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Wanted: CPNews Editor

By retiring editor Wendy Moraskie

To everything there is a season. After six years, this newsletter deserves a new editor. An innovative eye. A fresh perspective.

The only requirements for this volunteer position are that you live in, love and will vigorously defend the Congress Park Neighborhood, while informing your neighbors about important local issues and maintaining an even-handed journalistic stance. Mostly. You'll need a few reporting, writing, editing, layout and publishing skills, but you can learn those. And it helps to be a little obsessive about details and slightly hardhearted about deadlines.

Being the Congress Park News editor is a challenge and an opportunity. Editing and publishing this newsletter takes good listening skills, a thick skin, and about 20 hours every quarter.

Does this opportunity sound like you? Call me right away (303-355-3735) if you have questions or to start the transition. I can teach you what I know (a brief procedure) and will answer questions (why did the software do that?) if I can.

As newsletter editor, I learned more about neighborhood issues and asked more questions than I thought anyone would answer. I was surprised at the places I found neighborhood allies.

Sometimes I had to remind myself that I was not a famous investigative reporter from *60 Minutes* and that I have to live with my neighbors after the next issue is delivered.

Even while reporting some not-so-pleasant events, I always tried to keep in mind that the people on each side of an issue are my neighbors. They have strong convictions and good intentions—they just don't all have the same facts or look at them the same way. That's what makes them compelling to write about.

Call me to start today and keep the Congress Park News coming. I've really enjoyed my tenure as

editor and learned a lot. I know you will, too.



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.

Are you also web-savvy? We'll especially need your skills as we coordinate the newsletter more with the neighborhood website (see article on page 2).

No web skills or interest? That's okay, too. We want to keep our cozy newsprint version for the foreseeable future.

Congress Park website got a makeover

Congress Park News

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Your articles, letters and advertisements are always welcome.

We need **you** to help produce and distribute the newsletter. If you can volunteer a few hours every quarter to help your neighbors get the news, please call Wendy or Julie.

This newsletter is printed on 100% recycled paper with soy-based ink.

By Maggie Price

The Congress Park web site (www.congressparkneighbors.org) has received a makeover and more is to come.

The site features City Council news, crime and graffiti updates, zoning issues and links to other helpful information. On the drawing board: a means for residents to post upcoming events. When it's up, you will be able to post a notice of that yard sale, alley clean-up or other block-specific event.

There will also be spaces to post or look for volunteer opportunities, research or print neighborhood agreements with local businesses and announcements of upcoming events.

Newsletter advertisers: we're looking into linking our website to your site or email via your ad in the newsletter.

Stop by and visit the website and share your comments and suggestions.

Maggie Price is a Congress Park Board member and our webmaster. You can reach her at mprice9980@aol.com.



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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!

Your Congress Park Board invites you to attend the open Board meetings at National Jewish Hospital (thanks go to the NJH staff!) on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Neighbors chill out at 2007 CPN Ice Cream Social

By Jonah Bradley, Wild Flowers

Many hands truly made light work at the Congress Park Neighbors 2007 Ice Cream Social Aug. 7 at the Congress Park pavilion. CPN Board members and volunteers served up 300 cones full of Daily Scoop frozen custard.



City Council representatives heard concerns while mounted police and Fire Department staff with a ladder truck delighted the kids. Neighbors renewed their Congress Park Neighbors memberships and shared news with Board members.

The Ice Cream Social was extra tasty with the participation of our neighborhood ice cream —er, frozen custard shop, Daily Scoop. For the third year in a row, the owners provided cones, napkins, scoopers, and dry ice to keep the Vanilla, Chocolate and “Jim’s Secret Recipe” frozen custard “scoop-worthy.”

Congress Park Neighbors gratefully thank long-time neighbor and realtor Elizabeth Clayton who seems to have begun her own annual tradition of helping to sponsor the social.

If you can help with the 2008 Ice Cream Social, with mailings, organizing donations and purchases and other details, please call Brent Hladky or sign up with Jonah Bradley at Wildflowers.



How Do I Live “Green?”

By Robin Thayer

Greenhouse gases. Diminishing resources. How can we each make a difference? Find out at the sustainability networking event, “Living Green in Our Community,” Sat., Oct. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at National Jewish Molly Blank Conference Center, 1400 Jackson Street. Green Print Denver and Excel Energy’s Residential Energy Conservation Program will share information, host breakout sessions and exhibit materials on home energy efficiency; water conservation; transportation; recycling; living a green life and more. Admission is \$5.00 per person or \$7.00 for a family. Used ink cartridges and old cell phones will be collected at the event and proceeds will benefit the Kunsberg Elementary School at National Jewish Hospital. For additional information on the event go to www.bhna.info.

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By Ann Charles

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City Council members Robb, Garcia and Madison will join City and County staff, Reconnecting America, the Community Streetcar Coalition and The Seaside Institute for Streetcars and Cities in the 21st Century on Thursday,

Sept. 27, at Streetcars and Cities in the 21st Century. Practitioners and public officials will discuss the importance of streetcar-oriented development. Experts from across the country will show how other cities have benefited by linking this innovative mass transit option to their investment and development plans.

Streetcars and Cities in the 21st Century will take place from 8:30-4:30 at the L2 Auditorium, 1477 Columbine St. Registration (\$75) and breakfast begin at 7:45 and lunch is included.

For more information visit www.theseasideinstitute.org or www.reconnectingamerica.org, call 850-231-2421 or your City Council office.



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Back to School At Teller

By Michele Foust

Generally, kids were heart-broken and parents were relieved when Denver Public Schools began the new school year on Monday, August 20. Exciting things are happening at your neighborhood school, Teller Elementary. Here are just a few accomplishments:



Enrollment at Teller for the 2007-08 school year is higher than it has been in the last 8 years

Teller is adding 2-3 new teaching positions due to increased enrollment

Teller achieved a "high" rating on Student Accountability Report based on CSAP scores for the first time ever

All-day ECE is full for the first time (1/2 day slots might still be available – check with the school)

More community and parent involvement in the "Learning from the HeART" electives program with additions of new electives from Rocky Mountain Children's Choir, Denver Center for Performing Arts, Denver Zoo, and Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

Tellerpalooza IV was a smashing success last spring. Teller made over \$10,000 in this fantastic fundraising event. Tellerpalooza IV bands were Teller Concert Band, DSA Jazz Combo, The Panic,

Falling Rock, The Reals and a special appearance by Devotchka.

Fifty percent of Teller students choice into the school from other neighborhoods. Teller is becoming a sought-after school even outside of our neighborhood.



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Tutoring at Teller

The tutoring program will need you again this fall. To volunteer your time to help a child have that educational "aha!" moment, call 303-333-4285.

More about Teller

Just try and keep up with Teller! Check out their website at teller.dpsk12.org or call 303-333-4285. Personal tours are available upon request.

Mike continues to donate to Teller for every closing referred by the Teller community— thanks, Mike!

City Council Meetings

Mon., Sept 17: 5:30 p.m. City/County building (14th and Bannock St.) 4th Floor, Room 451) Final Consideration of C.B. 447 – Changes the zoning of the 2.267-acre parcel at 100 Detroit and 2800 E. 2nd Ave to PUD for a mixed-use development.

Tues., Sept. 18, 1:30 p.m.: Public Works Snow Plan presentation Council's Public Works Committee. Part of the plan entails modifications to the emergency route parking restrictions. (Call 303-377-1807 for location.)



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CPN Historic Speakers Series 2007 concludes with expert advice on bathrooms and wood windows

By Carolyn Van Sciver

Speakers Series whens and wheres
Historic Preservation lectures are presented by the CPN Historic Preservation and Education Committee and held at 7 p.m. on the last Wednesday, May through October.

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.

The seventh season of Congress Park Neighbors Historic Speakers series ends in October. The October talk is on Tuesday.

Lecture topics are chosen to help the owners of old houses in the area learn how to better care for their fine "antique" homes and appreciate the history and architectural style of these homes. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Carolyn Van Sciver at 303-377-4913 or cvanSciver@earthlink.net. We always need people to help flyer their block.

The 2007 schedule winds up with the following presentations:

August 29. *Historically sensitive renovations in Congress Park.* A panel of Congress Park residents will tell how they renovated their historic homes and show pictures of the projects. Hear their stories and be inspired.

September 26. *Period Details for Your Bathroom.* Steve Ciancio, The Crafted Home, will cover major aspects of bathroom design, including choosing antique and reproduction fixtures, tile choices, cabinetry options, and accessories - the importance of the details that make a difference.

Tuesday, October 30. *Maintenance of Historic Wooden Windows.* Back by popular demand. If you live in a Historic District or a landmarked house, your original windows play an important part of your house's designation. Nancy Lyons, Lyons Historic Windows, has been a preservation architect for 20 years and will explain the importance of the original wood windows in your home and their care and maintenance. She will also discuss windows and insulation values in these times of high energy bills.

Planning is beginning for next season's talks. Do you have questions you just can't discuss

directly with your old house? Ask Carolyn to find an expert to give a presentation on the difficult issue.

A good historic preservation session is like counseling for your old house and you.



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City Council updates

By Jeanne Robb, District 10 City Councilwoman

Tree by Tree: The Mile-High Million.

Denver Parks and Recreation and 16 metro area nurseries are offering ten percent discount coupons for deciduous trees as part of Tree by Tree: The Mile High Million initiative. The coupons are good through October 31. Coupons and a list of participating garden centers can be downloaded from www.greenprintdenver.org.

Zoning Code Update

The Zoning Code Task Force and Citizen Advisory Group aims to protect neighborhood character in Denver's areas of stability. For an overview of its progress, please visit www.denvergov.org/Default.aspx?alias=www.denvergov.org/ZoningSimplification

Radium Street Decontamination Update

All of the radium-contaminated asphalt has been removed from 9th Avenue and the streets have been repaved. Coming up: Crews will finish paving York Street the week of Sept. 10. The 8th and York intersection is scheduled for replacement Sept. 12 and 13. The work will be done and the streets repaved by the week of Sept. 17. All contractor equipment and traffic controls should be removed by Sept. 21. If you have any questions, please call 303-764-8899.

Vote in November 6 Election

The all mail-in ballot for the Nov. 6 election will contain a mill levy for ongoing maintenance and eight issues in a bond package. If both are passed, the costs to the average homeowner will be about \$63 per year. Read up and find out what services these funds could provide.

Ballot Drop-Off Times:

Mon., Oct. 29– Fri., Nov. 2; 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 5; 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Tues. (Election Day) Nov. 6; 7 a.m.–7 p.m.

You may drop off your ballot at one of many convenient locations, including the Webb Building and the Tattered Cover Bookstore at 2526 E. Colfax Ave.



By City Councilman At Large Doug Linkhart

It's Child's Play-Join Up!

Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) is conducting a Playground Master Plan survey, collecting comments on the quality and quantity of play areas for the city's 143,000 children. The DPR playground survey can be completed online at www.denvergov.org until Sept. 30.

Wanted: YOUTH!

Denver Child and Youth Friendly Initiative (DCYFI) is forming a broad-based coalition of public and private partners to make Denver the #1 child and youth-friendly city in the nation.

DCYFI is looking for youth ages 14-20 who are interested in making Denver a better city for children and youth by serving on a Youth Executive Committee, 4-6 hours each month. Contact corey@buildasets.org or 303-832-1587 to join this effort.

Citizens Institute on the DA

What does a District Attorney do? The Denver DA's Office invites you to a 9-week program called the Citizens Institute to find out. More information and applications are available at the Denver District Attorney website. Send questions to Michele Wheeler at 720-913-9258 or mvw@DenverDA.org.

"Grass" to Reappear in Nov.

This November's ballot will include a citizens' initiative to make laws on adults' possession of small amounts of marijuana the "lowest priority" for law enforcement. Proponents say Denver already legalized such possession in a 2005 vote. Opponents say there's still a state law against possession and ordinances/initiatives shouldn't tell police which laws to enforce. For the measure's actual language, visit www.denvergov.org/CityCouncil.



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What Else Could You Be Recycling?

By Tom Strickland

More About Recycling

For more information about Denver Recycles programs call 3-1-1 or visit us on-line at DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

Are you recycling all that you can around your home? There might be several materials in each room of your home that you never thought about recycling before.

Bathroom: Items such as toilet paper rolls and tissue boxes are made of paperboard and are recyclable in the Denver Recycles program. Soap boxes and other paperboard and cardboard boxes are recyclable. Empty shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash and liquid soap bottles along with other plastic bottles with a "neck" or "screw-top" are also recyclable.

Laundry Room: Clean up your act in your laundry room by recycling liquid detergent bottles, bleach bottles, soap powder boxes and fabric softener boxes.

Bedroom: No sleeping on the job! Check your bedroom for newspapers, magazines, catalogs, gift boxes and shoe boxes.

Home Office: Make recycling part of your workday. Recycle that writing paper, copy paper, envelopes, junk mail and outdated phone books.

Family Room: In your family room, items such as old TV guides, magazines, newspapers and beverage containers are all recyclable.

Kitchen: Aluminum foil and cans, steel cans such as soup and tomato paste cans, plastic milk jugs and orange juice bottles, glass bottles and jars can all be recycled. Paperboard items are here, too, such as cereal boxes, brown paper bags, paper egg cartons and paper towel rolls.

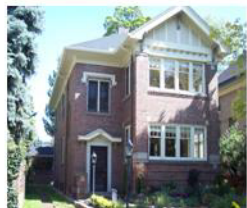


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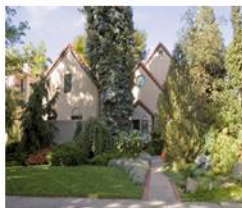
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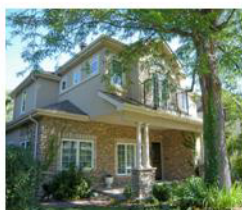
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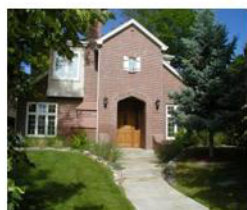
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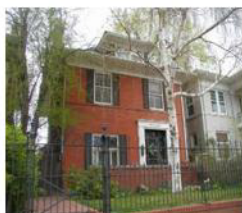
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Drop the sledgehammer, call a redesigner

By Elaine Dinnella

I have a bathroom I can't walk into without wishing I had a sledgehammer and a large budget for remodeling.

Apparently I'm not alone. According to Certified Redesigner and Real Estate Stager Michele Roth, many of us become overwhelmed thinking about home decorating. We reach a point where we find the rooms in our home tired-looking or in need of a change, but have no idea what to do.

"It's common to develop tunnel vision to the point we can't see the potential of a room filled with our possessions," she said, "After so many years, we tend not to see what's around us on a daily basis or we just can't view our things objectively."

We treasure each belonging, the inherited antique rocker, the funky bookcase from college days or those brightly colored pillows bought on sale. We move furniture from room to room, buy slipcovers and re-hang art. We feel a nagging sense of disappointment and frustration and give up.

What's a frustrated homeowner to do? Michele said the idea of hiring an interior designer may be intimidating, and many homeowners are turning to "redesigners." These are trained professionals (Interior Redesign Industry Specialists) who examine the architecture of a space, assess your needs and existing furnishings and maximize all to create a fresh, new look.

A low-cost alternative to traditional interior design, the successful home makeover reflects the personality, history and interests of the person who lives there.

According to Michele, there's a magical thing called a "one-day makeover," during which possessions throughout the house are used in new and inventive ways.

Michelle suggests a Turkish rug from the bedroom may take on new life hung on a wall. A colorful Mexican plate adds a dramatic zing of color when set upright on a plate stand. She said a redesigner thinking "outside the box," will utilize color, texture and tasteful arrangements to help rooms feel cohesive and stylish.

"Redesigned rooms often feel fresher," Michelle said, "because design theory principles can effectively link the homeowner's treasured possessions and space."

Guess I could leave the sledgehammer near that bathroom while I call a redesigner.



Michele H. Roth, IRIS, owner of Interior ReVisions, contributed to this article.



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October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

"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.

Resources

At www.denvergov.org/City_Attorney, click on "Frequently Asked Questions." Links include "Domestic Violence Cases (Prosecution & Code Enforcement). Another link in the second paragraph is "Survival Manual: Legal Issues for Survivors of Domestic Violence"

By Charlotte Bentley, former Congress Park Crime Action Chair

Our homes and families should be our havens of safety and comfort. Tragically domestic violence has turned the homes of many into secret arenas of torment. Grim statistics reflect the legacy of family violence across all ages and cultures in America. Family members suffer from verbal and physical abuse--even murder. Domestic violence affects people from all walks of life, especially impacting children. Living with domestic violence sends the message that violence is normal. Kids model what they see and hear. As adults, they may allow domestic violence into their own households, which renews the cycle of abuse. It spills into schools and workplaces, and devastates victims of all ages.

Most people could not imagine that the person they are dating or are in love with could possibly harm them. Heartbreak accompanies the shame and silence. This category of violence is called "intimate partner violence" (IPV). This is violence caused by someone with whom the victim has been intimate in the past. Often IPV occurs when a dating relationship turns sour, one party breaks it off, and the rejected person retaliates with stalking or violence. Another example of IPV can be an ex-spouse who vents his or her jealousy, anger, or a feeling of betrayal in violence against the former spouse.

A "pattern of coercive control that the abuser exercises over the victim" (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence) describes what often happens for senior victims who are least likely to seek out or accept assistance. Often they are socially isolated and unaware that there are laws and agents to provide intervention to stop the abuse.

Violence in the family and in relationships has existed throughout history. In some societies it has even been condoned as part of a family's property rights. Increasingly, though, domestic violence is now recognized for its shattering effect on human dignity and as a

betrayal of children's trust. When it occurs, homes are no longer peaceful, safe havens, but become places of danger and despair.

It has only been within the last 40 years that violence in intimate relationships has been recognized and addressed with strict laws intended to hold domestic abusers accountable for their vile conduct. During the 1970's the first shelters and governmental services for victims were established.

Though domestic violence was considered a complex problem deeply rooted in society, educational advances have taught us the nature of the economic, emotional, cultural, and societal factors that kept and continue to keep some family members in violent situations.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, emphasizing the importance of addressing domestic violence in our communities. We each have a responsibility to protect domestic violence victims in our communities

To eliminate the social blight from our families and homes, we can utilize the criminal justice system, government and community leaders, health professionals, church leaders, teachers, employers, friends, and neighbors. We all play an important role in exposing the perpetrators and assisting victims in rebuilding their damaged lives.

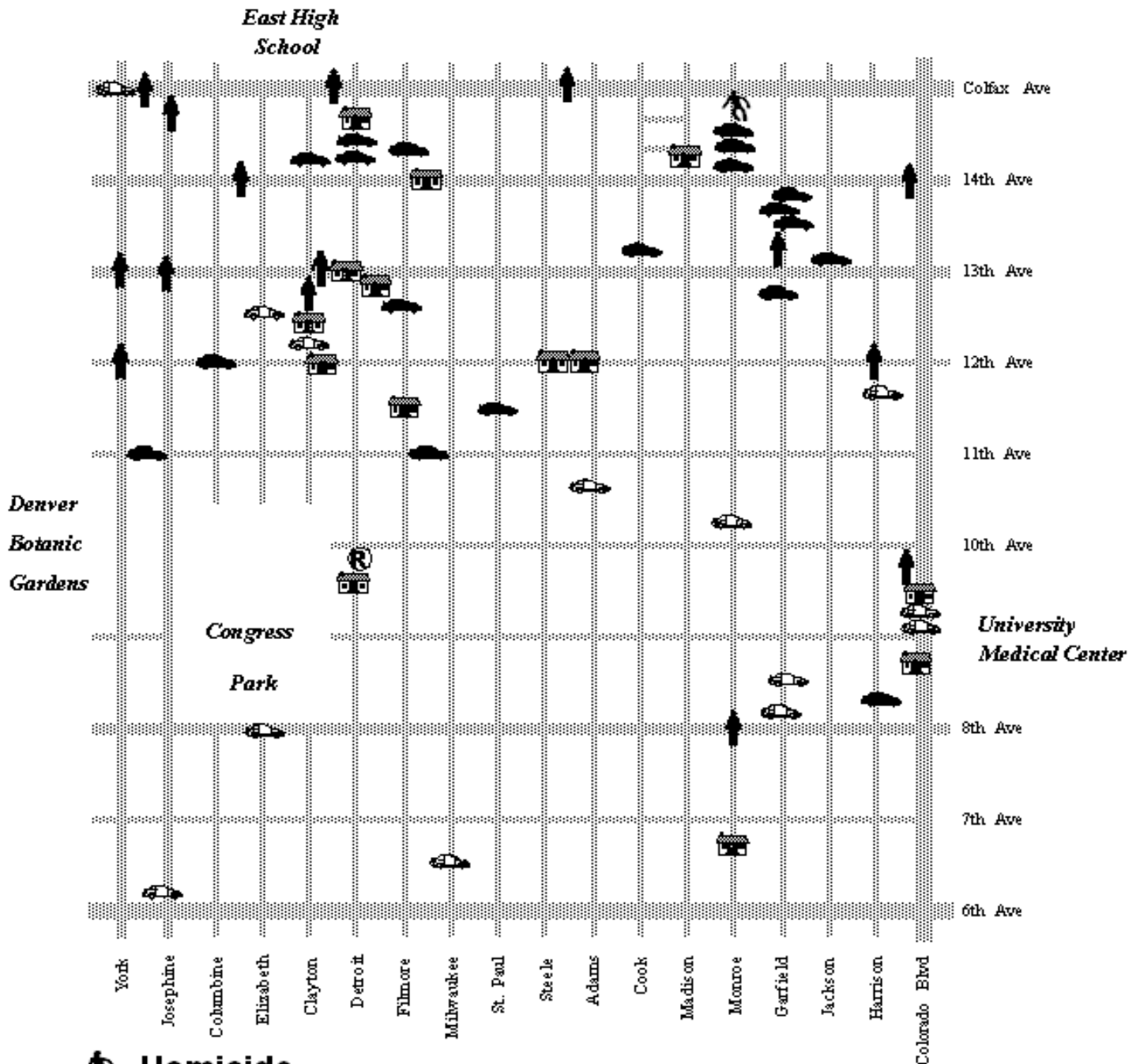
Through coordinated efforts we can eliminate domestic violence and create peace in our homes. Our efforts can ensure the future safety of countless children and adults, and contribute to the peacefulness of our neighborhoods.

Our challenge is to continue our October awareness all year long. With the support of relatives, friends and the community we can stop the cycle of abuse and create a cycle of respect and harmony.



CONGRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD CRIMES

APRIL - JUNE, 2007



-  **Homicide**
-  **Rape**
-  **Assault/robbery**
-  **Burglary**
-  **Auto Theft**
-  **Theft from auto**

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

Crime Down in Denver

By Joe Ely, Crime Action Committee Chair

Citywide reported crime is down 11.4% from January through July 2007 compared to 2006. There was a decrease in every major crime category:

- -12.9% Part 1 Person Crimes (Homicide, Sexual Assault, Robbery, Aggravated Assault)
- -13.4% Part 1 Property Crimes (Burglary, Larceny, Auto Theft, Arson)
- -13.3% Part 1 Total
- - 8.0% Part 2 Other Crimes Against Persons (Other Assaults, Sexual Offenses, and Offenses Against Family/Children)
- - 6.7% Part 2 Public Disorder Crimes (Criminal Mischief, Prostitution/Commercialized Vice, Disorderly Conduct)
- - 8.3% Part 2 Drug/Alcohol Offenses (Drug Abuse and Liquor Law Violations)



- - 5.2% Part 2 White Collar Crimes (Forgery/Counterfeiting, Fraud, Embezzlement)
- -13.1% Part 2 All Other Crimes (Stolen Property, Weapons, All Other Offenses)
- - 7.7% Part 2 Total

In District 10, total reported crime was down 20.9% from January through July 2007 compared to 2006. The Part 1 total was down 23.2% and the Part 2 Total was down 16.9%.

Are you interested in learning more about preventing crime in the Congress Park Neighborhood? Contact Joe Ely at elytj@aol.com to join the Crime Prevention Committee.



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The "Learn to Compost" classes are free, and participants are asked to register at least one week before the class, so proper staffing can be arranged. Classes are sponsored by Denver Recycles/Solid Waste Management, Denver Urban Gardens and the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District.



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Party Disguised as Alley-Clean-up on Adams/Cook

By Jacqueline Kimble

Spring in Colorado is all about getting outside and enjoying yourself, especially this year when our long and snowy winter kept us so homebound. This was my first spring in my Congress Park house and I felt the need to “nest” a little, in the form of some improvements to my surroundings, namely, the alley. After what seemed like a “follow the yellow brick road” guide to leading my block’s first Alley Clean-Up on May 12, I can honestly say it was a great experience!

First, the city of Denver provided our street with some good advice, trash bags and timely pick-up of the 75-plus bundles of trash.

Second, the board members of the Congress Park Neighbors association supported the activity with great enthusiasm. It was at one of their meetings that I learned about who I should contact, when I should have my event and how to best organize my Alley Clean-Up.

Third, our Congress Park businesses really supported our efforts by providing all those who participated with discounts and free merchandise.

Out of the 30 houses on our alley block, we had 19 people participate in the 2 1/2 hour clean-up. The volunteers really worked hard and our alley looked

so much better when we were finished! This was also a great opportunity for neighbors to meet and we agreed that we would like to do other projects and parties in the future.

I would like to thank all who participated. I am lucky to have such great neighbors who want to work together!



All the neighbors on Adams/Cook Streets want to thank the following businesses for their generous support:

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- The Daily Scoop
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Worship

Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church
1100 Fillmore
303-333-9366
Alternative faith community in Congress Park.
Sundays:
9:30am worship service,
11:00am education hour.

Recyclable of the Month: Newspaper

It takes nearly 75,000 trees just to produce the Sunday editions of the New York Times each week (Univ. of Calif. at Berkeley).

As much as 68% of all newsprint used in the U.S. is recovered for recycling (American Forest & Paper Association). That still leaves a third of all newspapers just being tossed away. Every ton of newsprint recycled saves about 17 trees, 71 gallons of oil, 10.2 million BTU's of energy, 7,000 gallons of water and 4.6 cubic yards of landfill space (U.S. EPA). Recycling newspaper helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions while leaving trees standing to help lesson the impacts of global warming. Recycling newspaper isn't just "green," it is smart!

Recycled newsprint becomes food boxes, books, egg cartons, writing and printer paper—and newspaper, and more.

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August

- 15 CPN Board meeting; Nat'l Jewish, 7 p.m
- 19-25 Friendship Week
- 20 Homeless Animals Day
- 26 Women's Equality Day
- 27-31 Large Item Pickup week; 720-865-6900
- 29 CPN Historic Preservation Talk; 303-377-4913

September

- 3 Labor Day
- 9 AIDS walk in Cheesman Park
- 9 Museum of Nature & Science Free Day; 303/322-7009
- 11 Patriot Day
- 13 Zonta Club of Denver meeting; 303/355-3735
- 15- Oct 15 Hispanic Heritage Month
- 17 Botanic Gardens Free Day; 720/865-3500
- 18 17th Avenue Uptown Sampler
- 19 CPN Board meeting; Nat'l Jewish, 7 p.m.
- 23-29 Banned Books Week, Constitution Week
- 26 CPN Historic Preservation Talk; 303-377-4913
- 27 Streetcar seminar

October

- Sept 15–Oct 15 Hispanic Heritage Month
- 1 Yom Kippur
- 1-5 Large Item Pickup week
- 1-6 Get Organized Week, Walk a Child to School Week
- 7-13 Newspaper Week
- 8 Columbus Day
- 9 Zoo Free Day; 303/376-4800
- 10 Museum of Nature & Science Free Day; 303-322-7009
- 11 Zonta Club of Denver meeting; 303/355-3735
- 15-19 National School Lunch Week
- 17 CPN Board meeting; Nat'l Jewish, 7 p.m.
- 21-26 Disarmament Week
- 22 Botanic Gardens Free Day; 720/865-3500
- 30 CPN Historic Preservation Talk
- ? Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 31 Halloween

November

- 4-10 Fig Week
- 5-9 Large Item Pickup week
- 6 Election Day–VOTE!
- 6 Zoo Free Day; 303/376-4800
- 8 Zonta Club of Denver meeting; 303/355-3735
- 11-17 Split Pea Soup Week
- 12 Veteran's Day
- 18-24 Education Week
- 20 Zoo Free Day; 303/376-4800
- 21 CPN Board meeting; Nat'l Jewish, 7 p.m.
- 22 Thanksgiving

Around the Neighborhood

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

August

National Parks Month, Eye and Foot Health Month, Golf and Catfish Month

September

Be Kind to Editors and Writers Month, Classical Music Month, Chicken, Honey and Rice Month, Library Card Sign-Up Month

October

Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, Pasta, Pizza, Popcorn, Seafood and Pork Month, Hunger Awareness Month

November

American Indian Heritage Month, Diabetes and Epilepsy Awareness Month, Peanut Butter Lovers Month. World Communication Month



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