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Summer 2013

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## Save Water Outdoors and Indoors

By Wendy Moraskie

**E**ven after all the late spring snow, we'll need to conserve water this summer. We need everyone's help to reduce water use and keep as much water as possible in storage as we move through this year and into the next to help avoid a Stage 3 drought, which would ban outdoor lawn watering. Denver Water is offering several really good ideas.

### Save water outdoors:

1. Change to high-efficiency rotary nozzles (see [www.DenverWater.org](http://www.DenverWater.org) about potential rebates).
2. Consider xeriscaping (not "zero-scaping").
3. "Cycle and soak." Watering in increments allows our hard clay soil to soak up water and lets water get down to grass roots.

### Try:

- Three start times per watering day (only two days per week).
- Five-minute runtime (for a total runtime per zone of 15 minutes).
- Allow one hour between each watering cycle (start time one at 3 a.m., start time two at 4 a.m., start time three at 5 a.m.)

4. Aerate your lawn. After aeration, water and fertilizer can more easily get to roots.

### Save water indoors:

Three ways to save water indoors:

1. Take shorter showers.
2. Wash fewer loads of laundry (try to wash two fewer loads per week).
3. Toilets are 25 percent of your indoor water use. Flush less often. Get a rebate from Denver Water for installing a WaterSense toilet. And trick your tank: displace water to save water. Fill a plastic ½ gallon jug (with labels removed) with 2 inches of sand or pebbles and seal tightly. Slowly lower the jug into the tank until it rests securely at the bottom. This age-old trick can save ½ gallon of water per flush, adding up to a significant savings.

For more on the drought, see page 10.

### *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.*

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 6, Congress Park Neighbors' Ice Cream Social, our annual participation in National Night Out.



## Volunteer Opportunity: Newsletter Coordinator Needed by July 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 neighbor-

hood; 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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#### 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.

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!

## Congress Park Neighbors Meetings Feature Speakers

By Myles Tangalin, CPN Board Member

Each month at the neighborhood meeting, the Congress Park Neighbors Board will try to feature a speaker of general interest to neighbors. Here are the next few speakers scheduled, and as additional topics and speakers come up, they will be added into the agenda as time permits.

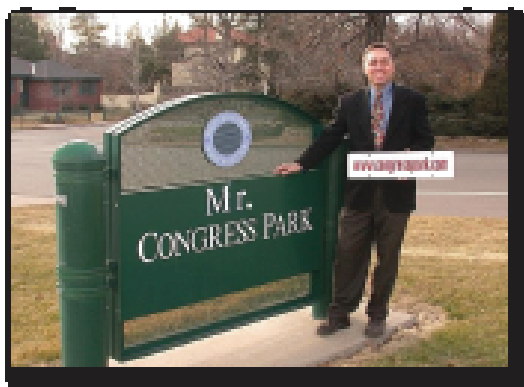
Have you thought about what trees do for us? On May 15 we will have volunteer Community Foresters Tony and Karen Hinkel give a talk on the free trees given out every spring by The Park People/Denver Digs Trees and Mile High Million. They will also speak about the Community Forester program and how you can become an advocate for Denver's urban forest. Ted Tompkins, Arboreal Inspector for Denver Parks and Recreation, will also be available to answer questions.

Did someone mention drought? For our June 19 meeting Reyna Yagi, Water Conservation Technician from Denver Water will discuss our current drought situation and why we need to conserve our precious water resources.

Why should we recycle? Find out on July 17 from the Department of Solid Waste Management/Denver Recycles why we all need to do our part, how to take care of our purple bins, and why every carton counts.

If you have ideas for future speaking topics, please forward them to [CpnBoard@Congress ParkNeighbors.org](mailto:CpnBoard@CongressParkNeighbors.org).

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## City Councilwoman Jeanne Robb Has the Pulse of Congress Park

*Denver Police Department Districts Realigning*

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The Denver Police Department is planning to realign police district boundaries in order to fully implement community policing and a team concept.

The biggest change in City Council district 10 is that both sides of Colfax east of York Street will now be in Police District 2, and District 2 will extend south to Sixth Avenue. West of York, both sides of Colfax remain in District 6. Call 720-663-8203 for more information.

### Colfax Corridor Connections Studies Transportation Options

The City and RTD are completing the Colfax Corridor Connections study. Building on the positive outcome of the Colfax Streetcar Feasibility Study, Public Works and consultants have narrowed transit options on the corridor to Enhanced Bus, Bus Rapid Transit, and Modern Streetcar and are now doing conceptual engineering on these alternatives and they are identifying other transportation improvements along the corridor. The next round of public meetings will be in June.

### Whole Foods: Monthly Electronic Waste Recycling

On the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. take your e-waste to Whole Foods. E-waste is a growing problem in our communities because electronics contain dangerous toxins and are rarely disposed of sustainably. Do your part and recycle your electronics with ethical

recyclers at participating Whole Foods stores. For more information, visit [www.sustainability-recycling.com](http://www.sustainability-recycling.com) or 303-425-9226.

- 1st Saturday: Capitol Hill (900 E. 11th Ave)
- 2nd Saturday: Wash Park (1111 Washington)
- 3rd Saturday: Colorado Blvd (870 S. Colorado)

### 2013 Summer Youth Employment Program is Now Accepting Applications

You must be a resident of the City and County of Denver to register for SYEP. Use this link to register on the State's online database Connecting Colorado (CC) [www.connectingcolorado.com](http://www.connectingcolorado.com) and follow the directions below. (For detailed information, please go to <http://connect.e-colorado.org/newccjobseeker/>).

For more information and questions, please visit the Office of Economic Development website.

### Mayor Hancock Announces Free Access to Recreation Centers

Mayor Michael B. Hancock announced that more than 90,000 Denver students now have free, year-round access to the city's 26 recreation centers and 29 pools with the MY Denver Card. Thanks to Denver voters' overwhelming support of ballot Measure 2A, the city is able to expand programming at the city's recreation centers to support all Denver students ages 5 to 18. Presently, the MY Denver Card will act as a recreation center pass and a Denver Public Library card. The Mayor and his administration will continue to work with city partners to increase the scope of services that the MY Denver Card will encompass beyond the initial free access, expanded recreation center programming and pool access.

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## Teller Teacher Joy Urbach to Retire

By Lisa Aiken

**T**eller Elementary will lose one of its finest when Mrs. Joy Urbach retires at the end of this school year. There's no doubt she's touched the lives of many students during the course of her 37-year teaching career, 17 of which were spent at Teller as the school's Gifted and Talented Representative. She was Teller's Mile High Teacher of the Year in 2008 and has received the Spirit of Shakespeare Award several times.

At the age of 19, Urbach left St. Louis for Denver. She earned an education degree from Metro and began teaching for DPS in 1977. Her career at Teller Elementary began in the mid-90s, after mandated busing had ended, and when the Gifted and Talented program really had no guidelines.

She essentially created the G&T program on her own, gathering and generating data and identifying students for the program. She's been instrumental in the success of two G&T projects at Teller: the Destination Imagination Program and Teller's involvement each spring in the nationally-recognized DPS Shakespeare Festival at the Denver Center for Performing Arts (DCPA).

Destination Imagination is a problem-solving program where kids work on teams, designing and constructing structures, props, and playwriting. Back when the program was called Odyssey of the Mind, Urbach took on the role as a coach that first year and has successfully recruited parents to run the teams ever since, sending six to ten teams yearly to compete in the DI Tournaments. Urbach has coached many teams to the state finals, and one to the National Tournament.

Teller's involvement in the annual DPS Shakespeare Festival began when Urbach took students to see performances at the DCPA. Back at school, students would perform Shakespeare in the auditorium for their peers, but they dreamt of performing on the DCPA stage. Urbach took charge and headed up the huge tasks of gathering authentic cuts of Shakespeare plays, making more cuts, and auditioning, rehearsing and directing the students. Through her dedication, Teller students participate in the oldest and largest student Shakespeare Festival in the country.

Above her numerous awards and accomplishments, her most rewarding achievements are the "Research ABC" books that her gifted and talented 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have produced over the years. She marvels at how much they put into these projects and the depth of knowledge that they walk away with.

As for what's next, Urbach, whose husband is a rabbi, looks forward to becoming even more active with the women of her congregation. If we're lucky, we may still see her in the on school grounds as a substitute teacher or volunteer. We thank you for your years of dedication and we wish you all the best, Mrs. Urbach!

### 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!



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## Congress Park's 2013 Historic Speakers Series Features History, Energy and Gardens

By Carolyn Van Sciver

Lectures run May through September, with a lecture given the last Wednesday of each month. The lectures are held at Heitler Hall, National Jewish Hospital, at 7 PM, unless otherwise stated. Lectures are free and open to the public. Parking is available in the lot on Jackson Street. This presentation schedule is also posted on the Congress Park web site at [www.congressparkneighbors.org](http://www.congressparkneighbors.org). If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Carolyn Van Sciver at 303-377-4913 or [cvasciver@earthlink.net](mailto:cvasciver@earthlink.net).

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The eleventh season of Congress Park Neighbors Historic Speakers series is presented by the CPN Historic Preservation and Education Committee. This summer brings some changes. Due to other commitments this summer, there will NOT be a lecture in August. Because daylight is short in the fall, the September walking tour will be held at 1:30 PM, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21. See the September description below for further details.

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.

The 2013 schedule includes:

May 26, 2013. Comfort and Efficiency for Your Home. Does your house need some help to save energy and be more comfortable? Tom Brunn and Morgan Moors can help you solve energy, cooling, or ventilation problems in your old house while maintaining its historic style and integrity.

June 27, 2013. History of Congress Park. Have you wondered how our neighborhood began and grew into the place we all love? The folks from

Historic Denver will give you the story of Congress Park neighborhood's beginnings and growth over the past 100 or so years.

July 31, 2013. Gardens for Historic Neighborhoods. Get the scoop on gardens and have the prettiest garden on the block. This is shaping up to be a drought year. How can you make the most of what you have and what can you do?

August, 2013. No lecture this month.

September 21, 2013 (Saturday.) Walking Tour of NW Congress Park. Join the author of Northwest Congress Park, Ronda Beck, for Walking Tour #1 of the northwest and oldest, most historic part of the neighborhood. This area grew up during the time Colfax was an elegant boulevard and grand houses announced the prestige of their owners. Please note – due to early darkness in Sept, this tour is Saturday afternoon, not Wednesday night. Meet at 1:30 pm at 2449 E 14th Ave for the tour.

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## Senior Projects at Denver Waldorf School Teach Independent Research and Self-Awareness

By Colin Montrose

**Q:** Where can you see a ninja, a guitarist and a belly dancer all in the same performance?  
**A:** The Denver Waldorf School Senior Project presentations.

The Senior Project is the keystone of Waldorf high school education. In the 12th grade, each student must choose one area of independent study to pursue throughout the year. Once the faculty approves the project, the student will select a mentor and work on this project, with regular updates, until the time comes in the spring for each student to present what they've done. Presentations are done before faculty, parents and students over two nights in the school's Festival Hall.

Choosing the project is very open and always leads to an eclectic mix of topics. For example, my choice was Ninpo Tai-Jutsu, a Japanese martial art passed down from ninjas in medieval Japan. Some selections from my classmates included bronze sculpting, yoga and working as an intern in a restaurant.

Students are encouraged to choose projects that will challenge them, either by taking a topic way out of their comfort zone or taking something they're familiar with and pursuing it to a much higher level. My choice was more of the latter, as I had taken a kids' class at the same learning area or dojo some years before (the Kusa Dojo on S. Pearl Street).

I went to class regularly, two or three times a week. There is a basic structure to the class, but there is a lot of focus on the student's individual approach to the art. The most important part for me was the way the class was so closely integrated with the philosophy of the art and all the time I spent talking about it with the Sensei (teacher) and the other students. Ninpo is a defensive art, so why we fight is considered to be far more important than how we fight; we fight because we have to, not because of honor, pride or arrogance.

The reason that the choices for a project are so free is that it really doesn't matter what you choose. What matters is that

you do make a choice and then figure out a way to personalize your project so that it teaches you about yourself.

It was quite intimidating, but after the dust settled, I sincerely think it has been the most valuable piece of my entire high school education. It was a way to not only broaden my experience but to truly focus on figuring out more about myself, my personality and the way that I learn. I believe there is no more important step that we can take as seniors on our way to college and beyond.

Colin Montrose is a 12th grader at the Denver Waldorf School

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## A Whirlwind Legislative Session, and We're Not Done Yet!

By Rep. Beth McCann, Colorado State Representative, HD8

**T**his has been one of the most active legislative sessions I have ever experienced. Voting in favor of the Civil Unions bill was a historic honor. I want to share some other highlights with you.

### *Budget*

The 2013-14 budget which passed both houses and begins to heal Colorado's budget wounds including increasing our reserve to 5% of the general fund, paying off a loan taken from the Veteran's Trust Fund, and pre-paying an old debt obligation to a pension plan known as FPPA - saving almost \$9 million in interest payments. Cuts to K-12 and higher education are slowly being restored as are key investments in child welfare, mental health, and services for people with developmental disabilities.

### *Jobs Bills*

Jobs and the economy are our number-one priority this session. We have passed bills that shrink tax credits and redirect those funds to assist small businesses, startups, and workers upgrading their skills. Other jobs bills provide access to capital for high tech companies, encourage overseas exports, provide training grants, connect students with on-the-job training opportunities, and eliminate barriers to employment due to poor credit rating.

### *Education Bills*

institutions of higher education at in-state tuition rates. The Future School Finance Act reforms school funding for a more equitable and stable distribution of education dollars. And, helps 20,000 Colorado children get off the wait list and into preschool.

### *My Bills*

I am very pleased that the Governor has signed public safety bills to require universal background checks for all firearm purchases, to limit magazine sizes to 15 rounds, and to require people to pay for their firearm background checks. I cosponsored the background check bill with Rep. Fields. Both chambers passed bills that require domestic or child abusers to turn in their firearms, and require in-person training for concealed carry permits. I introduced a late bill establishing a task force to address mental health and gun possession.

I am also carrying a number of health care bills. One bill establishes a task force on consolidating involuntary commitment procedures due to mental health or substance abuse. Three bills support the Colorado Health Benefits Exchange by making the Exchange self-sustaining after 2015; by closing Cover Colorado, our high risk health insurance pool; and, evenly distributing the pool of insured individuals by limiting small business access to stop-loss insurance. My 160 page "alignment" bill will bring our state insurance statutes into compliance with the federal Affordable Care Act. The three month waiting period for the Child Health Plans Plus program was eliminated so children with chronic conditions have continuous medical care. I am working to renew licensing of audiologists, address hospital provider fee problems, and provide Medicaid funding for adult dental services.

My civil justice bills are near and dear to my heart. My spousal maintenance bill creates consistency by giving the courts guidelines for awarding permanent alimony. Another successful bill elevates safety of children and victims of domestic violence as primary concerns in divorce custody and regarding protection orders.

Finally, I have bills to collect MMJ licensing fees to fund enforcement, to require a statewide youth development plan, and to allow the Secret Service to assist local law enforcement.

Thoughts and ideas? Contact me at beth@bethmccann.org or 303-866-2959.

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The AS-SET Bill passed allowing children of undocumented workers to attend Colorado state




## Compost or Mulch? Yes, and Denver Recycles Offers Both

By Julie Carlton

After all the late snow, we're itching to get out in the yard and dig dirt and plant plants. To avoid suffocating our tender new roots in our natural clay soil, amend that dirt with compost. After you're done planting and watering-in, a layer of mulch can help the soil retain moisture. Denver Recycles has that too, from your chopped up Christmas tree.

Check out their website at <http://www.denvergov.org/trashrecycling/TrashandRecycling/CompostingOrganics/MulchGiveawayandCompostSale/tabid/438334/Default.aspx> to find out where and when to load up your compost and mulch.

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## City Park Jazz Concerts Continue in 2013 for More than 130 Years

City Park Jazz is a treasure in Denver's cultural life. City Park Jazz produces 10 free jazz concerts each summer in the crown jewel of Denver's Parks, City Park. Jazz, blues and salsa, the predominant forms of music presented at our concerts, have broad appeal with our uniquely diverse, urban fans. The concerts are held from 6 – 8 pm on Sunday evenings, rain or shine.

- June 2: The Hazel Miller Band, with special guest the Harmony Chorale
- June 9: AOA, with special guest Aleks Girshevich
- June 16: Tribute to Neil Bridge, with the Neil Bridge +7 Featuring Karen Lee
- June 23: Salsa Con Jazz
- June 30: The Ron Miles Quartet with the Denver Concert Band
- July 7: Sam Mayfield Blues Band
- July 14: Colorado Conservatory for the Jazz Arts Faculty/Student Band
- July 21: Kenny Walker Sextet
- July 28: Los Bohemios
- August 4: Henry Butler




For more information about the concerts, the artists or the beautiful park, visit <http://cityparkjazz.org/>



### Contact information for the Denver Energy Challenge

Julie Carlton is Energy Outreach Program Administrator with Denver's Dept. of Environmental Health. Reach them at 720-865-5430 or julie.carlton@denvergov.org, or Dial 3-1-1 for City Services. "CPNews" in the subject line.

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## Conserve Water—We’re Still in a Drought...

By Angela Casias, Denver Parks and Recreation

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.

We're in the second year of a severe drought that's not getting better. If conditions don't improve, this could be the worst drought on record. Check Denver Water's website at <http://www.denverwater.org/Drought/DroughtRules/CommunitiesSubjecttoDroughtRules/> for watering restrictions.

- Single-family residential properties with addresses ending in even numbers: Sunday, Thursday.
- Single-family residential properties with addresses ending in odd numbers: Saturday, Wednesday.
- All others (multifamily, HOAs, commercial, industrial, government): Tuesday, Friday.

In addition, customers must follow these watering rules:

- Water between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. to reduce loss by evaporation.
- Do not waste water by allowing it to pool in gutters, streets and alleys.
- Do not waste water by letting it spray on concrete and asphalt.
- Repair leaking sprinkler systems within 10 days.
- Do not water while it is raining or during high winds.

Annuals and vegetables can be watered any day using hand-held devices. Spray irrigation is only allowed on assigned watering days. Trees and shrubs may be watered only on assigned watering days.

Citizens who see water leaks or broken sprinklers in Denver's parks should call 3-1-1. To report water waste elsewhere, call Denver Water at 303-893-2444.

### *Conserve Water and Stop Flushing Away Money* (From Denver Urban Renewal Authority)

The toilet uses more water than any other fixture in your home, which never bodes well for utility bills. The good news is that it's easy to take control of the situation and minimize the amount of water (and money) that goes down the drain each day.

#### *(1) Beware of secret leaks*

Don't let a pristine bathroom floor fool you. The toilet can spring a leak without any puddles to speak of, with water seeping directly from the tank to the bowl. To test for an internal leak, place 10-12 drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. After an hour, check to see if the water within the toilet bowl is tinted by the food coloring as well. If so, a simple repair could be the key to a lower water bill. Most internal leaks call for replacing

the flapper valve—an easy and inexpensive fix.

#### *(2) Displace water to save water*

There's a good chance your toilet is using more water than it needs with each flush. Toilets made before 1994 can use anywhere from

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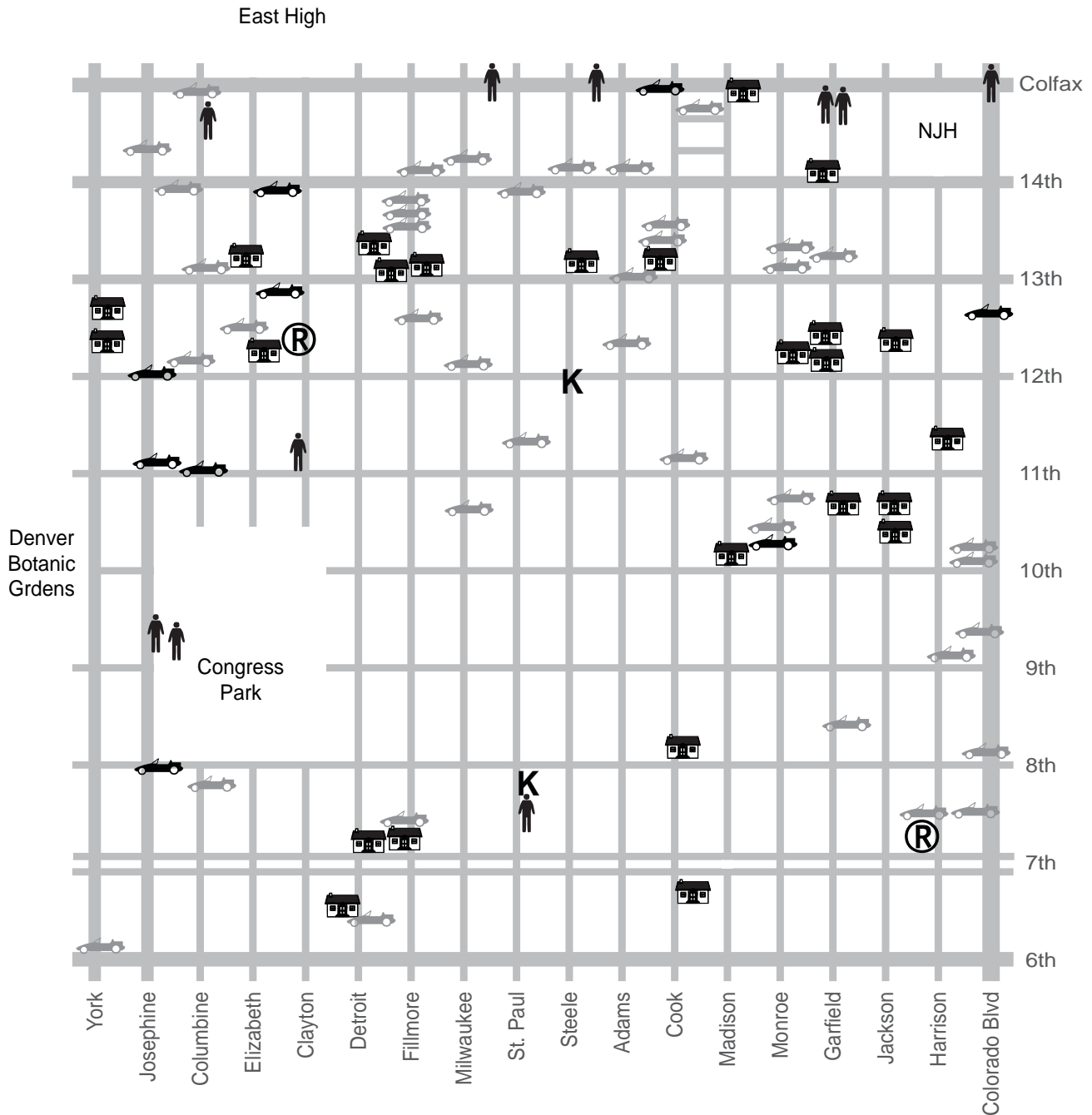
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# CONGRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD CRIMES JANUARY - MARCH 2013



- Ⓜ Sexual Assault**
- K Kidnapping**
- 👤 Assault / robbery**
- 🏠 Burglary**
- 🚗 Auto Theft**
- 🚗 Theft from auto**

This map shows a compilation of all serious crimes reported to police within Congress Park in the first quarter of 2013. Crime mapping is provided by the Congress Park Crime Action Committee using City and Police Department statistics relayed through Council District 10.

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## Denver Film Society Will Raise The Roof Again in 2013

**R**aise the Roof: An Elevated Block Party” will be the place to enjoy warm summer nights with friends, hear new music, and sample local foods again—all for FREE. Mark your calendar for June 20, July 11, and August 15, bike or walk over and head to the rooftop of the SIE FilmCenter at Colfax and Elizabeth. From 6 – 10 pm on those evenings, bring your food-, film- and music-loving friends to taste delights from gourmet food trucks and hear from two cutting-edge bands. This year the bands will be chosen and booked by Colorado Public Radio’s new music station “Open Air.” When the bands are played out, there will be activities inside the SIE FilmCenter to keep the fun going.

Last year 2600 people of all ages came to the three music/food/summer fests. And DFS’s trio of rooftop parties won CHUN’s Good Neighbor Award for “Best Colfax Get-Together.”

## Conserve Water, Continued

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3.5 to 8 gallons of water per flush, when it only takes most models around 1.5-2 gallons to get the job done. Trick your tank by displacing its water (see page 1).

### *(3) Watch what you flush*

Just because toilets are often capable of disposing of gum, cigarette butts or Kleenex, doesn’t mean they should. Even if those objects don’t clog the toilet, it’s inefficient and costly to use 3 – 7 gallons of water to dispose of items that can go in a trash can. Keeping garbage in its rightful place is a foolproof way to prevent upticks in your water bill.

These tips will help to increase the efficiency of older toilets. But if it’s simply time for a replacement, the latest high-efficiency models (about 1-2 gallons of water used per flush) are more affordable than ever. Contact DURA for more information about funding for plumbing repairs or upgrades through our Emergency Home Repair (EHR) and Single Family Rehabilitation (SFR) programs at 303-534-3872 or [www.renewdenver.org](http://www.renewdenver.org).

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## Tax Credit Extension for Existing Homeowners Who Made (or plan to make) Energy Improvements

### *Denver Environmental Quality*

Homeowners who made energy efficient improvements to their homes last year are reaping the benefits by taking advantage of up to \$500 in income tax credits. Thanks to the American Taxpayer relief Act of 2012, the tax credits that expired at the end of 2011 were made retroactive to include improvements made in 2012.

For homeowners planning to start new projects, these tax credits were extended to the end of 2013 so there's still time.

If you've already made upgrades in 2012 or plan to in 2013 contact the Denver Energy Challenge for free and neutral advising and to help determine whether or not your improvements qualify for the tax credits. Participation in this free City program also gives you access to exclusive low-cost energy loans towards small or large projects and qualified contractors.

For more information, call 720-865-5520 or visit [www.DenverEnergy.org](http://www.DenverEnergy.org). In-person and phone advising is provided at no cost to the homeowner and is available for residents within the City and County of Denver.

#### Eligible Measures Include:

1. Added insulation to walls or ceilings
2. Replacement windows, skylights, and exterior doors
3. Installation of certain Window films
4. Sealing cracks in the building shell and ducts consistent with the 2009 IECC
5. Pigmented metal roofs, or an asphalt roof with cooling granules must meet Energy Star requirements.
6. An electric heat pump water heater which yields an energy factor of at least 2.0
7. Natural gas & propane furnaces or water heaters that meet certain standards
8. Central air conditioning units and air-source heat pumps that meet certain standards
10. A biomass fuel stove that meets certain criteria

For more information call the city (above) or visit: the Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency [http://www.dsireusa.org/incentives/incentive.cfm?Incentive\\_Code=US43F](http://www.dsireusa.org/incentives/incentive.cfm?Incentive_Code=US43F)

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## Your New Neighbor is a Dragon

*Glaze, at The Baum Cake Shoppe*

By Myles Tangalin

**H**ave you met the 2,200 lb. Red Dragon in Congress Park named Seki Ryuu? This dragon bakes scrumptious cakes.

Seki Ryuu routinely breathes 600 degrees of fire on six rotating spits dipped in a special batter created using the finest ingredients of farm fresh eggs, almond flour and special sugars from Japan. These layers are cooked to perfection to create concentric layers of cake called Baum Cakes which resemble bark on a tree, which are then glazed with the likes of buttercream, caramel, Belgian Dark, White, or Milk Chocolate, and Limoncello. The cakes are next filled with raspberry or strawberry mousse.

Taste buds working overtime yet? A visit to Glaze at the corner of 12th Avenue and Madison Street is a must to satisfy a sweet tooth and thank owner Heather Alcott for bringing her vision to our neighborhood and making their motto 'Happiness is a piece of cake' so evidently true. You can also enjoy Illy's coffee and fresh Macaroons outside on the new patio.

**Glaze, the Baum Cake Shoppe**  
1160 Madison Street,  
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720-387-7890

Times to visit the red dragon are:  
Tuesday – Saturday:  
9 am-6 pm  
Sunday: Noon - 5 pm  
<http://glazebaumcakes.com>

## Colfax to the Max

**C**afé Max is a cheery new neighbor at 2412 E. Colfax. The concept, as explained on the website, intended to meld food and beverages, culture and art, travels and adventures. They hope a glass of wine or a savory treat will help engage the senses with music and art.

The hours and menu of this “uncoffeeshop” span from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day. No matter what time you drop in, the design- and food-focused oasis will welcome you with offerings that will hit the spot, from the sunny morning organic cereal to the late night red wine and flourless chocolate cake.

A sampling of the wide-ranging menu includes: breakfast burritos, the classic grilled cheese, pb&j, lox with capers, soups, salads, sandwiches, biscotti, red velvet cupcake, waffle sundae, espresso drinks, tea, beer, wine, the max shake, the Japanese lemonade and much more. Café Max will speak to your taste buds.

### CPN Contributes to Educated Kids

Ever since it began, CPN has donated to INC's Dollar Dictionary Drive, giving dictionaries and thesauruses to Denver's third-graders. Want to make a difference to a child? Join CPN and part of your membership fee goes to this good cause.

## CAFE MAX

Congress Park Neighbors Inc and E. Colfax has a new neighbor, Cafe Max located at 2412 E. Colfax in the landmark Austin building (between Josephine and Columbine on E. Colfax).

Opened in January by Max Hopewell-Arizmendi and his partner, Yuki Koyama, this small cozy eatery with a decidedly European flavor has a wide range of menu items ranging from paninis, sandwiches, baked goods, and a variety of carefully selected beverages including beer, wine and saki.

Their hours of operation are:

Monday – Thursday 7:30AM-10:00PM

Friday – 7:30AM-11:00PM

Saturday – 8:30AM-11:00PM

Sunday – 8:30 AM-10:00PM

Happy hour every day 5:00-7:00

Their goal is to enhance the simple pleasures of a soothing cup of tea, a glass of wine or a savory treat, while engaging the senses through design, music and art.

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