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## Colorado Boulevard Health District Redevelopment

By Lisa L. Bingham

Redevelopment at the 9th & Colorado site has been slow, but there has been some movement lately.

Construction is well underway for the new Trader Joe's at 8th Avenue, and it should be opening late this year or early 2014 (let's hope it's open in time for some holiday shopping!).

Construction on a residential complex at 8th and Clermont is beginning. As that progresses, the University of Colorado has submitted a call for proposals for the rest of the site. Interested parties had until October 18 to send in their submissions, followed by a 30-day review period. An evaluation committee will review the offers, and the University hopes to have made a selection by the end of December.

The CBHD board has requested that the final candidates also make a presentation at a future meeting so that the neighborhoods have an opportunity to voice their opinion on the candidates, as well. Any information on these presentations will be shared on the Congress Park Neighbors website.

At 8th & Clermont, the Lionstone Group and Alliance Residential are moving forward with abatement and demolition to make way for a planned residential complex. The demolition phase should be finishing up very soon, after which there will be some additional environmental testing before beginning construction.

The residential complex will be four stories with 325 units, ranging from 1 bedrooms to townhomes. They plan to retain the existing garage on Clermont, which will also receive a face lift to help blend it into the new construction. In addition to the construction, new attractive landscaping will be added to the streetscape. Lionstone and Alliance anticipate that the complex will attract a wide mix of tenants, from young families to professionals to retirees.

Meetings of the Colorado Boulevard Health District are open to the public and are generally held on the first Thursday of each month. Sign up for the Congress Park Neighbors email list to be notified of upcoming meetings.

### *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.*



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Starting in August 2013, neighborhood meetings will be held every other month (August, October, December, February, April and June), still 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](http://www.congressparkneighbors.org).

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## Neighbors Volunteer to Inform Congress Park

**W**e've had two neighbors volunteer recently to help with the newsletter.

Allow me to introduce Jim Hall and Greg Honeycutt.

Jim has volunteered to help with gathering the news content for the quarterly publication, and we really appreciate his help. This is his first issue and it's jam-packed with good information. Please let him know what you'd like to see included in the newsletter by emailing him at [cpnnewsletter@congressparkneighbors.org](mailto:cpnnewsletter@congressparkneighbors.org).

Greg has volunteered to help with newsletter distribution. He'll be picking up the fresh newsletters and disbursing them to the first level delivery volunteers. If you have a question about your route, or would like to volunteer to deliver newsletters, email him at [cpnnewsletter@congressparkneighbors.org](mailto:cpnnewsletter@congressparkneighbors.org).

Thanks, neighbors, for volunteering! That's what makes Congress Park such a great place to live!

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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 every other month (Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec.) 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](mailto:CPNBoard@congressparkneighbors.org)

Two slots are open for CPN members to represent the neighborhood on the Botanic Gardens Neighborhood Advisory Committee. Submit a letter of interest to [CPNBoard@congressparkneighbors.org](mailto:CPNBoard@congressparkneighbors.org).

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.

## LeafDrop 2013: City Continues To Compost Leaves

From the office of Councilwoman Jeanne Robb

This fall, Denver Public Works Denver Recycles has partnered with local Ace Hardware stores to encourage residents to compost fallen leaves. Beginning in October, Denver residents are invited to rake up and recycle their leaves through the free Denver LeafDrop program.

Composting leaves not only saves space in the landfill but also creates a valuable commodity while helping the environment. By participating in the LeafDrop program you can reduce trash, keep our streets clean, and help to make compost for Denver Recycles' Annual Mulch Giveaway & Compost Sale in May.

Beginning October 7, Denver residents can bring their leaves to one of two convenient weekday drop sites. Weekend drop sites will be open for three consecutive weekends starting November 9.

Break the plastic bag habit. Choose paper bags instead! As an extra incentive for residents to compost leaves this year and to encourage the use of paper bags, Denver Public Works and Ace Hardware stores are partnering to give away 10,000 free leaf & yard paper bags. Unlike plastic bags, paper bags can be composted along with the leaves, saving time and energy.

Starting October 14, Denver residents can pick up a FREE 5-pack of leaf & yard paper bags at participating Denver area Ace Hardware stores with a coupon. Visit [DenverGov.org/LeafDrop](http://DenverGov.org/LeafDrop) for a list of participating Ace Hardware Stores and to print your free paper bag coupon. Additional bags can be purchased for about \$2.50 per 5-pack at any Ace Hardware store. No purchase necessary, while supplies last, limit one pack per household.

LeafDrop Locations and Dates can be found at [DenverGov.org/LeafDrop](http://DenverGov.org/LeafDrop). Please only bring leaves to drop sites during specified dates and times. Dropping off leaves during other times is considered illegal.

### WEEKDAYS

Oct. 7 – Dec. 4, M-F 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Bring leaves in secured bags, preferably paper.

--Cherry Creek Transfer Station - 7301 E. Jewell Ave. (Quebec St. & Cherry Creek Dr. South)

--Havana Nursery - 10450 Smith Rd. (Just south of I-70 on Havana St.)

### SATURDAY

Nov. 9, 16 & 23 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

--CCTS - 7301 E. Jewell Ave. (Quebec St. & Cherry Creek Dr. South)

--Cranmer Park - 3rd Ave. & Clermont St.

--South High School - Louisiana Ave. & Franklin St.

### SUNDAY

Nov. 10, 17 & 24 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

--CCTS - 7301 E. Jewell Ave. (Quebec St. & Cherry Creek Dr. South)

--Cranmer Park - 3rd Ave. & Clermont St.

--South High School - Louisiana Ave. & Franklin St.

--Smiley Middle School - 26th Ave. & Holly St.

--Sloan's Lake Park - 17th Ave. & Sheridan Blvd.

### LeafDrop program guidelines

- Drop sites and free Ace Hardware paper bag offer are only available to Denver residents.
- Jack-o-lanterns and pumpkins will be accepted for compost at drop sites after Halloween.
- Please make sure leaf bags do not contain branches or other materials.
- Never rake or blow leaves into the street as this clogs storm sewers and street sweepers.

For more information on this year's LeafDrop program call 720-865-6810 or visit [www.denvergov.org/LeafDrop](http://www.denvergov.org/LeafDrop)



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## Academics, Awards and Fun at Teller

By Lisa Aiken

### 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!

### Teller Earns Green

The 2013 school year is off to a running start at Teller Elementary. First off, through the hard work and dedicated efforts of Teller's administration, teaching staff and students, Teller's Denver Public School's SPF Rating is at a Green/Meets Expectations level. The school has high ratings in both Academic Growth and Academic Proficiency. Teller will work to maintain this level while striving to achieve its ultimate goal of becoming a Blue/Distinguished school.



### Award-Winning Teachers

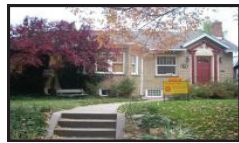
In addition to this great news, Teller is pleased to announce that it's home to two Teachers of the Year Award winners for 2013. A big congratulations goes out to both Jennifer Bartos and Libby Seager!

Jennifer Bartos, Teller's Theater Arts Teacher, received the Colorado Elementary Teacher of the Year award by the National Thespian Society. She has taught drama and music for twelve years, with the last three at Teller. She's also served as Director/Musical Director at Rocky Mountain Theatre for Kids for six years. Bartos truly believes: "Every child has talent-- it is my job to find their talents and develop them so that every child can shine on stage!"

Teller's Visual Art Teacher, Libby Saeger, received the Colorado Elementary Art Teacher of the Year Award by the Colorado Art Educators Association at their November statewide conference in Breckenridge. It's Libby's first year at Teller, and already she's made some fantastic changes, including a site, [www.tellerart.weebly.com](http://www.tellerart.weebly.com), where students can access their own, and their peers' masterpieces. Libby enjoys drawing, painting, fiber arts and sculpture, and a few of her pieces were displayed at the DPS Faculty Art Show during Denver Arts Week in early November.

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## Academics, Awards and Fun at Teller, Continued

By Lisa Aiken

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### **TAG Celebrates Anniversary and Teller**

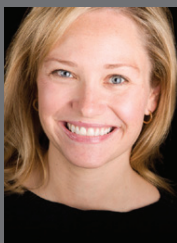
A huge thank you goes to Congress Park's Tag Burger Bar for incorporating a Teller fundraiser with its one year birthday celebration. The October 12 event, complete with a pumpkin patch (compliments of Sprouts Market), balloons, games, prizes, fortune telling (provided by Fun Productions), bounce house (thanks to Little Man Ice Cream), was a great celebration for the whole family. Many local businesses contributed donations for the silent auction; including salon services from Berenices, a gift basket from Wildflowers, and gift certificates from Tag Burger Bar, the Lamb Shoppe, Under the Umbrella Cafe, Wazee Supper Club, and Mile High Ink. In addition to hosting the event, Tag Burger bar also donated a Weber grill, a boom box cooler & a mini fridge to the auction. Ultimately, about \$2500 was raised, all of which helped Teller to pay for much needed paraprofessionals.



**TAG's anniversary generously included a celebration of Teller Elementary, with balloons and a pumpkin patch.**

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## Bringing Sustainability Home

By Lisa L. Bingham

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

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

We've all heard about sustainability and how we should turn off the lights, refrain from driving everywhere, etc., etc. Some of us do it because we want to save the world, but lots of us do it because it makes sense and saves money. No matter why you do it, here are some tips to incorporate sustainability into your home.

### The Easy Stuff

General: Use less energy (turn off the lights), use less water (take shorter showers), and create less waste (use reusable shopping bags).

Heating and cooling: Use your blinds. Open them on winter days to let the sun warm up your interior space (free heating!) and close them on summer days to keep your interior cooler.

Adjust your thermostat – even a few degrees difference can add up to big savings. Turn your thermostat down in the winter and up in the summer, especially when you're out.

Hot water: If you have to add cold water to your shower, you have the temperature set too high. The DOE recommends a setting of 120, which is sufficient for most needs. Heater blankets and pipe insulation are cheap and easy to install.

Lighting: CFLs and LED bulbs cost more initially, but consider this calculation: an LED bulb costs \$10 but lasts up to 25 years, which results in a cost of \$0.40 a year just to have the bulb. This is about the same cost as an old incandescent, but the LED also uses 80% less energy and changing it less often means less time on that tall ladder.

Technology marches on and there are CFLs and LEDs for just about every use, including ceiling fans, wall sconces, etc. LEDs are also dimmable.

One note of caution: CFLs do contain a small amount of mercury and need to be disposed of properly. Luckily, Ace Hardware stores (including Congress Park's store on 12th) and Home Depot stores will accept used bulbs.

Tvs and cell phone cords draw power even when they're off or not charging a phone. These uses all contribute to phantom energy loads, but you can – quite literally – pull the plug. Options: unplug it, plug it into an easily accessible power strip for “one-button off,” or even use a “smart” power strips that will shut off the power to some items but leave others on. These are ideal for entertainment centers and computers to avoid having to re-program the various components.

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## Waldorf Seventh Grader Literally Takes Leap of Faith

By Neave Fleming

I am very afraid of heights. It is hard for me to even walk across a bridge or just climb a small ladder. This makes me feel shaky, weak and frozen on the spot.

So I was really nervous when I heard my seventh grade class at the Denver Waldorf School was going to the Genessee Outdoor Experimental Park where there are rope courses with different challenges.

The weather did not look very promising the day of our visit in September, which made me even more nervous about climbing high off the ground. It rained hard, making it more difficult because everything was very slippery. But even with the bad weather, it still turned out to be a good day.

The instructors at the park are really friendly and fun. They divided us into two groups to begin the day before we attempted any ropes course. We played team- and trust-building exercises, and these helped me feel more comfortable and less anxious. The team-building exercises and rope courses were incredible adventures for myself and for my class.

One of the obstacles was the trapeze, which consists of a telephone pole that you climb up, jump off and then try to catch a trapeze bar. Another was the skywalk, which was a line of wooden planks connected with ropes that you try to walk across while holding on the side ropes. All of the obstacles were at least 20 feet high, but our safety was a top priority as we were in secure harnesses and helmets the whole time.

These were difficult tasks, but I had a great time completing these challenges and hope I will get to go back and try these again and two other challenges there wasn't time to do on this day.

When I accomplished these challenges, I was very proud of myself. One thing that really helped me to get out of my comfort zone and take a risk was the support from all my classmates. When

I was standing on top of the telephone pole, I felt afraid, but hearing my friends below encouraging me helped me gain the courage to leap to the trapeze bar. It was an amazing feeling to face my fear and go for it.

Genessee Outdoor Experimental Park is a place where you can step out of your comfort zone and challenge yourself to do things that you might be afraid to do by following their motto: challenge by choice. We had an amazing experience, and I encourage all of you to go to the park and be guided by the wonderful staff to build community, overcome your fears and have fun.

**Neave Fleming is a seventh grader at the Denver Waldorf School**

Jack Etkin coordinates with Waldorf students to submit an article each quarter for the Congress Park News. Thanks, Jack, we appreciate your commitment to the school and the neighborhood.

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## Congress Park Neighbors Participate in Denver Energy Challenge

By Julie Carlton, Denver Environmental Health Resource Conservation

The Denver Energy Challenge is a free energy advisor program provided by the City and County of Denver to help residents cut energy waste and reduce costs while improving indoor comfort and air quality. To date over 180 of your Congress Park neighbors have participated in this program, (6,545 citywide).

Cooler temperatures are on their way, and for many Denver residents that means higher heating costs and the realization that your home may not be as comfortable or as efficient as you want it to be. Fortunately the City and County of Denver provides no-cost energy advising and low-cost energy loans through the Denver Energy Challenge.



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Energy loans are available to finance over 40+ measures ranging from insulation, water heaters, furnace replacements all the way up to windows and solar. Whether you need a replacement or want to plan for the future, energy advisors are here to help. There's no cost to contact an advisor so don't delay, contact one today. [www.DenverEnergy.org](http://www.DenverEnergy.org) or 720-865-5520.

## Apply to be on the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Board

This winter the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee will be filling several vacancies. The purpose of the MBAC is to advise the Mayor and City Council of the City and County of Denver, and all Departments of and consultants to the City, on all matters relating to the use of bicycles as a means of transportation and recreation. MBAC reviews and make recommendations on planning, design, and development of projects prepared by developers, City Departments, and consultants affecting the use of bicycles.

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## Fraud Advisory: Charitable Giving Guidelines & Scam Watch

From the office of Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey

As the waters recede from the tragic floods, the opportunities for scams are on the rise. Many good-hearted Coloradans become victims of these scams. I support and congratulate all who are looking for ways to help. Here is some guidance to ensure the funds you contribute will be used to help the flood victims.

Determining where and how to give is the first step in giving. A list of reputable agencies is available via 'Help Colorado Now' [www.help-coloradonow.org](http://www.help-coloradonow.org). The organization is a partnership between the Colorado Division of Homeland Security, Emergency Management (DHSEM) and Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (COVOAD), the site provides a list of reputable agencies responding to current disasters in Colorado.

### Contractor Scams

Unfortunately, contractors and home-improvement scam artists thrive during these times. Posing as: Inspectors; Contractors; Utility Company representatives; FEMA Agents; Home Repair Handymen and Home Inspectors, these brazen offenders come door-to-door, post ads on Craig's list and often have seemingly legitimate credentials.

Always check ID before you let anyone into your home. Better yet, let NO ONE in your home. If you are interested in the service offered, have them leave their information at the door. Only after they have left your property should you attempt to get the flyer or information they have left. Even if the person looks "official", be vigilant and wary. Follow these tips:

- Never select a home-improvement contractor who solicits door-to-door
- Contact your insurance company directly. Ask your insurance company for a list of qualified contractors, then check the companies' ratings with the Better Business Bureau [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)
- Check to see that the contractor is licensed to do business in your municipality. In the City and County of Denver, contractors must be licensed. You can check the status of a contractor by going to the city website at [www.denverda.org](http://www.denverda.org) and clicking on "Contractor License"

### 311 Serves You

By Nicholas Scheidegger

311 is the non-emergency city service number for the City & County of Denver. We officially began operation on July 7, 2006 and we just took our 3 millionth call. We have 28 agents that are ready to help with all non-emergency city service questions such as "What can I do about this barking dog" or "I need to report a pothole at 12th and Federal Blvd."

Did you know that in addition to calling 311, there are multiple other ways to contact us?

Denver 311 has a mobile app for iPhone as well as Droid platforms that you can use to report issues like graffiti, ask a question or conduct business with the city.

You can also use our self help tool at [denvergov.org/311](http://denvergov.org/311) or send us an email. Our email address is [311@denvergov.org](mailto:311@denvergov.org).

We are open 7 days a week. Monday through Friday we are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm and Saturday/Sunday we are open from 8:00am-5:00pm.

Our busiest days are usually Mondays and any day that falls after a city recognized holiday. If you need to call, the best time to reach us is midweek if you can wait.

### Giving Guidelines

- Verify the Charity
- Utilize internet resources, such as the Better Business Bureau, [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) and Charity Navigator, [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org) to verify the organization
- Do not respond to unsolicited incoming emails, and never click on links contained within those messages. Also, be cautious of emails or networking sites that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files. These files may contain viruses
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*CPN Crime Action Committee Mission Statement*

**In 2011, there were more than 13,384 reports of domestic violence crimes filed with Colorado law enforcement agencies. This number includes 11,381 reports of assault, 905 incidents of kidnapping, 305 forcible sex offenses, and 23 homicides.**

*Source: Crime in Colorado 2011; [http://crimeinco.cbi.state.co.us/cic2k11/supplemental\\_reports/domestic.html](http://crimeinco.cbi.state.co.us/cic2k11/supplemental_reports/domestic.html)*

**Throughout 2011, Colorado's 46 domestic violence crisis centers responded to 61,335 crisis phone calls and served a total of 34,685 clients with residential, non-residential, or transitional housing services.**

*Source: Colorado Department of Human Services, Domestic Violence Program, "2011 Annual Report." <http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/dvp>*

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## Gather to Say "NO!" to Violence Against Women and Children

By Ann Charles

Over their lifetimes, one in four women will experience violence at the hands of an intimate partner. If it's not you, then it's your sister, your neighbor, or your co-worker. We must join together to say "No!" to gender-based violence.

On November 25 at the McNichols Gallery in Civic Center Park, an art show, sale and reception will display creations by women who have been victims of violence and trafficking from Denver, Mexico, Guatemala and Africa. The show, titled, "Empty Shoes," aims to increase awareness about gender-based violence as well as raise funds for organizations that encourage action to stop it. Hundreds of donated empty shoes will also be on display to represent the numerous women and children who are injured, disfigured, disabled or killed every year in Colorado.

November 25 is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and kicks off the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, which end on December 10.

Visit <http://zontadistrict12.org/ZontaSaysNo/> for more information about the event. "Zonta Says No To Violence Against Women" is a worldwide campaign of Zonta International, part of the organization's ongoing efforts to end violence against women. Several events occurring worldwide in November 2013 will illustrate the collective commitment of Zonta's nearly 30,000 members in 1,200 clubs in 65 countries to preventing and ending violence against women and girls.



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- Ⓡ Sexual Assault
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- 🚗 Auto Theft
- 🚗 Theft from auto
- 🔥 Arson

**This map shows a compilation of all serious crimes reported to police within Congress Park in the third 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.**



**Before letting them in,** always verify that inspectors are who they say they are. Always get a second opinion from a different licensed contractor. And, make sure to investigate that contractor with the Better Business Bureau as well.

If you get a phone call from a heating contractor who claims you may have done business with them, remember their client list may have been sold to another owner or taken by an employee who no longer works there.

Keep in mind, once the old furnace has been removed it is impossible to prove its prior condition. At that point, little can be done by any agency or in court to remedy your situation. For more information on winter safety tips, click on:

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## DEH Seeks Applications for Sustainable Neighborhoods Program

By Julie Carlton, Denver Environmental Health Resource Conservation

*Pilot program aims to offer resources, designation for sustainable efforts*

Denver Environmental Health is soliciting applications from sustainably-minded residents and neighborhood organizations for Denver's Sustainable Neighborhoods Program. Modeled after the City of Lakewood's Sustainable Neighborhoods Program, the pilot program is aimed at encouraging Denver's neighborhoods to design and lead community sustainability projects with the potential of achieving City designation as a Sustainable Neighborhood.

Two neighborhoods will be selected to participate in the initial 2014 pilot. Participating Sustainable Neighborhoods will earn credits for achieving sustainable goals, like offering workshops, initiatives and events such as energy audits, bicycle programs and community gardens.

Sustainable Neighborhoods Applications are due November 18.

Depending on the credits earned in a given year, neighborhoods can receive designation from the City as a "Participating Sustainable Neighborhood" or an "Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood."

A "Learning Community" designation will be offered for those neighborhoods not selected to be in the initial pilot program. As part of this effort, Denver's Sustainable Neighborhood Program will offer sustainability speakers, events with local nonprofits about how to design and lead projects, as well as build capacity in their community for taking larger sustainability actions. This "Learning Community" will help other neighborhoods prepare to participate in future rounds of the Sustainable Neighborhoods Network program.

"We want to see community leaders who care about sustainability to step up and bring their ideas to fruition, in partnership with the City" says Elizabeth Babcock, Community Energy and Sustainability Administrator.

To learn more about program or application process, visit <http://sustainableneighborhoodnetwork.org/denver>.

## Consumer Advisory: Furnace Inspection Imposters Blow Hot Air

From the office of Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey

As the nights get cooler and thoughts turn to winterizing the home, con artists who pose as furnace inspectors start making an appearance. Dressed as utility company or city employees, they will often use scare tactics such as concerns about gas build-up, or fears about high carbon monoxide levels as a ploy to get inside your house. There are a variety of frauds and thefts associated with these scams. Thieves may be trying to get inside to steal valuables such as jewelry or cash. Others conduct bogus tests, and then charge a fee for their service. The most costly scam involves those who fabricate a furnace problem, and then offer to fix or replace it, leaving you out money and a damaged furnace that will require further repair.

Sometimes energy companies must enter homes to read old meters and to inspect newly installed furnaces and water heaters. Legitimate companies or city employees will have well marked vehicles and clothing, as well as identification. Take the time to call the company they say they represent to verify before letting them in.

Having your furnace periodically inspected is a good idea, but should be an action that you initiate. Reputable energy companies will usually conduct these inspections for residents. In the City of Denver, furnace contractors must be licensed in order to get a permit.

To verify if a contractor is licensed, contact the Denver Building Department at 720-865-2770 or go online <http://www.denvergov.org/ContractorLicenseSearch/tabid/435239/Default.aspx> or call the Better Business Bureau at 303-758-2100.

## Retail Marijuana Store Licenses Available for Applicants

Between now and January 1, 2016, only currently licensed Medical Marijuana businesses may apply for a Retail Marijuana license.

Registered Neighborhood Associations whose boundaries encompass any portion of the “designated area” around the address for an application for a license will be notified by e-mail, (similarly to liquor and cabaret licenses), of applications for retail marijuana stores (not cultivation facilities or retail marijuana products manufacturers or testing facilities). These notifications will begin on approximately October 1, 2013.

As required by City Council, public hearings will be conducted for all retail marijuana stores. The hearings will begin on November 4, 2013 and will be held in the City and County Building at 1437 Bannock Street (not the Webb Building).

The Department of Excise and Licenses will soon finalize and make available a list of the approximately 230 locations where a medical marijuana center license has been issued as of October 1, 2013.

Existing medical marijuana centers may choose to convert to retail stores (and will be required to surrender their medical marijuana licenses) or to co-locate by retaining their medical licenses and adding a retail store license to the same location

Retail marijuana stores must open no earlier than 8am and close by 7pm every day. No one under the age of 21 may purchase or consume marijuana from a retail store, although persons between 18 and 21 may purchase or consume marijuana from a medical marijuana center.

**More on Retail Marijuana**  
Information can be found at <http://congressparkneighbors.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fb9048cde25702339c8fbf6b9&id=7c04c41fb6&e=3e4971ee72/>



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## Denver Businesses Going Certifiably Greener

By Julie Carlton, Denver Environmental Health Resource Conservation

Have you ever wondered where your food comes from or where your uneaten food goes when it's cleared from the table at your local restaurant? Thought about the efficiency of lights at the salon you frequent or what packaging your favorite store uses when shipping?

Denver's business community is increasing its sustainable practices and the City is making sure that those businesses not only receive guidance in how they operate sustainably, they are also certifying a variety of business sectors as green: restaurants, office/retail, auto repair, salons, printers, and manufacturers.

Certifiably Green Denver is a no-cost sustainability program administered by the Department of Environmental Health. If a business needs help implementing practices, a sustainability advisor will provide them with recommendations, and upon completion of these practices they can be certified as a green business.

"While our main focus is providing assistance to our business community, we have started to see an increased interest from the community to know if the businesses they frequent are sustainable and how," said Program Manager Janet Burgess.

A map of all green businesses in Denver can be found here. For more information on these sustainable practices, and to stay up to date on Denver's growing green business community visit [www.Denvergov.org/CGD](http://www.Denvergov.org/CGD) or find them on facebook at [www.facebook.com/CGDenver](http://www.facebook.com/CGDenver).

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