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New Owner, New Possibilities at 3015 E. Colfax

By Wendy Moraskie

The All Inn Motel at 3015 E. Colfax, recent home of the shuttered RockBar, has been purchased by Inspire Investment Group and is slated for redevelopment. IIG is finishing construction on the Detroit Terraces apartment building just two blocks west of the All Inn site.

As an immediate neighbor to Congress Park, the neglected All Inn property impacts on our section of Colfax, which has been waking and stretching itself into a dynamic, vibrant shape, bridging the historical and our place-grounded future. The current state of this building can't help but adversely affect the opinions of passers-by as they visit nearby shops and restaurants and consider living and working here.

In an interview, IIG head Brian Toerber mentioned plans to rehabilitate the hotel's exterior, potentially add a fifth floor and possibly a second building on the lot. Currently he envisions retail on the ground floor and about

60 small apartment units in the 400 square-foot range that would rent for about \$1000 per month. Other options include scraping the existing building and replacing it with one or two buildings aiming toward the combination of retail space and micro-units.

Toerber is scheduling meetings with architects, contractors, commercial brokers and adjacent neighborhood associations to determine what gaps the site can fill successfully. He expects to break ground in 2017.

During planning and construction, Toerber intends to make the parking lot available to local businesses through rental agreements. More foot traffic in the area means more observation of the lot, the building and the surrounding area, ostensibly dissuading less-desirable behaviors. The hotel is now operating under a 90-day rolling lease, and Toerber said a surfeit of problems will activate a 90-day notice to cease operations.

Colfax Avenue between Josephine and Colorado have long been colorful and unique. In recent years the area is beginning to reap the benefits of efforts by energetic and committed city staff, and adjacent City Park South and Congress Park neighborhood residents.

Let's prepare to work toward a more complementary, attractive and effective use for 3015 that honors the history and architecture of the surrounding neighborhoods, embraces "today," and prepares a foundation for the future. We'll watch this next incarnation of the All Inn with hopeful, cautious optimism.

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.

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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Neighborhood meetings are held every other month (August, October, December, February, April and June), on the third Wednesday, at 7 p.m. in National Jewish Hospital's Heitler Hall. Watch the newsletter and the email blasts for featured speakers. Don't get the email blasts? Sign up at www.congressparkneighbors.org.

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Do you receive lots of notices about services and activities in the neighborhood? You are just the person we need to compile the most pertinent information into brief articles for the quarterly newsletter.

Are you very committed to the care and feeding of Congress Park? Make sure you attend the bi-monthly neighborhood meetings to hear what's going on near you, and find out how you can help Congress Park thrive.

*5280 Magazine rated Congress Park number 1 of the 71 Denver neighborhoods it rated in its May issue.

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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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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.

Colfax – Preserving Character and Encouraging Development

By Councilman Wayne New, District 10

Over the past six months CW Mary Beth Susman, Council President Chris Hernon, CM Albus Brooks, CM Wayne New, CM Paul Lopez, and CM Rafael Espinoza, the six City Council members representing districts on Colfax, have initiated a discussion and planning process to re-develop the 15 mile length of Colfax Avenue in Denver (Sheridan to Yosemite), in conjunction with the implementation of the first segment of the bus rapid transit (BRT) system. City departments, Colfax business improvement district leaders, developers, and other neighborhood and professional representatives have initially participated to define the process. The input and guidance from neighborhoods and businesses will be essential for the project’s future success. Our discussions to date have been energetic and positive with great interest in the future of Colfax.

This planning process will address the Sheridan to Yosemite length of Colfax in its three major segments (west of Broadway; Broadway to Colorado; and east of Colorado) that have their own personality traits and development needs. The re-development project will be emphasizing the following key areas:

- 1) BRT Transit Development
- 2) Affordable Housing
- 3) Existing Colfax Area Plans & Recent Urban Land Institute (ULI) / Rose Foundation West Colfax Study
- 4) Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA) and Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
- 5) Zoning and Streetscape Planning
- 6) Parking
- 7) Homeless and Safety Improvement

The planning effort will include a series of public meetings and communications to request

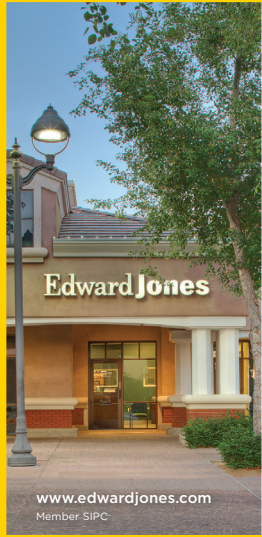
your input and keep you informed on progress. Some 2017 improvement ideas may be evaluated by each respective City Council member for possible submission to the Budget Office for consideration. Strategic capital improvement project funding for essential Colfax needs will be evaluated, discussed, and referred for inclusion in long term strategic planning.

The re-development of Colfax will be a great opportunity to preserve its wonderful character and to improve the quality of life and business for all citizens. Help us bring back some of our Colfax history and create an exciting place to live, work, and play. If you have any questions or want to volunteer to work on the plans, please contact Councilman New at wayne.new@denvergov.org.

Bargains for a Good Cause

You love yard sale-ing and contributing to a good cause, so the Zonta Club of Denver’s (501.c.3) annual yard sale is the place to be on May 21. The nearly 40 members of the club are serious about spring cleaning and their club’s mission: to improve opportunities for at-risk women and children. They’ve arrayed a selection of gently-used decor, jewelry, furniture and other household goods on the lawn at 1360 Glencoe on one Saturday each May for more than 10 years. Funds go toward grants to local organizations. Morning is best, but not before 8 a.m., please.

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Tellerpalooza Rocks Again

By David Port

Top Denver Bands Hit The Stage To Raise \$\$ For Budget-Challenged Congress Park School



Tellerpalooza 2016 will feature some of Colorado's finest musical talent including Dressy Bessy, Flaural, Hangman's Hymnal, Pink Hawks and Shady Elders.

Tellerpalooza 2016 is sponsored by: The Bluebird Theater/AEG Live, Rupp's Drums, Lisa Santos RE/MAX Cherry Creek, Colorado Commercial Services and Integrity Printing.

The event is entirely volunteer-driven. Teller parents, staff and kids make it happen — somehow. Join us as we all stay up well past our bedtimes to party!

Tellerpalooza, the renowned concert fundraiser benefiting Teller Elementary in central Denver, returns to the legendary Bluebird Theater on May 21 for a raucous evening of music, culture, food and fun. And as always, the public is invited!

Launched in 2003, Tellerpalooza serves as a vital funding lifeline for Teller Elementary, which this year finds itself with a \$350,000 budget deficit. The vibrant event wouldn't be possible without the generous support of Denver's music community, members of which donate their time and talents for the event.

"Tellerpalooza lets us show off how much we cherish the arts and music at our school and in our community," said Teller Principal Jessica Downs. "We're genuinely grateful to the musicians, to the Bluebird Theater and to our event sponsors for supporting us when we really need it."

Tellerpalooza 2016 is about community more than music, with food trucks, a bake sale, a merchandise market with Tellerpalooza tees and goodies from performing bands, games and other surprises. Zach Hochstadt, the entertaining and unpredictable master of ceremonies will once again wield his microphone.



Doors open at 3:30 and the music starts soon thereafter. Tickets cost \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Visit www.tellerpalooza.com for advance tickets and more information.

Last year, some 800 people attended Tellerpalooza, which raised more than \$20,000 to help fund academic programs as well as faculty positions at Teller Elementary.

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Teller Steps Up Green Efforts

By Timothy Hernandez, Teller's librarian, and Ian Teller, Teller parent

Teller's new composting initiative and expanded recycling efforts are in full swing. We've seen a dramatic reduction in the amount of landfill waste we're producing each day at lunch, and the evening custodial crew has similarly observed a decrease in the quantity of trash we're putting into the waste stream when they empty the classroom rubbish bins daily.

With the recent placement of TerraCycle containers outside our cafeteria, we will remove even more challenging-to-recycle items from the waste stream, shipping them to our partner TerraCycle, which will upcycle juice pouches, for example, into backpacks, pencil pouches, messenger bags or pelletize the material we send them and turn it into other usable products, such as planters, watering cans, even new waste bins. In turn, TerraCycle will pay us for our contributions!

Our student green team has been at the forefront of our efforts to make Teller a more sustainable community, committed to reducing the amount of trash we produce, repurposing materials for creative arts and recycling all items that can be recycled.

Our youth members are leaders at our school, cleaning up trash from the playground, supporting their peers at lunch and in the classroom and educating residents of Congress Park about the benefits of composting, recycling and TerraCycling to our neighborhood, helping to make it a zero-waste community.



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**Regeneration! Congress Park Earth Day Festival Launches
Neighborhood Sustainability Initiative**

By Joan Gregerson, Congress Park Earth Day Festival Coordinator

After months of planning, over 200 people attended the 2016 Congress Park Earth Day Festival. Held on April 23 at the Capitol Heights Faith Communities (CHFM), the weather was blustery but warm enough for activities outdoors and indoors. The event was a joint initiative of the newly formed Congress Park Neighbors' Green Team and CHFM. Councilman Wayne New and dozens of local businesses supported the festival as sponsors and prize donors.

Students from Good Shepherd Catholic School and Teller Elementary taught festivalgoers how to be more sustainable with science investigations, and tips on proper recycling, composting and terracycling (making new products from hard-to-recycle items such as toothpaste tubes, pens and chip bags.)

The Zero Waste team included the students, scouts from Boy Scout Troop #1 and The Heights Church. The event was planned for minimal waste with strategies such as serving coffee in real cups.

The focus of the event was neighbor-to-neighbor learning through fun, interactive exhibits. Outdoors, neighbors learned how to start their own vegetables, build a composter and make bird seed. Indoors, visitors tested their recycling knowledge at the "Let's Talk Trash!" exhibit by Green Team members. Presenters from the community, CHFM, Fossil Fuel Free Denver and the City of Denver, gave talks on greening faith communities, homes, businesses and our neighborhood.

The festival concluded with a community song sharing experience led by Jamie Laurie of the Flobots and NOENEMIES. This final activ-

ity summed up the entire festival. By getting together, using our voices, and working in harmony, we can heal the damage that has been done and regenerate our neighborhood.

The festival was a wonderful starting point. There is much work to be done.

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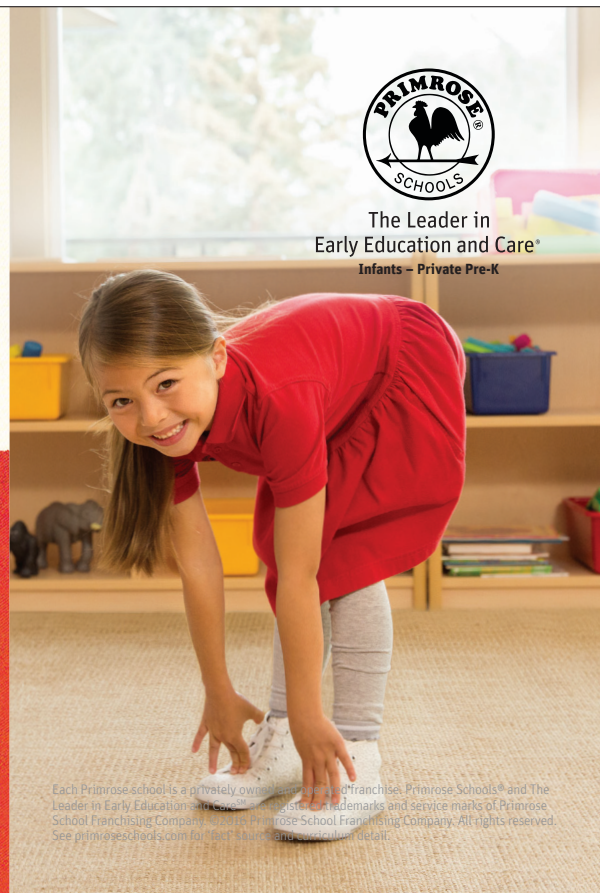
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Sustainability in Congress Park - Is it time to get involved?

By Liz Goehring & Becky Coughlin, Congress Park Green Team co-coordinators

In the 2015 Spring issue of the Congress Park News, Lisa Bingham wrote a lovely article about “Sustainability in Congress Park” and proposed that our neighborhood get involved with a City of Denver program designed to promote more “sustainable” living. Called the Sustainable Neighborhood Network (SNN), the program helps participating neighborhoods set goals and organize workshops, projects and events intended to enhance a neighborhood’s livability while reducing its ecological footprint. Denver’s SNN program already boasts four certified sustainable neighborhoods.

Today, a year later, a group of enthusiastic Congress Park neighbors has organized to form the Congress Park Green Team (CPGT), and has decided it is time to apply to Denver’s SNN program. Participation in the program is limited and applications must show neighborhood support as well as include specific plans for projects to help the neighborhood meet its sustainability goals. The CPGT has many ideas for initiatives include promoting home energy efficiency, a film/speaker series on sustainability matters, and water-wise landscaping and pollinator gardening. At the recent Congress Park Earth Day Festival, neighbors enthusiastically endorsed participation, and several contributed their own ideas for projects. The CPGT also initiated an effort to identify and map ‘green assets’ in our neighborhood, including xeric landscapes, solar installations, and composting sites, as well as neighbors with specific ‘green’ expertise. As suspected, our neighborhood has a wealth of knowledge and interest in sustainability, and in community.

What does a sustainable neighborhood look like to you? In the next several weeks and months, the CPGT will establish channels to engage neighbors, solicit your ideas and invite participa-

tion at whatever level suits you. Please consider joining the CPGT. Check the CPN website Green Team pages for meeting times. The most common reason cited for joining the CPGT is the desire to get to know other like-minded neighbors in our community.

In the words of Margaret Mead: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

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By Robin Kniech, City Councilwoman at Large

It's an honor to serve as your At-Large Representative on City Council. There are many milestones being reached on projects I've been leading to improve Denver's quality of life.

I have closely partnered with Councilman New on improving Denver's response to homelessness. And I am proud to be partnering with Mayor Hancock and my colleague Councilman Brooks to create a new dedicated fund for affordable housing. With Council debate expected in the late summer/early fall, the proposal would create two new funding sources to generate at least \$150 million to build or preserve at least 6,000 affordable homes in the first 10 years.

The first source would be a development fee to ensure new residential and commercial construction help to house the workers filling the jobs they create. The second would be a very small portion of existing property tax, to create stability to balance the ups and downs of a development fee.

City Council as a whole is also tackling a broad array of major policy. In March, Council established policy priorities for the coming year, including recommitting to two existing focus areas:

1) Mobility and Transportation, and 2) Housing and Homelessness. Council added a new priority, 3) Economic and Workforce Development, which includes creating more local hiring on major city projects.

Council also just adopted a city-wide cap prohibiting additional marijuana stores or cultivation facilities that I crafted. The newly adopted policy will prohibit new medical stores and cultivation, while severely restricting the location of any cultivation facilities near schools or residential areas, and includes limits for the most concentrated neighborhoods in the future.

It is a busy time to serve in our growing and thriving city, which still faces many challenges in spite of our success. Contact me any time at 720-337-7712 or kniechforcouncil@denvergov.org.



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The Work Continues in House District 8

By Beth McCann, House District 8

This is my final article as your State Representative at the Capitol. I will continue to represent House District 8 through December 2016, although the legislative session ends May 11. The citizens of House District 8 elected me to four terms (eight years) at the state house for which I am very grateful. I have truly enjoyed representing Congress Park and the rest of lively District 8.

During this interesting and productive legislative session, we were able to pass a balanced budget which increased spending on K-12 by a small amount, provided transportation funding and did not reduce our support of higher education or cut provider rates for Medicaid providers. We are still working to remove the hospital provider fee from the TABOR cap that will help our state fiscal situation considerably.

All of my bills, summarized briefly here, have been signed into law, have passed, or are still pending.

- HB 1374 (pending), requires stand-alone emergency rooms to post a notice that they do not provide lower-cost urgent care services.
- HB 1095 (passed), makes it easier to get prescription eye drops renewed before the refill date.
- HB-1328 (pending), prohibits the non-emergency use of isolation cells for juveniles in criminal confinement. Research shows that holding juveniles in solitary confinement is harmful to their social and psychological development.
- HB-1215 (signed), redefines the purpose of parole to support former inmates as they reenter society, focusing on reducing recidivism.

-HB 1388 (ongoing), seeks to eliminate the question about criminal history from an initial employment application. Background checks later in the process would continue to assure public safety. The State of Colorado already uses this process for hiring.

-HB 1129 (pending), strengthens measures to prevent charity fraud, creating a class 2 misdemeanor fraud violation and allowing a penalty of up to \$10,000 for each offense

-HB 1090 (signed), limits the 'finder's fee' for the recovery of 'excess funds' from the sale of foreclosed homes.

-HB 1216 (pending), strengthens our Independent Ethics Commission by allowing the IEC to hire its own independent counsel to avoid conflicts in the Attorney General's office.

-HB-1033 (signed), reimburses members of the Colorado Human Trafficking Council for travel expenses.

-HB 1341 (passed House), aims to prevent poaching and trafficking of endangered species by making it illegal to buy or sell animal parts from 10 endangered species, exempting guns and musical instruments.

Again, thank you for the honor of serving as your state representative. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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Congress Park Crime Remains Low, Could Be Lower: You Can Help

By Stephen Eppler

*"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*

You are Part of the Solution

Reach out to your neighbors and be aware of who is on your street and in your alley. Keep your porch lights on. Report street and alley lights that are out to 311. Cultivate shared neighborhood vigilance. Ask the police about starting a neighborhood watch group on your block. If you see suspicious activity, trust your instinct and call 911 to report it.

Congress Park continues to have a relatively low crime incidence and remains a safe place to live.

2015 crime statistics were released. Overall crime within Congress Park increased by 30%.

There were 236 offences in 2014 and 278 in 2015. There was one major area of concern related to violent crime. Compared to 2014, the incidence of aggravated assault increased from 8 to 17 (112.5%). Most of this crime excess occurred during November when there were 8 episodes of aggravated assault.

However, when the tabular data is compared to the dated crime log there were only 2 reports of "threatening to imminently injure with a weapon" listed for November and 9 total events during 2015. The cause of this discrepancy is unclear and has been brought to Denver Police attention.

The amount of other types of violent crime against persons did not change significantly. No murders occurred in 2014 or 2015. Robberies declined from 8 to 7 (-12.5%). The incidence of rape was unchanged at 5 reported events.

Crimes against property account for over 90% of Uniform Crime Reports in Congress Park. This increased by 29% overall in 2015 compared to 2014 (215 vs 278 reports). Theft from motor vehicles increased the most rising from 48 to 64 events (33%). Reports of larceny increased from 75 to 97

(29%). Burglaries increased 24%, up from 46 to 57 and motor vehicle thefts increased 26% (46 vs 58). The incidence of criminal mischief/damaged property declined to 56 reports (-37%).

Crimes against society increased by 12%. Almost all of this was due to drug/narcotics violations which rose from 12 to 17 (42%).

It is difficult to make any statements about 2016 this early in the year due to limited data. Overall, trends appear unchanged. Congress Park abuts the Cheesman Park, Cherry Creek, Hale, City Park and Country Club neighborhoods. For 2015, Congress Park ranks 5th in violent crime, robberies, property crime and assaults. It ranks 6th in domestic violence. Of the adjacent neighborhoods, only Country Club has a more favorable crime profile (ranking 6th in 4 of 5 categories).

Do your part to make our neighborhood safer and drop our crime statistics. We could directly affect the numbers of robberies, larceny, and theft from motor vehicles. Roughly half of all robberies did not require forcible entry. Lock your house, garage and car doors. Be alert to strangers who try to follow you into your building. If you must keep valuables in your car, put them truly out of sight or remove them. Hiding them behind the front seat does not work.



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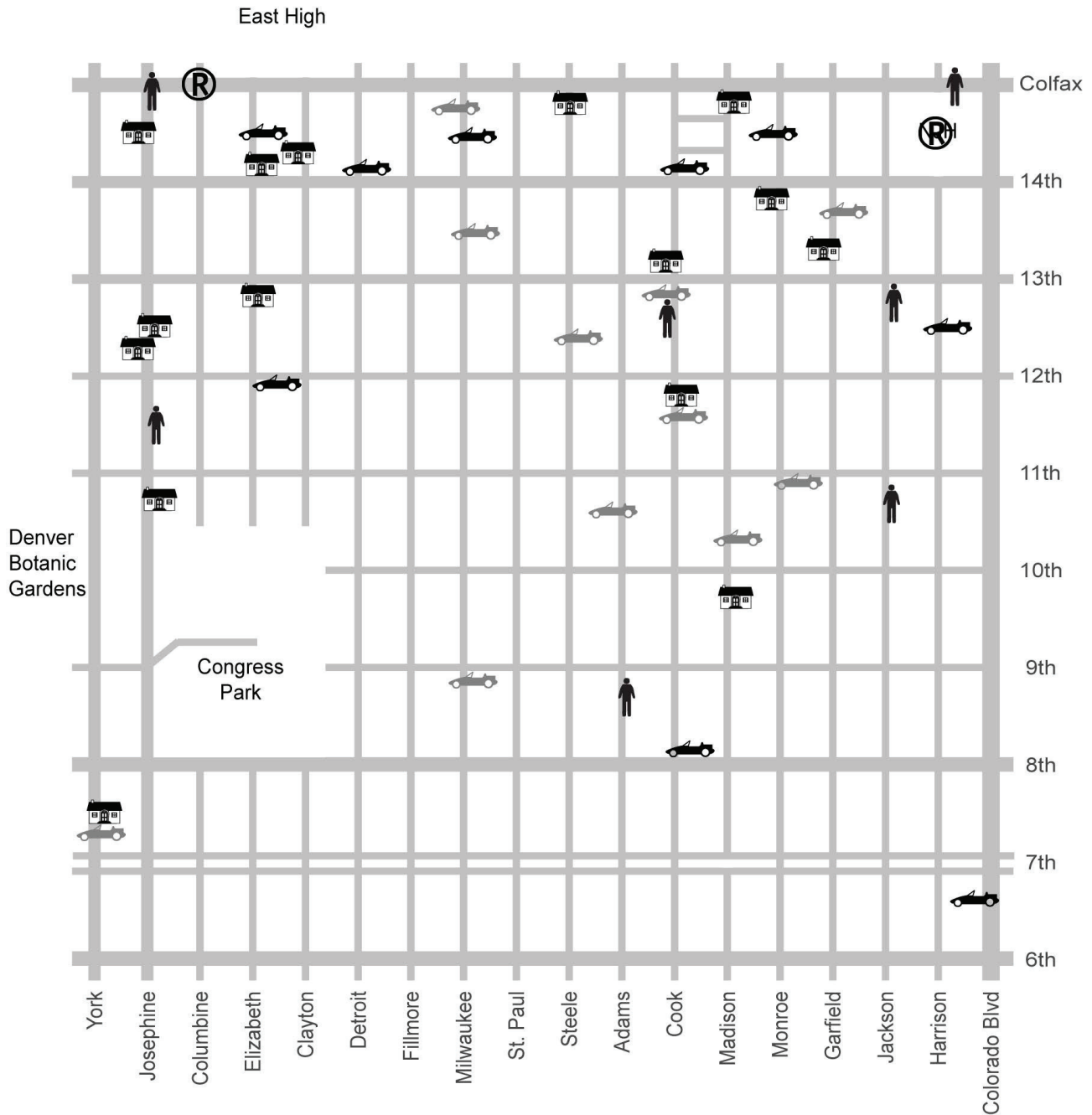
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This map shows a compilation of all serious crimes reported to police within Congress Park in the first quarter of 2016. Crime mapping is provided by the Congress Park Crime Action Committee using City and Police Department statistics.

Sweeping Works for Floors, Not People

By Kathleen Hynes

Sweeping is what we do to floors, not to people, unless you are part of our city's "solution" to homelessness.

Harry Tammen, co-founder of the Denver Post, noted: "The public not only likes to be fooled; it insists upon it." And so our city wants us to believe the recent sweep of "homeless camps," as reported by all of our local news outlets on March 8, is genuinely helping solve this incredibly complex problem.

Of course we are not fooled. Most of us have swept floors and know what you have swept up must go somewhere. But the city does not put the homeless anywhere because they have yet to sort out a workable, sustainable plan to effectively address how to help one of the most defenseless and marginalized group of citizens in our city.

Instead, the city orders its employees to throw away what meager belongings these people have,

including their food, while simultaneously forcing them away from a major shelter which actually does provide services.

These behaviors do not support the city's official stance. The Denver Post on March 22 quoted Denver Department of Human Services spokeswoman Julie Smith as saying "The city's goal remains the same, to connect people with services, shelter and housing so they are not in an unhealthy, unsafe and unsanitary situation."

Really? How do you connect people with services when you deem them, and their belongings, deserving of being "swept?" How do you connect people with housing when shelter space and affordable housing is sorely lacking? How do you connect the homeless to mental health services when our city consistently under-resources them?

I doubt many of us were fooled by the city's latest demeaning and cruel attempt "to help the homeless."

But just to make sure the city knows you are not fooled, write or call the Mayor and let him know you want Denver to stop such counter-productive practices, because we know "sweeping" people does nothing to solve this complicated problem.

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Denver Botanic Gardens Activities

The Denver Botanic Gardens are an oasis around the corner. Here are some of the enlightening activities going on this summer.

Stories in Sculpture: Selections from the Walker Art Center Collection April 29 – October 2
Organized by Minneapolis's Walker Art Center, Stories in Sculpture presents selections from the institution's renowned permanent collection of modern and contemporary sculptures.

Raw, Cooked, Fermented: Works by Viviane Le Courtois May 25 – July 31
Opening reception: May 25, 5:30 p.m., Artist Talk 6:30 p.m. Viviane Le Courtois' conceptual work centers on social engagement, often bringing people together around food.

Tropical Trails Tour Saturdays, 11 a.m. The plants in the Boettcher Memorial Tropical Conservatory enjoy a warm climate year-round. Enjoy the lush vegetation, vibrant flowers and warmth of the tropics as you stroll through the Gardens' tropical collections. This is a one-hour tour led by experienced docents.

Herbal Home and Garden Workshop, May 21, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Take a tour of the Gardens' herb garden and learn about the planting, growing and harvesting of easy to grow cooking and medicinal herbs. Enjoy an herbal cooking class and lunch. From an herb buffet, make and take home a seasoning blend, tea, infused vinegar, exfoliating body scrub, soothing lip balm and all-purpose cleaner. Lunch, extensive

handout with growing instructions and recipes included.

Cooking with Fresh Herbs, May 24, 6-8 p.m.
Join Chef Elizabeth Buckingham to learn about the varieties of fresh herbs available, growing methods for Denver, how to use fresh herbs and preserve them.

Summertime Tea in the Gardens, May 28, 10-11:30 a.m. Margo Seymour, pastry chef and owner of The Denver Tea Room leads a morning of tea tasting and education in the serene Woodland Mosaic Gardens' Solarium.

Fabric Screen Print Workshop, May 28, 1-4 p.m.
Participants create their own images, expose a screen using the sun and print the image on flat fabric items you bring.

Seedlings classes show young children how to explore the plant world, while developing an understanding and appreciation for plants. Seedlings programs are targeted to the abilities of different age groups.

DBG Hours:

May 8 – September:
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Yoga Classes

All levels welcome.
Participants are asked to bring water and a yoga mat

Sunrise Vinyasa Yoga
Evening Kundalini Yoga,
Evening Vinyasa Yoga

Summer Series for Kids at the Sie FilmCenter

Welcome to the Dahl House

(a Roald Dahl Retrospective in anticipation of Steven Spielberg's upcoming film, THE BFG)

June 4 - Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

June 11 - Matilda

June 18 - The BFG (the original 1989 version)

July 2 - Fantastic Mr. Fox

July 9 - The Witches

July 16 - Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

July 23 - James and the Giant Peach

Tickets \$5 (children 6 and under are free) include a cereal buffet and the film.

Doors open at 10am for the cereal party, film starts at 10:30.

In partnership with the Tattered Cover and their Summer Reads program.

JoAnna Cintron - Denver Film Society - 303.601.6891 - joanna@denverfilm



<https://www.denverfilm.org/participate/donate/index.aspx>

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City Park Jazz Celebrates 30 Years

For its 2016 line up, City Park Jazz presents:

June 5: Euforquestra

June 12: Lannie Garrett in Swing Sets – Benny Basie & Beyond

June 19: Hazel Miller

June 26: Otis Taylor

July 3: Ritmo Jazz Latino

July 10: Heavy Heavies

July 17: Selina Albright

July 24: SuperCollider with Very Special Guest Erik Deutsch

July 31: Imagine featuring Melvin Seals (Jerry Garcia Band), Ray White (Frank Zappa), Damon Wood (James Brown) & Friends

August 7: Chris Daniels & the Kings with Freddi Gowdy



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| <p>Service Club Meeting</p> | <p>Window and Gutter Cleaning</p> | <p>Professional Organizing</p> |
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| <p>Worship</p> | <p>Volunteer Opportunities</p> | <p>Positive Energy Works</p> |
| <p>Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church 1100 Fillmore; 303-333-9366 A welcoming, diverse and inclusive faith community in Congress Park. Sundays: 9:30 am worship service, 11:00 am education hour.</p> | <p>Congress Park Neighbors Meet new friends, share your expertise at neighborhood meetings and discuss issues that are shaping your neighborhood. Third Wednesdays of even months, 7 p.m., National Jewish Heitler Hall. Contact cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org and visit congressparkneighbors.org</p> | <p>Wellness Coaching with Joan Gregerson by appointment. Wellness, writing and creativity classes Wed and Sun at Violet Hive Art Therapy and Healing, 3107 E Colfax Ave. www.PositiveEnergyWorks.com joan@positiveenergyworks.com 720-460-1122</p> |

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