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## CPN Inc. Holds 2012 Annual Meeting

By Ann Charles

Colorado House Representative Beth McCann, City Councilwoman Jeanne Robb and District 3 Police officer Tony Burkhardt shared updates with Congress Park neighbors at the Registered Neighborhood Organization's annual meeting January 16. Principal Jessica Downs graciously hosted the meeting at Teller elementary again, and neighbors enjoyed pizza and pop in the break between the members' meeting and the general neighbors' meeting.

Congress Park Neighbors, Inc., president Brent Hladky summarized the volunteer CPN Inc. Board's activities on behalf of the neighborhood in 2012. The Board gathered neighbors' input and represented that information to City Council and city departments on a variety of zoning, changes of use, and licensing issues. Neighbors at the meeting ratified bylaws changes, asked the Board to continue its work and agreed to volunteer as issues arise concerning appropriate development along Colfax, 12th Avenue and Colorado Blvd.

The biggest issue in 2012 was the progress on redeveloping the 9th and Colorado hospital district land, and neighbors participated

enthusiastically in those cross-neighborhood listening sessions. See the Congress Park neighbors' website, [www.congressparkneighbors.org](http://www.congressparkneighbors.org), for recent updates and the next meetings as they are scheduled.

What issues in and around Congress Park are you interested in learning more about? Progress on the Sunflowers market? Soopers? Trader Joe's? Changes in Landmark Preservation provisions? New and proposed businesses on Colorado? Colfax? 12th Avenue? Changes in house construction/modification requirements? How the implementation of Amendment 64 will affect Congress Park? Empty or nuisance properties? How to contribute to the quality of life on our streets? How to reduce crime?

Make a New Year's Resolution to come to the neighborhood meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at National Jewish. You may have missed the annual meeting last month, but mark your calendar and come on out to the Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, August 6. Your neighborhood needs your information and involvement.

### *Congress Park's Vision (1995 Neighborhood Plan)*

*Congress Park is a traditional city neighborhood with a small-town atmosphere. Here, people of diverse cultures, ages, colors and economic backgrounds share a sense of community, value older homes and mature trees, and enjoy the convenience of city living amid the stability of a thriving neighborhood.*



## Volunteer Opportunity: Newsletter Coordinator Needed by April 15

Congress Park News is a quarterly publication of Congress Park Neighbors, Inc. A network of volunteers produces and distributes it to a circulation of more than 4,500 residents and businesses within the area bounded by Colfax Avenue, Sixth Avenue, York Street and Colorado Boulevard.

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Your articles, letters and advertisements are always welcome.

We need you to help produce and distribute the newsletter. If you can volunteer a few hours every quarter to help your neighbors get the news, please contact Pat Tesauro-Jackson (DenverPatTJ@comcast.net or 303-377-8522) and Sue Dickinson (s\_dickinson@qwestoffice.net).

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You love the vibrancy of the Congress Park neighborhood. You have lived here a long time or you just moved in and want to get involved. You have good organizational skills and can spare about 20 hours per quarter to gather articles for the newsletter and get them edited, laid out and approved at the printer. Congress Park is looking for a neighbor who can be our Volunteer Newsletter Coordinator. This could be a great relationship. You'll work with an existing volunteer editorial and layout team to manage the production of the 30-plus year-old vibrant quarterly neighborhood newsletter. The newsletter informs Congress Park neighbors about neighborhood-related issues and works with the volunteer neighborhood Board in the best interest of the neighborhood to further the neighborhood vision. The newsletter coordinator will:

solicit and gather news copy from continuing and new writers on topics of interest to our dynamic neighborhood; write as needed to share news and issues; deliver to and collect from volunteer editors and layout designer; communicate with advertising and delivery coordination volunteers; help obtain stats for the crime mapping volunteer; ensure that information about newsletter articles, layout, proofing, printing and bulk delivery gets to the people who need it; keep current on issues relevant to the neighborhood in order to solicit news articles from experts; and advise the CPN, Inc., Board of newsletter and neighborhood issues. Is this you? Email cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org to express your interest in volunteering. Not sure? Email Wendy Moraskie at wendyrich@msn.com to hear more.

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Your elected, all-volunteer Congress Park Board invites you to attend the open meetings at National Jewish Hospital on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Heitler Hall.

Lots of other neighbors help with communications, membership, and more, and generally make Congress Park a great place to live—you know who you are and how much we depend on you—Thanks!

And we thank these committed neighbors:

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#### Do you have a suggestion for your Board?

Send hints and help to  
CPNBoard@congressparkneighbors.org

Two slots are open to represent Congress Park on the Botanic Gardens Neighborhood Advisory Committee. Contact Bill DeMaio at 303-321-2718 or bdemaio@aol.com to express your interest.

The CPNews has a need for a volunteer who can visit with CPN professionals and businesses about advertising in the neighborhood newsletter. Call Wendy at 303-355-3735 for more information.

## Women+Film Blooms Again at Denver Film Society in March

By Tammy Brislin

The Denver Film Society presents its 3rd Annual Women+Film VOICES Film Festival, again in conjunction with International Women's Day Friday, March 8. The weeklong Festival will showcase short films, documentaries, feature presentations, salon discussions, and many in-person guests to highlight thought-provoking, inspirational stories of women from around the world. There will also be multiple hospitality events including Opening Night and Closing Night receptions. This year, the festival kicks off with a special presentation of the one woman play - A Conversation with Edith Head, a theatrical performance based upon the

legendary Hollywood costume designer. More than 2,500 attendees are expected to participate in the Festival.

Details of the films and activities will be announced February 4, and tickets will be on sale February 11. Ticket prices will range between \$12-\$25.

Date: Sunday, March 3 – Sunday, March 10, 2013

Location: SIE FilmCenter  
2510 E. Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80206

### Zonta Club of Denver Hosts 5th Annual Day of Film

The Zonta Club of Denver will be sponsoring a special screening of the acclaimed film, "Girl Rising" on Saturday, March 9 during the festival, representing the group's 5th annual Day of Film. The local chapter of Zonta International is one of the "godmothers" of the Women+Film Festival, calling attention to women's issues and achievements during the week adjacent to International Women's Day.

Tickets to the fundraising screening will be \$40 and will include brunch and a talk-back with one or more of the film's producers. Funds raised will support ZCD's grants, hands-on service and advocacy for at-risk women in the Denver Metro area. For more information, visit [www.zonta-denver.org](http://www.zonta-denver.org).

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# Tellerpalooza

By Lisa Aiken, Teller Parent

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Mark your calendars for 4PM, Saturday, May 11, 2013! Once again, Teller Elementary School's Annual Tellerpalooza fundraiser will be taking place downtown at the Mercury Cafe. Music lovers will enjoy some of the region's best musical talent, as well as performances by budding musicians from Teller's own student body.

Since it's the 10th Anniversary of Tellerpalooza, you can bet parent organizers are recruiting some great bands and many well-known local musicians who are excited at the prospect of playing.

Joining them will be nearly 100 Teller students performing from either the band or the choir. The event also features a whole lot of dancing, a bake sale, a "Wall of Wine" drawing, performances from the Buntport Theatre Group, family



games, and of course, delicious food provided by our host, The Mercury Cafe.

The Mercury Cafe has served as the home of Tellerpalooza since its conception in 2004 and is known for serving fresh, organically grown local food ([www.mercurycafe.com](http://www.mercurycafe.com)).

All proceeds benefit Congress Park's Teller Elementary School. Tellerpalooza remains one of the school's biggest fundraisers. Last year, over 750 people attended the event which raised over \$15,000 to help Teller's PTA fund programs such as Music, Art and Physical Education classes, as well as the Gifted and Talented programs.



## Sold in 2012 by Lisa Santos



The Denver market, and 'city close' neighborhoods like our in particular, are experiencing an overage of buyers and shortage of available homes. Last year, every home I sold in Congress Park received multiple offers! It's a great time to make a move.

Tellerpalooza is open to the public and to all who enjoy music and having a great time. Please join us in supporting a great cause. Tickets are \$18 pre-sale, \$60 per 4 pack and \$20 at the door.

For more information, please visit: [www.tellerpalooza.com](http://www.tellerpalooza.com)



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## District 8 Matters

By Representative Beth McCann

**W**ith the pounding of his gavel, our Speaker Mark Ferrandino, called this session of the Colorado General Assembly to order. This will be an exciting session. I am honored to be Majority Whip and the Chair of the Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee. We will be working on legislation to continue to improve our economy, create jobs, support education, and lower health care costs. Let me tell you about some of the bills I will be introducing:

**Gun Safety:** I am working with Representative Rhonda Fields to explore options for gun safety that would decrease the likelihood of guns falling into the hands of people who should not have them and to limit the types of guns and ammunition available.

**Foreclosure Procedures:** The bill will require foreclosing lenders to prove their right to foreclose on someone's home, and protect borrowers from the trap of "Dual Tracking" when a borrower attempts to modify a loan but the bank simultaneously proceeds with foreclosure.

**Permanent Maintenance:** Currently, there are no guidelines for permanent alimony in divorce cases. This bill will create consistency by giving the courts guidelines.

**Health Insurance Bills:** One bill will align our Colorado health laws with the provisions of the

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**Affordable Care Act.** Two other bills will make the Colorado Health Insurance Exchange self-sustaining after federal funding is withdrawn in 2016.

**Civil Remedies for Domestic Violence:** This bill will give the public more options to seek protective orders in cases of domestic abuse.

**Medical Marijuana Enforcement Funds:** State enforcement of medical marijuana laws is underfunded. I will try to move unused moneys from MMJ patient fees to the Medical Marijuana Enforcement Division to fund inspectors.

**Involuntary Civil Commitment:** This bill will consolidate various provisions for civil involuntary commitments due to mental illness or substance abuse problems.

Thank you each and every one for making it possible for me to represent you in the State House. It is an honor and privilege to serve in the General Assembly and I am always grateful for your help and support!

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## Historic Preservation Lectures

By Carolyn Van Sciver

Remember to submit your ideas for next year's speaker series to Carolyn Van Sciver, at [cvansciver@earthlink.net](mailto:cvansciver@earthlink.net)

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The CPN Historic Preservation and Education Committee presented its tenth season of the Congress Park Neighbors Historic Speakers series May through October. This year's topics included a range of subjects covering important old-house issues from roof to basement and all the rooms in between.

Lecture topics are chosen to help the owners of old houses in the area learn how to better care for their fine "antique" homes and appreciate the history and architectural style of these homes. What topic is your house begging you to learn about? Tell Carolyn Van Sciver what you need to know and if you know of a good speaker on the subject at 303-377-4913 or [cvansciver@earthlink.net](mailto:cvansciver@earthlink.net) If you have questions or would like to help, please contact her, and make sure to sign up to help take flyers around before the talks.

## Links for Old House Aficionados

Do you have an Arts and Crafts home design or a Bungalow? Maybe you believe that you have a Sears designed home? Congress Park Neighbors website has an extensive collection of web-links that can assist in the restoration and history of your home, from the interior to arts and crafts gardens.

We have links about everything from Aladdin Ready Cut Homes and Bungalow floor plans to the Roycrofter movement. Go to [www.congresspark-neighbors.org/other-links/arts-and-craft-homes/](http://www.congresspark-neighbors.org/other-links/arts-and-craft-homes/) and take a look under Arts and Crafts Homes.

The Congress Park neighborhood website has links to other topics under the Other Links page too; such as Museums and Institutions, News Organizations and Preservation Organizations.

If you have additional links that you think would be of service to others, please send them to us at [webadmin@congressparkneighbors.org](mailto:webadmin@congressparkneighbors.org)



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## Recycle Your Rechargeable Batteries

By Tom Strickland, Denver Recycling Program Administrator

Rechargeable batteries make our lives easier by supplying power to our portable electronic devices, and allowing us to live our lives “on the go.” From cell phones to cameras, rechargeable batteries are becoming more and more prevalent, with the average American using six electronic products each day that contain rechargeable batteries. Rechargeable batteries are also a great alternative to single-use batteries which are not only wasteful, but also harder to recycle. Each year, Americans dispose of more than 180,000 tons of single-use batteries, so replacing them with rechargeable batteries is not only a great way to save money, but it also reduces waste and saves natural resources.

While in use, rechargeable batteries are safe, but once they no longer work, they must be properly recycled. If trashed, rechargeable batteries can potentially be hazardous to the environment because of the heavy metals they contain, such as nickel, cadmium, lithium and lead.

Recycling your rechargeable batteries is EASY and FREE. Retail stores, such as Batteries Plus, Radio Shack, Best Buy, Target, Wal-Mart and many others, accept rechargeable batteries for recycling. To find a convenient rechargeable battery drop-off location visit the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) online at [call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org) or call their hotline at 1-800-8-BATTERY.

As a result of the convenient program set up by the RBRC, so far this year more than 7.5 million pounds of rechargeable batteries have been recycled. And, recycling rechargeable batteries is a great example of a closed loop process because most of the metals and plastic from spent batteries is used to make new batteries.

To find out where you can recycle batteries and a wide range of other materials locally, visit Denver Recycles' online Recycling Directory at [DenverGov.org/RecyclingDirectory](http://DenverGov.org/RecyclingDirectory).

### Daycare Near CPN

A CPNews delivery person brought the Bright Star Early Center to our attention. At Sixth and Gilpin in the Episcopal church, the non-profit daycare is small, community-centric, family-friendly and has an academic-based curriculum. Check out [brightstardenver.com](http://brightstardenver.com) or visit the center.

### What interesting things are your neighbors up to?

Tell us at [cpnewsletter@congressparkneighbors.org](mailto:cpnewsletter@congressparkneighbors.org).

## CONGRESS PARK YEAR END REVIEW

As of January 15, there are 8 homes on the market.

### 1 Story Homes ... 11 Listings Sold

Average Price:	\$424,805
Average Sq.Ft.:	1,272
Average Price/Sq.Ft.:	\$334
Average List to Sold Price:	97.2%
Average Days on Market:	33

### 2 Story Homes ... 65 Listings Sold

Average Price:	\$522,062
Average Sq.Ft.:	2,192
Average Price/Sq.Ft.:	\$238
Average List to Sold Price:	93.6%
Average Days on Market:	81



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## Waldorf Students Upset Tradition and Steal the Show

By Dayna Menninger

*Dayna Menninger is an 11th grader at the Denver Waldorf School*

On a chilly December evening, friends, families and students gathered in the Festival Hall at the Denver Waldorf School to enjoy an annual tradition, the Shepherds Play, this year with a new twist.

This Christmas play tells the story of Jesus' birth. The play not only focuses on Mary, Joseph and the

child born in Bethlehem but also on the journey of three shepherds.

The shepherds bring comedy to the play and are often the favorites of the children in the audience. With mock staff fights and flinging a rubber chicken, the shepherds never fail to get a laugh out of the audience, while still maintaining a reverence and respect for the sacred story. The play, which is really more of a musical, has always been a traditional end to the fall semester of school and beginning of Christmas break. This year, however, the tradition underwent an unexpected change.

In past years, the Shepherds Play has been put on by a mix of teachers and high school seniors. Favorite performances have included the Spanish teacher, Magally Luna, as Mary and the art and physics teacher, Tom Clark, as Joseph. This year was different.

This year, the 12th grade approached the faculty and asked if they could take on this challenge as a class, with each role performed by a senior and the teachers merely there to provide their supportive chorus of voices for several of the songs. Although this change in cast took away from some of the excitement the younger children experience as they wait in anticipation to see which role their teacher will play this year, what it added was so much more valuable. The shepherds connected in a new way, a livelier way with the children in the audience, which made the play all that more entertaining.

The way so many of the students stepped up to take on roles that perhaps pushed them just the tiniest bit out of their comfort zone showed their readiness to face the world after high school. But more than the humor of the play or the maturity of the students, it was the opportunity to see these young adults, many of whom have attended Waldorf since first grade or earlier, volunteer to take on such a large commitment of time and effort, that was truly inspiring. Their choice to give back to a community that has embraced and guided them since an early age truly shows how much Waldorf means to these students.



## Retirement May Be Far Off, But the April 15th Deadline for IRA Contributions Isn't.

You have only so many years to prepare for retirement. That's why contributing to your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is so important. Fortunately, you still have time to maximize your Traditional, Roth or SEP IRA contribution before the April 15th deadline.

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## Take the Denver Energy Challenge

### *Denver Offers Free Energy Advice For Residents*

By Julie Carlton

Looking to make energy improvements at home but don't know where to start? Do you have high energy bills? Are you tired of being too hot or too cold in your own home? Good news is here! The City and County of Denver brings you the Denver Energy Challenge, a FREE energy program for residents who live within the City and County of Denver.

This program provides free advising (in-person or phone) in order to help residents cut energy waste while improving indoor air quality and comfort. Over 5,290 residents are participating so don't delay, call today. There's no catch, this program is free and in person advising is only offered for a limited time. The program also offers low-cost energy loans to help residents who lack the upfront cash required to do necessary projects. Call 720-865-5520 (English and Spanish, Monday – Friday, 7a – 7p) to learn more or click here for more information. [www.DenverEnergy.org](http://www.DenverEnergy.org)

## Many Seniors Pay Too Much for Medical Bills

By Eileen Dougherty

Colorado has hundreds of Medicare beneficiaries who are eligible for help paying the high costs of Medicare premiums, deductibles and co-insurance, as well as prescription drug costs. If you know someone who does not have any health insurance other than Medicare and who is unable to pay medical bills, the State of Colorado Medicaid program may be able to help. Advise people to call 1-855-293-6911 to hear more about the Medicare Savings Program, including the Qualified Medicare Benefit, Special Low Income Medicare Benefit, Qualifying Individual and Low-Income Subsidy programs. Volunteers are able to assist with in-person appointments or phone appointments.

For more information or to apply for the Medicare Savings Program or Extra Help, call 303-333-3482.

Contact information for the Denver Energy Challenge

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## Drug Dealing in Congress Park? Not if You Act

By Rachel O'Bryan, Congress Park Crime Action Co-Chair

*"The Congress Park Crime Action Committee is committed to coordinate efforts to rid our neighborhood of crime, thus helping to ensure personal safety for all."  
CPN Crime Action Committee Mission Statement*

District 3 Community Resource Officer is Tony Burkhardt.

Tony's contact information is: 720-913-1231 or 720-641-1164 or anthony.burkhardt@denvergov.org.

We very much appreciate Tony's care for our safety.

I have a regular routine with a girlfriend where we each drop our child off at their respective schools and then meet halfway between our homes for a morning walk. On this particular morning in early October we headed east on 12th Avenue and turned south on Jackson Street. It was approximately 8:30 am as we entered the 900 block. Idling at the curb was a beat up sedan with a couple inside. They too had seen better days. They were scruffy, hollow-cheeked and missing teeth. They looked like a billboard public announcement against meth.

Now, I understand that living as close as some of us do to Colfax that we see all sorts traversing through the neighborhood. But this scenario first thing in the morning seemed odd and suspicious. My girlfriend said, "We should call the police." I wondered why. "I think they are doing drugs in the car and we're only two blocks from Teller." OK. The proximity to the elementary school was a good point.

We kept walking as I pulled out my phone and dialed 311. I gave a description of the car and the couple and was told by the dispatcher that I could have called 911 for this report. No more than five minutes later a police officer in a cruiser on the way to investigate called me and asked further questions. That was the end of it for us, but I was rather surprised by the quick response to such a vague report.

So, imagine my surprise when, at the next District 3 community meeting a drug enforcement officer presented data on heroin distribution in our urban neighborhoods. DPD is seeing a lot more heroin dealing and addiction as it is now as cheap as marijuana, \$15 for a hit. Heroin dealing has become so sophisticated that purchasing the drug in downtown Denver is as easy as ordering up a cab. She described a hypothetical situation almost identical to what my friend and I had witnessed. She explained that most drug addicts need a fix first thing in the morning, a "wake up dose." They call a phone number to place an order. The dispatch center then places the order with a delivery person. Then the dispatcher tells the buyer to wait on a residential side street for the delivery. The heroin is packaged in brightly colored balloons and looks like candy. The transaction itself, the handoff, may only take a minute.

If the police are notified of the suspicious idlers, they can arrive in time to witness the transaction and arrest the dealer. So, if you see someone or something that doesn't look right in the neighborhood, make the call. Go with your gut instinct, like my friend did. You might just stop a crime from occurring in Congress Park.

Police Chief Robert White has been in position for over a year.

*In the May issue, look here for an explanation of some organizational changes coming up for the Denver Police Department in terms of shifts, precincts, staffing – and what it means for Congress Park.*

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# CONGRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD CRIMES

2010

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2012



- Murder
- Sexual Assault
- Kidnapping
- Assault / robbery
- Burglary
- Auto Theft
- Theft from auto
- Arson

This map shows a compilation of all serious crimes reported to police within Congress Park each year. Crime mapping is provided by the Congress Park Crime Action Committee using City and Police Department statistics relayed through Council District 10.

Please observe and compare the annual Congress Park Crime maps, in order that you may develop a crime prevention strategy on your block.

## CPN, Inc. Board Member Honored With INC Award

By Brent Hladky, President,  
Congress Park Neighbors, Inc.

Long time Congress Park Neighbors, Inc., Board member Maggie Price has received INC's Walt Kembel Award this year for contributing above and beyond expectations to develop the organization in creative and unexpected ways. Nominated by Jane Lorimer of the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Executive Committee, Maggie is being recognized for many of the same skills and expertise that she has lent to CPN, Inc., for lo, these many years.

Jane writes: "Maggie came aboard the Communications committee this past year and has steadily added outstanding features that have made our website more professional and user-friendly. She upgraded our online 2013 Membership applications; instituted PayPal for online payments; linked us to Mail Chimp and instituted RSS for our news updates meaning more instantaneous information to subscribers.

"Maggie provides technical support and web training whenever asked and—a big plus—she explains things in layman's terms; a true skill. Maggie has, in fact, become our go-to Tech Guru.

"In addition, Maggie stepped up to co-chair the Parks & Recreation Committee where she has tackled issues such as the Hentzel Park land swap with DPS. She has participated fully in her role on the INC Executive Committee as well.

"In short, Maggie has been a considerable force behind our website evolution, has stepped up as a true leader within INC and has sustained INC's credibility and integrity in all she does."

Jane put it very well. As we all know, Maggie has lent all these skills to CPN, Inc. She is our delegate to INC, a true city-wide RNO, to help make not only Congress Park, but the entire City, a better place for us all. As our INC delegate, she provides us with unique knowledge and insight into both INC and the City. I'm pleased to get this chance to recognize Maggie's contribution to INC and to CPN, Inc.

Want to join CPN, Inc. but can't find your checkbook?

You're saved. The CPN, Inc. website uses Paypal! Become a member the easy way and make sure our neighborhood's voice is heard. Visit [www.congressparkneighbors.org](http://www.congressparkneighbors.org) and join today!

### CPN Events On Web

Once again, CPN's wondrous webmaster Maggie has outdone herself. The neighborhood website now has an events calendar. Go to [www.congressparkneighbors.org](http://www.congressparkneighbors.org) and look. If you have a CPN event that needs to be added in (block party? garage sale? alley clean up?), contact the webmaster or any CPN Board member at [cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org](mailto:cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org). And you can find a list of Congress Park merchants on our website. Thank you, Maggie!

## Cherry Creek Arts Festival Announces Juried Artists for 2013

The Cherry Creek Arts Festival (CCAF) officially announced the 240 juried artists and 8 "Emerging Artists" for its 23rd annual show. The artists were chosen in a blind-jury process from 2,000 artist applications, making the CCAF one of, if not the most, competitive art shows in the nation. 17 artists are from the state of Colorado. The CCAF takes place Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 5, 6, and 7, 2013 and is located in Denver's Cherry Creek North District.

The Arts Festival features artists in 13 different media categories including: ceramics, digital art, drawing, fiber, glass, graphics and printmaking, jewelry, metalworks, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture and wood.

The names, mediums and images of all 2013 exhibiting artists:

<http://www.cherryarts.org/artists/2013artists>

Downloadable exhibiting artist list:

<http://cherryarts.org/media/press-releases>

Watch a video on a behind-the-scenes look at the competitive jury process:

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## City Council Highlights

By District 10 City Councilwoman Jeanne Robb

*Our Denver City Council is working on several issues that may directly impact Congress Park residents. Here are a few highlights from Robb's office.*

### Colfax Marathon Runs Again

The May 18 and 19 races are the ultimate urban tour and raise money for Denver, Kids, Inc. or any of several other charities. May 18 offers a 5K and on May 19, runners can choose from a full or half marathon, 5-person relay or the "Urban 10 miler." Run through Mile High Stadium and Denver Fire Station #1, and along Sloan's Lake, Cherry Creek and the Platte River. This year the half marathon runs through the Denver Zoo. For more: <http://www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.org/>

### Colfax Corridor Public Meetings

*Colfax Corridor Connections Narrows Options for Transit and Mobility Improvements*  
Denver Public Works, in coordination with the City of Aurora, is set to host a second round of public meetings seeking input regarding the Colfax Corridor Connections project. This transportation planning study is in the process of identifying potential solutions to mobility and accessibility challenges in the East Colfax corridor.

Meetings will include briefings by the project team and informative displays, to illustrate transit and mobility solutions for the East Colfax corridor. Community members will have opportunities to provide input on options and issues.

Attend Wednesday, February 27, 2013; 6 to 8 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, 1555 Grant Street, Denver; or Thursday, February 28, 2013; 6 to 8 p.m., North Middle School, 12095 Montview Blvd, Aurora, 80010

### Amendment 64

Some of the policy questions that Assistant City Attorney David Broadwell has posed to Council are:

- Does Denver want to allow "marijuana establishments to exist in the city at all? We could opt-out by ordinance, by a referred ballot question, or opt-out now and opt-in later.
- Does Denver want public hearings on "needs and desire" and "reasonable requirements of the neighborhood"?
- What should the fee for a license be?

- Should we license all types of marijuana operations – retail, cultivation, manufacturing, and testing? And if so, should all licenses have a public hearing component?
- Should existing medical marijuana centers be allowed to convert to the recreational license without a public hearing? Denver currently has 207 MMJ Centers.

### DPD Utilizing Civilians to Put More Officers on Denver Streets

To put more police officers onto the streets in District 10 and throughout the City, Chief White has proposed utilizing civilians in an administrative capacity.

Jeanne Robb: What kind of current police jobs would be going to civilians?

Denver Police Department: We have numerous jobs, from Crime Scene investigators, to those who take in, document, and store evidence. We have taken a close look at duties being performed by police that do not require a badge and a gun. This is an ongoing process and we anticipate more in the future. On average, each civilian hire saves \$27,000. This means that in addition to the police officer returned to the street, we save enough money to hire a third of another officer. No civilians will be utilized to respond to or investigate crimes.

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## Steal Your Personal Data? There's an App for That

By Barbara Martin-Worley

Barbara Martin-Worley is Director, Consumer Fraud Protection Denver District Attorney's Office. Reach the office on Denver DA's Fraud Line: 720-913-9179. Or follow them on Twitter @DenverScamAlert

More consumers are relying on the convenience of mobile phone apps to get quick information. Mobile phone apps are software programs that offer 'information-at-your-finger-tips' and can be accessed directly from a smart phone or other mobile device. The use of phone apps is exploding in popularity and is expected to surpass computers as the information source most often used by consumers. As widely accepted as apps have become, there are important

privacy and security risks that every user should know before downloading these products.

Read before you click "agree," — really. App developers sell advertising space which allows them to offer the app for free, or at a reduced cost. It is an effective way for companies to market their product to more users and to promote new products. Before downloading an app, users are usually shown a privacy policy that

explains how their personal information will be used. By agreeing, the user gives the company permission to access the information that is stored on the user's phone, such as phone and email lists, call logs, internet data, phone location and more. Such data can also be used to explicitly target them for future advertising of select products. Consumers should read all privacy policies so they are aware of how this personal information is being used and why it is being stored.

If you choose an app that doesn't offer a privacy policy, it may signal the possible threat of a malware infection. Malware infections are introduced when the app is downloaded, therefore allowing criminals to retrieve personal information from the user's phone. Signs of a malware infection include any app that appears on the phone that the user didn't install, or email or text messages that you didn't send. To avoid this risk, users should routinely upgrade their apps. Upgrades include the additional benefit of providing updated security patches that protect the phone from the latest malware. Consumers should notify either their mobile phone carrier or the manufacturer of the mobile device to resolve a security breach.

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**Free Days Around Denver**

Denver Museum of Nature and Science: February 11

Denver Botanic Gardens: February 18

Denver Art Museum: Saturday, February 4

Denver Zoo: February 3, February 4 and February 21

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