south portion. The Northwest connection will begin at 19th Street, continue along Rockmont Drive, go under I-25 and terminate at Jason Street. This connection will now give cyclist and pedestrians from Northwest Denver easy access onto the Greenway trail.

Volunteers Needed

Some new areas of volunteer work are being pursued. In addition to some upcoming cleanup and repair work from the GIRL, CUB, and BOYSCOUTS this fall, the County Court Probation System and the Greenway Foundation have joined forces. As an alternative to paying court-designated fines, individuals are allowed to work off the amount owed via community service. In each case the individual contacts the Greenway and is assigned to various areas of the river to help rid the site of litter, refuse, etc. The Greenway acknowledges and appreciates the Trail Ranger program and the City Parks crew assigned to the Greenway for their assistance in helping locate needed cleanup areas. We would also like to thank Mr. Jack Nelson of the County Court Probation System for his assistance in getting this program of cooperative effort underway.

As always we are looking for additional help and ideas in organizing further volunteer efforts. If you are interested in volunteering or have some helpful suggestions, please contact the Greenway Foundation at 698-1322.

Summer On The Platte — 1982

This summer the Greenway bicycle path and park system have seen numerous activities. On May 16th the Great Relay Race was held and attracted close to 400 participants. This year's race was sponsored by Miller Lite, OP Sunwear, Pants and Duds, KBPI Radio, and the Denver Magazine. The race had sections competing from the north and south. The top three winners from each section were: **(North)** — 1) Wright-McLaughlin Engineers, 2) Environmental Protection Agency, 3) Yerkey North; **(South)** — 1) Adams County, 2) Denver Water Board, 3) Yerkey South.

Following the Great Relay Race, the Trail Ranger program began with college students responsible for maintenance of the trail. The rangers estimate that during the noon hour, daily and on weekends, there are several hundred individuals using the trail . . . biking, walking, skating, boating, or just enjoying a stroll along the river.

Daily raft trips have run throughout the summer. Arkansas River Tours have carried users of the Greenway on the unique inner-city waterway throughout Denver, giving them a very different view of the city.

The Concerts on the Green as well as the Denver Civic Band have provided the wonder of music on the river's banks. The summer still offers excellent close-in recreation and we hope you'll take advantage of the warm days left as well as the beauty of Indian Summer on the river.

INVESTMENT CHOICES IN THE PLATTE RIVER GREENWAY FOR 1982-83

1. — FOR THE HOLIDAYS . . . HELP MAKE THE GREENWAY EVEN MORE TREE-MENDOUS! With a **tax-exempt** donation of \$50 you can plant a special holiday tree at Gates-Crescent Park (the future home of the Children's Museum) for a friend. For your involvement, you'll receive:
 - A Certificate of Involvement for you and your friend.
 - A "Life on the Greenway" poster, suitable for framing.
 - 1982 Membership in the Greenway Foundation.
2. — \$10 Copy of the book *Returning the Platte to the People*. (\$5 tax-exempt).
3. — \$30 Annual Membership in the Greenway Foundation. (\$30 tax-exempt).
4. — \$25 Annual **Friends of the River** party at Chili Pepper Restaurant on September 26th. (\$15 tax-exempt).



Enclosed is my tax-exempt investment to keep the GREENWAY GROWING!

Name

Amount

Address

City

State

Zip

Name of person I'm planting tree for

1982 Friends Of The River Awards

The Greenway Board of Directors each year solicits examples of unique contributions to the revitalization of the river. These awards were started in 1980 at the 10th Anniversary of Earth Day and now have become annual awards. The awards will be given at the ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE RIVER party at Chili Pepper Restaurant, 5 p.m. September 26, 1982. This is a fun event, while at the same time recognizing true friends of the River. The cost for drinks and dinner is \$25.00 per person. The Greenway nets approximately \$15 per person after all expenses are paid which helps make the 1983 River program a success. Joanne Ditmer, writer with *The Denver Post*, will be the featured speaker.

1982 winners include . . .

Hiawatha Davis: former and one of the original board members of the Greenway Foundation and strong advocate of the Denver minority community involvement in revitalization of the River.

Pat McClearn: former Board member of the Greenway Foundation and one of the originators of the "Park People".

Louis Calvaresi: Denver Parks Department supervisor of maintenance on the Greenway since the Mayor's Platte River Development Committee was established in 1974.

Commissioner Bob Briggs: Adams County Commissioner responsible for providing impetus for the improvements along the River and Clear Creek corridors in his jurisdiction.

Johnson Foundation: Annual donor to the Greenway since its inception. Its matching support in 1981 made the extension of the trail to the Arapahoe County communities a reality.

Bill Smith: Deputy Manager of Denver's Public Works Department, without whose cooperation the development of Gates-Crescent Park would not have become a reality.

Wright-McLaughlin Engineers: the firm responsible for a large portion of the unique design of the river improvements, and an annual participant in the River celebrations and Great Relay Race.

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- Concert on Green — Aug. 30
Sept. 13 - Rain Date
 - Plant Sale — Sept. 16, 17
 - Friends of the River Awards
Sept. 26, 5 p.m.

For More Information Call
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