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Rezoning: A Worm's Eye View

By Wendy Moraskie

We and a bunch of our neighbors on the 1400 blocks of Fillmore and Milwaukee are applying to rezone our houses. It's been a people- and data-intensive process with a steep learning curve—and some fun. Luckily we had neighborhood rezoning guru John Van Sciver to help us on our journey to rezoning enlightenment.

We want to rezone our own houses from R3 to R2 to provide more stability to the neighborhood and protect the old houses we're renovating, while encouraging revitalization along Colfax. Once our houses are R2, the Denver Square is just about as big as the zoning will allow, so there's more incentive to renovate than to scrape, and we'll get some protection (technical term: bulk plane) regarding what can be built next to us.

We started with casual conversations about rezoning across yards with neighbors. When we thought we might have a critical mass, we called a meeting.

Okay, it was a pizza party, and John told us some of the rezoning pros, cons and requirements while we conducted pepperoni and paper plate maneuvers.

Later, a couple of us had a preliminary meeting with city zoning folks, then we gathered legal descriptions and other stuff to make up an application packet.

An earlier rezoning application (by a week) was approved by the Planning Board Nov. 15. About 30 people attended that hearing to support the application and the overall rezoning effort. Attendees represented both current CPN rezoning applications, future rezoning applicants from CPN, Wash Park and other areas, and several neighborhood organizations. It was a great show of grassroots neighborhood strength and support for the Madison application, which now heads to City Council.

Are you thinking about rezoning? Call my husband Richard or me at 303-355-3735, or John Van Sciver at 303-377-4913 to hear more about the process and benefits.

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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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 4500 residents and businesses within the area bounded by Colfax Avenue, Sixth Avenue, York Street and Colorado Boulevard.

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You probably have the perfect talent needed to help improve the Congress Park News.

We need writers, layout experts, advertising gurus and more. What makes you love living in Congress Park? Have you observed something thought-provoking about the neighborhood's architecture, neighbors, community involvement, landscaping or cats? Write it up for the News. The deadlines are January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15. All submissions are considered and most are used within an issue or two.

Are you obsessed with details? An organizing genius? Step up and assist or take over the editor position or the advertising coordinator position. Call Wendy Moraskie at 303-355-3735 to get involved in spreading the news.

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Your Congress Park Board invites you to attend the open Board meetings at National Jewish Hospital on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Street Trees add much to neighborhood

By Susan Bardwell

Did you know...the Tree on the Street is Your Responsibility?

The maintenance of the public right-of-way is your responsibility, if you are the adjacent property owner. With this responsibility also comes A GREAT OPPORTUNITY for you to plant and grow trees for your enjoyment *and* the benefit of your neighborhood.

Dead Trees Save Living Trees.

MULCH. With young trees, spread a wide apron of wood mulch underneath - if practical, to the ends of the branches - and about 4" deep, not more. Leave a 6" space between the trunk and the mulch. Mulch helps the soil absorb and retain moisture, and reduces competition from grass and weeds.

Lawnmowers Kill Trees!

USE A TRUNK GUARD. If necessary, to protect the trunk from lawnmowers and weed whips, place a plastic sleeve around the base of the trunk. The living tissue of a tree is just under the thin bark of a young tree. When the bark is damaged around the circumference of the tree, the tree will die.

Trees Just LOOK Dead in the Winter.

WRAP YOUNG TREES. If your tree still has a young, smooth trunk, it may be more susceptible to sunscald, when our sunny winter days can damage the living tissue under thin bark. Wrap the tree, from the bottom up to above the second branch, November through April. When wrapping the tree, it is suggested to place a stick (approx 3/4 - 1" square) next to trunk to provide airspace for the trunk. **IMPORTANT-** remove tree wrap during the growing season!!

When, Where, What, How to Water?

Too much or too little watering is a top killer of trees. Always **CHECK THE TOP 6" OF SOIL** for moisture before watering. Don't let the soil dry out completely before watering or the water will not penetrate deep enough.

Whenever you water, water slowly and deeply. Put your hose on very low and water the tree for 30 minutes to 1 hour. Wet soil to 12" deep under the entire tree and beyond the furthest branches. **FALL/WINTER:** Expect to water once or twice a month October through March early on days with no snow cover and temperatures above freezing. **SPRING/SUMMER:** During the growing season, expect to water more often.

To Rip or Prune?!

As your tree grows UP, the branches grow OUT. When the branches start to reach over the street or sidewalk, have them properly pruned so they don't get broken by vehicles or snag a passerby. Here are the clearance requirements: 13' above the street, 8' above the sidewalk.

Get FREE help with your Street Trees! COMMUNITY FORESTERS,

volunteers trained by the Denver Forestry staff and The Park People, can assist you with the pruning and advise you on the care of your young street tree(s). Contact Susan Bardwell, at 303-399-1155 or sbardwell@att.net, for help with your trees in Congress Park neighborhood.

NOTE: If you have concerns about the **CONDITION OR SAFETY OF YOUR STREET TREES**, please contact Denver Forestry at 720-913-0647 or a certified arborist (see "Tree Service" in the Yellow Pages).

Plant More Trees

The Park People provide low-cost trees annually each April. If you are interested, contact **THE PARK PEOPLE** at 303-722-6262 for more details and an application.



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Congress Park from a Neighbor's Perspective

By John Sullivan

Amazing what 30 years or so can do for a neighborhood. In 1974, I bought my first home at 1442 Garfield for \$25,100. It, along with that whole east side of the block, was torn down about 12 years ago to make room for parking at National Jewish Hospital. During our six years there, more and more

people began coming back to the old neighborhoods and enjoying central living. By the time we moved on to our second house in 1982, the oil boom was under way and the house sold for a whopping \$80,000!

The neighborhood looked different. There was a beautiful catholic church, St. Philomena's at 14th & Detroit which was replaced by the less beautiful Higgins Senior Center. The 12th Avenue Café occupied part of the current Wild Flowers space. The greasy spoon's low counter & stools, and squeaky screen door with the old Coca Cola sign on it, looked like something out of

"To Kill a Mockingbird." Stevens School, circa 1902, was still a neighborhood school before Charles Nash redeveloped it into lofts and yours truly built the four townhomes, under historic guidelines, on the playground to the south in 1997.


The Lowenstein was an operating theatre and the 11th and Clayton fire station was operational. Clayton itself was a one-way street out to Colfax giving fire engines a quick route to major arteries. Goodfriends was the Topsy Tiger strip joint and the Bluebird was blue with x-rated movies. Tommy's Thai was a Taco John's, UMB Bank was a Jack in the Box, Peter's Chinese and Dietrich's were gas station/garages, and most of Cherry Creek was just a twinkle in some developer's eye.

Having lived in six houses in Congress Park, rehabbed 20 and built five, I'm excited about the future of our neighborhood. Like you, I read with interest that we've reached 300 million people in this country, and in just 37 years we may add 100 million more. That is 100 more cities of 1 million people, and more people in Denver. As neighbors and citizens, we have the opportunity to work together to

shape the environment we want. I'm thankful we have the Congress Park Neighbors Association to bind us together.

I'm sure many of you have great CPN stories. Call me at 303-331-4556 and let's share them with the neighborhood.


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John Sullivan
RE/MAX of Cherry Creek

Your City Council at Work for You

By District 10 Councilwoman Jeanne Robb

This fall Mayor Hickenlooper announced the formation of a 110 person, city-wide **Denver Infrastructure Priorities Task Force** to discuss the wide range of capitol improvement needs in our City. For more information, visit: www.denverinfrastructure.org.

Does new development on your block fit in or stick out? How can additions and new houses blend in better in neighborhoods with historic houses? Knowing that one set of rules doesn't work for every neighborhood, how can we improve the zoning code? The **Zoning Code Task Force** on which Councilwoman Robb serves is working on that question. The Task Force is hosting a work session on residential characteristics, concerns, and possible solution tools Tues., Nov. 28, 6 to 8:30 pm in the Webb Building, Conference Room 4 F 6. This is an opportunity to learn of the work that has been done and provide critical feedback. Space is limited, so RSVP to Valentina Guereca at 720-865-3223 or by e-mail at valentina.guereca@ci.denver.co.us

The two-year project on **Ferril Lake and City Park renovations** has begun. Contractors will drain the lake and install stormwater pipes. Improvements will include roadway surfacing, new irrigation systems, a new pavilion plaza, adding seat-walls, wetlands, bird habitats, fishing platforms, replacing the asphalt walkway around the lake, re-building lake walls and reconstruction of the historic Electric Fountain. For questions about the City Park renovation project, contact Helen Kuykendall 720-913-0630 or email at helen.kuykendall@ci.denver.co.us.



District 10 City Councilwoman Jeanne Robb

By At-Large Councilman, Doug Linkhart

Tackling Crime on Several Fronts
The good news from City Hall is that Denver's crime rates are falling. After many years of increases, crime in Denver was down 8% during the first eight months of 2006. The better news is that we actually have a strategy for producing more reductions in the future.

The City is addressing crime rates in several new ways. First, the Mayor and Council added money to the Police Department budget last year, which has resulted in a net increase of over 100 officers patrolling our streets. Second, we are making better use of these officers by analyzing detailed crime data on each neighborhood. Commanders in each district look at data on a daily basis to detect trends that need to be addressed with additional resources.

Finally, as the Chairman of the Safety Committee and the Crime Prevention and Control Commission, I am working with the Mayor and Police Department to implement strategies for preventing repeat offenses by people who should be receiving mental health services, substance abuse treatment or other assistance. We are also implementing "broken windows" policing, which means fixing small problems before they get bigger.

The continued success of our efforts depends on the involvement of residents in Congress Park and other neighborhoods. You can help us prevent crime by reporting code violations and other neighborhood problems to 311, minor or long-term criminal matters to 720-913-COPS, and emergencies to 911.

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Conservation Specialties still caring for Congress Park homes

Lou Cilento of Conservation Specialties is still taking care of older houses and the people who love them, and still offering a donation to Congress Park Neighbors for every job he does in the neighborhood.

Conservation Specialties does storm windows and doors, insulation, weather-stripping, security doors, flat concrete work, garage doors, tuckpointing tile, brickwork and more.

Wondering how much that next project will cost? Get a few estimates, then call Lou Cilento at 303-322-4130. He may be able to give you a better price, and, if you choose his services, Congress Park Neighbors will benefit by a donation.

Teller is Off to A Great Start

By Michelle Foust

The 2006-2007 school year started off with a bang!! Thanks to a very supportive neighborhood, we began the school year with a successful community yard sale.

To date, enrollment is up, CSAP scores are higher than they have been in years, and more neighborhood families are visiting and choosing to send their children to Teller.

The next several months will be very busy at Teller. The following is a list of some of the activities and fundraisers. So, mark these dates on your calendars. Everyone is welcome to get involved in your neighborhood school. So, even if your children are very young, haven't been in elementary school in a long time, or you are just a fan of the school, please plan on joining in to support Teller.

A Visit to Congress Park Local artist Barbara Froula created an expressive watercolor of our own Congress Park neighborhood for Historic Denver's 2006 House Tour. We are pleased to offer her poster, cards, and custom archival prints to the Teller community with a percentage of the proceeds going to the Teller PTA. Contact Sarah Kinzer at 303-250-7631 or baxmurphy@hotmail.com to order these cards, posters and prints for holiday gifts or for your house.

Art Walk on Colfax The Nov. 17 Art Walk was a success. Local businesses along Colfax showcased ECE-5th grade students' masterpieces. Babooshka Hair Salon hosted the 6 pm reception.

Climbing Wall Phys. Ed. Teacher Chris Baumgartner is climbing the walls!! Well, she's working on it. This year we are raising



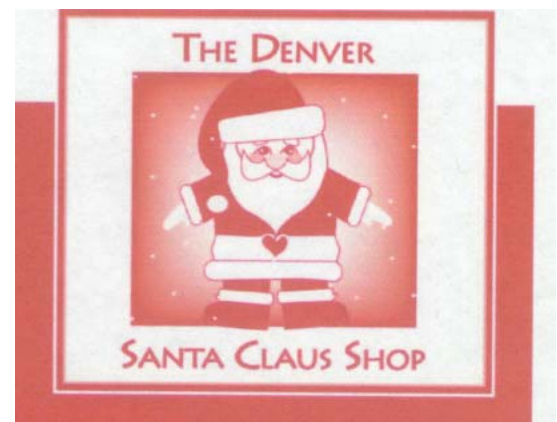
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\$5000 for an awesome climbing wall in the gym. To contribute to this project, please contact Teller at 303-333-4285.

A Christmas Carol Please join the very talented 3-5 graders at Teller as they present "A Christmas Carol" on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 pm. Also, plan on doing some holiday shopping at Teller's Winter Book fair!

Open Houses It is never too soon to start planning the Teller Open Houses. The Teller Open Houses allow new parents to visit the school and see why it is the best DPS school around! If you have a school-age child (or a soon-to-be school-age child) please plan on dropping by one or both of the following events: Thursday, Jan. 11 from 8:30-10 am and Thursday, Jan. 18 from 6:30-8 pm (also see ad in this newsletter). For a private school tour before these dates, please contact Michele Foust at 303-388-8944.

As you can see there is a lot going on at your Congress Park neighborhood school. For more information about Teller, visit the web site at <http://teller.dpsk12.org/>



Teller students are learning more about the gift of giving through their **Santa Claus Shop Toy Drive**. Do you have new or gently-used toys in your house that are no longer getting the love they need? Bring them to Teller to be added to the students' contributions.

Teller CSAP score not accurate


By Geoffrey Ross

Teller Elementary School was the victim of some bad math by the Denver Public School District earlier this year and should be rated "High." Incorrect data that DPS sent to the state may only award Teller an "Average" rating.

DPS and the Colorado Department of Education are discussing how best to correct the error. DPS Superintendent Michael Bennet said, in his letter to parents explaining the issue, "Your support and hard work helped make this academic progress possible."

Let Mr. Bennet and Jeannie Kaplan of the Board know how you feel about DPS and CDE getting the scores right for your neighborhood school. E-mail: board@dpsk12.org; write to 900 Grant Street, Rm 705, Denver, 80203; phone: 720-423-3210 and fax to: 720-423-3216.





Teller Elementary School
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~2007 OPEN HOUSES~

*Come see what makes Teller
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Two Open Houses

Morning Open House
Thursday, January 11, 2007
8:30 - 10:00 am

Evening Open House
Thursday, January 18, 2007
6:30 - 8:00 pm

History Hike: A moving gift
The Colorado History Museum is offering a gift package that includes museum membership, a copy of the guidebook, "Walking Into Colorado's Past: 50 Front Range History Hikes," and a guided tour with the authors next spring. Call 303-866-3677 or visit www.coloradohistory.org for information.

Mike: Thanks for your support of Teller School!

Congress Park Neighbors thanks Access/PDT Networks for hosting the neighborhood website, www.CongressParkNeighbors.org.



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**Speakers Series
whens and wheres**

Historic Preservation lectures are held at 7 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month in the series.

National Jewish Hospital is once again graciously hosting the 2007 talks in Heitler Hall at 1400 Jackson Street, and offering free parking in the Jackson Street lot.

Planning underway for 2007 Historic Preservation Speakers Series

By Carolyn Van Sciver

Our 2006 Historic Speakers series was a success. Thanks to all who presented and attended the monthly programs. My special thanks goes to the volunteers who helped so much.

Attendees found the monthly talks on the care and feeding of old houses useful and informative. One attendee said, "I love my old house. I know it had

loving care for most of its first hundred years and that I'm part of that continuum. I hope to give it to its next owner in better shape than when I got it, and just as well-loved."

Plans are underway for the 2007 Speakers series. Tell me what topics your house needs you to learn about. As usual, we will include neighborhood renovation stories. If you know of a sensitive, well-done, award-winning—or just funny—Congress Park renovation, please tell me about it. Contact me with your suggestions, at 303-377-4913 or cvansciver@earthlink.net.

Thanks for making the 2006 series a great success. See you at the 2007 series.

Mothers' Group offers quiet time

By Marie Meyer

Do you need a moment of quiet before the storm? Then bring all those unpaid bills, all those gifts you still haven't wrapped, and all those letters you haven't answered and come spend a peaceful evening with the members of Mothers & More, our great mothers' group. You are invited to meet us on Tues., Dec. 12 at 7pm in the Arts & Crafts Room of The Heritage Club at 2020 S. Monroe St. (near Evans & Colorado). Look for

hot drinks, cool women and uninterrupted conversation, while our hands get those chores out of the way. Please RSVP mothersandmoredenver@yahoo.com for exact meeting details, and more about our nonprofit organization. We are NOT your typical Mothers' Group! We look forward to meeting you.



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Neighbors prevent crime

By Joe Ely, Crime Action Committee Chair

After several months of maintaining a below average crime rate, Congress Park experienced a spike in burglaries in late August and early September.

District 3 Commander Tracie Keesee reacted quickly. Her placement of several two-man patrols in our area resulted in the arrest of three individuals. These suspects were tied directly to several of the burglaries and were no doubt responsible for many of the others. The direct result was an immediate decrease in burglaries in our area.

Unfortunately, we have a new burglar working Congress Park. In these recent burglaries access has been achieved by breaking glass in a rear window or door. The burglars entered the houses during the day while the occupants were not home and took jewelry or electronics. District 3 detectives believe a single individual or group is responsible for this recent rash of burglaries.

We, as residents of Congress Park, are responsible for looking out for each other and policing our neighborhood. There will never be a police car on your street or on mine 24 hours a day. We have to be aware of what is happening on our streets and in our alleys. Neighborhood Watch is a proven method of protecting ourselves and helping the police by reporting suspicious people and activities. We know who should be on our blocks and should never hesitate to call 911 or the non-emergency number 720-913-2000 when we witness suspicious activity on our blocks.

Those interested in organizing Neighborhood Watch on your block should contact Technician Cari Jimenez (720-913-1175) or Technician Tony Burkhardt (720-913-1231) at District 3. They will be only too happy to assist you in organizing your neighbors.

Waldorf School hosts annual holiday festival

By Erin Fossett-Walsh

Festival to feature live music, crafts and seasonal activities

The Denver Waldorf School is holding its annual Holiday Festival on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9 – 4 at the school, at 940 Fillmore Street. Entry is free to the public but tickets, purchased on site, are required to participate in various activities.

The festival will feature homemade food, live musical performances and children’s games and crafts, including candle dipping, ornament making and gingerbread-house decorating. Fresh Christmas trees and greenery will be on sale, as well as handmade wreaths and other gift items.

All proceeds benefit The Denver Waldorf School. For more information, please call 720-244-9164 or e-mail wildwordmedia@msn.com.

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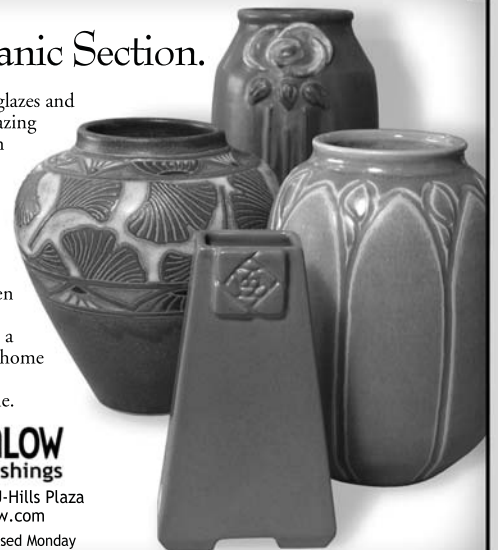
Find it in The Organic Section.

Expertly crafted from clay, mineral glazes and time-tested firing techniques, these amazing pieces reflect organic, natural lines from a simpler time. At Modern Bungalow, you'll find a delicious collection of pottery from Roycroft Pottery, Door Pottery, Common Ground, Nichibei and many others. You'll also find other nature-inspired furniture, rugs, textiles and artwork crafted in oak, copper, linen and hand-knotted wool.

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Fixing Neighborhood Broken Windows

By Charlotte Bentley, former Congress Park Crime Action Chair

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

The Congress Park Neighbors Crime Action Committee needs you. For more info, e-mail Congress Park Neighbors Crime Action Committee Chairman Joe Ely at elytj@aol.com.

We were averaging up to 2,000 murders a year at one point," states former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, "when we began to subscribe to the 'Broken Windows' theory. It worked—we not only got a big reduction [in crime] but an improvement in the quality of life, massive reductions in homicide, and New York City turned from the crime capital of America, to the safest large city in the country for five to six years in a row."

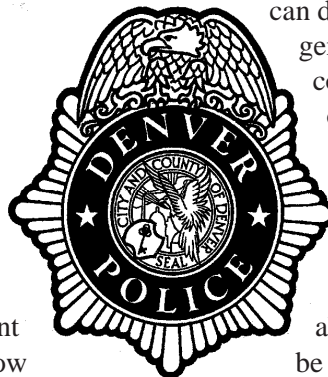
That same crime prevention strategy, "Broken Windows Law Enforcement" has been introduced, in concert with community policing and other efforts, in Denver. The strategy is being tried out in northeast Denver. "If it works, it could be adopted citywide," said Denver Police Chief Gerry Whitman. The term "broken windows" has become a law enforcement catch phrase. It comes from the theory that inattention breeds decay, as in a broken window left unrepaired that signals an uncaring owner leading to other vandalism and spiraling into criminal decay in a neighborhood. Graffiti, high weeds, derelict vehicles, vandalism, auto break-ins, purse snatchings, etc., if left to ferment could flourish into more serious issues such as robbery, burglaries and gang violence.

In broken windows policing, officers aggressively police not only the 911 calls, but minor offenses as well.

The "beat cop" of past days tended to the maintenance of order, as well as law enforcement in the community. He got to know the neighborhood (his "beat") as well as the neighbors. He knew the residents and recognized suspicious strangers. He knew what belonged and what didn't and he was visible in the neighborhood, generally on foot. When things were not as they should be, he was able to give special attention to that circumstance. Under the broken windows

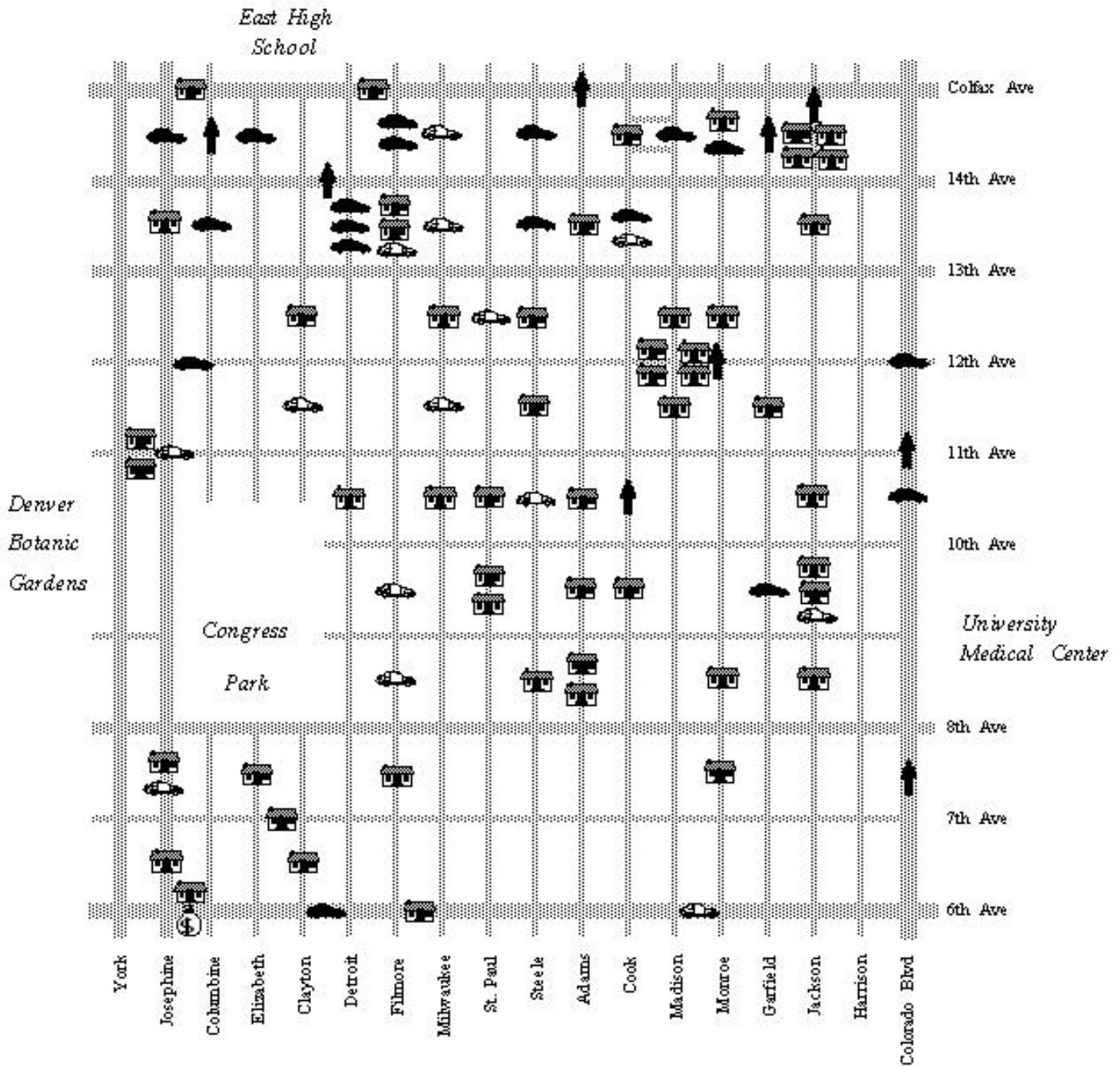
experiment, that "beat cop" attitude may be returning.

When a neighborhood begins to experience a series of criminal activities, law enforcement's approach to resolution may include informal controls within that community under the broken windows strategy. This could include greater police presence, maybe even foot-patrol, or perhaps discerning what contributing factors need to be addressed to alleviate the neighborhood welcome mat to crime. This could include arrests for disruptive behaviors that may have long been ignored, for even minor offenses. It could include an alert to neighbors about issues that contribute to their crime problems and strongly encouraging resolution. Or another approach may be to encourage citizen patrols, utilizing communal involvement in maintaining neighborhood order. There are hundreds of such efforts across the nation. Perhaps the best known citizen efforts are defined by the Guardian Angels, a group of unarmed young persons in distinctive uniforms, who walk neighborhoods in distress, looking for potential symptoms of disorder. Citizens find their presence reassuring and feel the group effort contributes to maintaining a sense of order and civility. Though these citizen patrols can do a great job, the police are still generally considered the priority component in maintaining community order.



The objective of the broken windows theory for Denver, or even to the level of Congress Park, is to return to the long-abandoned view that the police would be protecting communities as a whole, rather than just individuals. That can only be successful if we as a neighborhood foster a community attitude, in concert with the police, of recognizing the importance of maintaining orderly communities that repair the "broken windows" early, before all would have a chance to be shattered. Together we can repair OUR "broken windows" one at a time.

CONGRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD CRIMES JULY - SEPTEMBER, 2006



-  **Assault/robbery**
-  **Burglary**
-  **Auto Theft**
-  **Theft from auto**
-  **Purse Snatching**

This map shows all serious crimes that were reported to police within Congress Park each quarter. The Congress Park Crime Action Committee creates this map using City and Police Department statistics obtained from City Council District 10.

Wild Flowers Changes Hands

By Brian Tepp

Wild Flowers
12th and Madison
303-333-4050
303-547-5930

Wild Flowers, at 12th and Madison, has changed hands. After eleven years, founder Dan Jones has turned over the trowel to Jonah Bradley.



Jones said Bradley's design talent and horticultural background are a natural fit for the store. Bradley, a long-time WF employee, said he will be overseeing daily operations. He plans to maintain the core merchandise mix and expand to garden furniture and accessories.

Jones, and business partner Marilyn Mitchell will expand their landscaping business (www.BeyondWildFlowers.com) specializing in hand-pruning and natural water features.

(Thanks, Dan, for all your support and involvement with the 12th Avenue Business District and the Congress Park Neighbors Board. We can only begin to tell you how much we've appreciated your participation and leadership. Editor)

Shop Smart

By Officer Phil Epple

The holiday season is here and the Denver Police Department is dedicated to ensuring that you have a happy and safe holiday season.

As we count down those shopping days keep these important items in mind.

Secure your treasures. It is not uncommon for shoppers to make several purchases throughout a shopping day and leave packages in their cars. It is absolutely essential that you store your packages in the trunk where they can be secure and out of sight. Criminals know that during the holiday rush shoppers commonly make several trips to their cars and leave packages inside and doors unlocked. Your thoughtfully selected gifts will be an easy target in your car, especially if a criminal can look inside your vehicle and see what you have purchased.

Secure your house. Burglars know that around the holidays many houses are filled with new merchandise (we call them presents). Be sure all your windows and doors are locked and arrange for exterior illumination to ward off potential burglars. One of the easiest and least expensive theft deterrent options is light. Put the porch light and an indoor lamp or two on timers, and an outside light on a motion sensor or a dusk-to-dawn sensor. When installing a motion sensor light, set it to stay on for a long time once the motion sensor is tripped.

Contact your Community Resource Officers Technician Tony Burkhardt or Technician Cari Jimenez for more ideas. All the officers of the Denver Police Department want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Officer Phil Epple is District Three Denver Police Department Special Projects Coordinator. Contact him at 720-913-1178 or epplep@ci.denver.co.us

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Congress Park neighbors can be essential elements in Denver's Plan to End Homelessness

By Michelle Sturm

Denver is into the second year of implementing the City's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. Accomplishments of Year One include 423 new units of housing added for formerly homeless persons, 701 homeless people have been assisted in finding work, 156 families received eviction assistance to prevent homelessness and 121 families have been partnered with faith-based mentoring teams. For more information on the City's comprehensive approach to ending homelessness and ways to get involved, visit www.denversroadhome.org.

In July, at a Congress Park Neighborhood Assembly, neighbors voted to decline the City's request to site a temporary cold weather shelter at the Capitol Hill Community Church at 11th and Fillmore. City staff successfully worked with the neighbors and business owners in the Golden Triangle, locating the temporary shelter in a City-owned building on the corner of West 14th Ave. and Bannock St., across the street from the Denver Art Museum. This will be the last temporary shelter placed by the City, as Denver's Road Home continues to make progress lessening the need for temporary shelter space.

Several neighbors were concerned by the tenor of the July meeting at the church. While neighbors had understandable apprehensions about placing a temporary cold weather shelter for the homeless in

our neighborhood, we were not able to achieve the kind of higher quality dialogue essential when considering such a tough issue. And perhaps as a result of the negative experience most folks had at that meeting, we haven't come back together to discuss what positive role Congress Park Neighborhood might play in ending homelessness in our city.

In response to this concern Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods (CHUN) and Congress Park Neighbors (CPN) are co-sponsoring a meeting in late February to give neighbors the opportunity to have a more productive conversation about homelessness and how established neighborhoods can help address this city-wide issue. If you are interested in participating in this exploration, contact michelle.sturm@tac-denver.com or CHUN's Drew O'Connor at 303-830-1651 or drewoconnor@chundenver.org.

Wild Flowers Champagne Shopping Nights

The tradition continues—Champagne Shopping nights at Wild Flowers will be Tuesday Nov. 28 through Sat., Dec. 2, from 5 - 8 p.m. Sip champagne, browse unique gift choices and have your purchases wrapped while you visit with friends and the new Wild Flower owners. You might even win a door prize drawing!



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December

Visit the Zoo and Botanic Gardens light shows!

- 11-15 Large Item Pick-up Week
- 16 Hanukkah
- 17-23 Human Rights Week
- 20 CPN Board meeting;
Nat'l Jewish, 7 p.m.
- 22 Winter Solstice
- 25 Christmas
- 26 Kwanzaa
- 31 Downtown Fireworks
303-571-8200

January 2007

- 1 New Year's Day
- 3-13 Christmas Tree Pick-up
- 4 Trivia Day
- 9 National Clean Off Your Desk Day
- 11 Zonta Club of Denver meeting;
303-355-3735
- 15 Martin Luther King Day
- 17 CPN Annual Meeting;
Nat'l Jewish, 7 p.m.

February

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 8 Boy Scout Day
- 8 Zonta Club of Denver meeting;
303-355-3735
- 11-17 National Crime Prevention Week
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 St. Valentine's Day
- 17 Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 19 Presidents' Day
- 21 CPN Board Meeting;
Nat'l Jewish, 7 p.m.
- 22 Washington's Birthday

Call for Free Day dates for 2007

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2007 Annual Meeting

Congress Park Neighbors, Inc.

When: Weds., Jan. 17
6 p.m.-pizza, pop, exhibits
7 p.m.-general and members' meeting

Where: Teller Elementary School
12th and Garfield
 (check out your high-performing neighborhood school)

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Around the Neighborhood

Call the editor with your important dates.
 303-355-3735

December is Safe Toys and Gifts Month, National Stress-Free Holidays Month, and Universal Human Rights Month

January is Eye Care Month, Volunteer Blood Donor Month, Hot Tea Month, Hobby Month, Oatmeal Month, Prune Breakfast Month, and Soup Month

February is African American History Month, Children's and Pets' Oral Health Month; Pet Owner, Wild-Bird Feeding, Cherry, Snack Food and Potato Month.

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Congress Park Neighbors Membership Form

Your neighborhood needs you! Join your neighbors today.

Name:

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The above information will only be used for contacting you about Congress Park Neighborhood issues.

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