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## Neighbors Scoop, Mingle at Annual Ice Cream Social

By Congress Park Neighbors Board Members

Congress Park Neighbors, Inc., Board members and friends teamed up to hand out more than 250 frozen custard cones at the 15th (at least) annual Congress Park Ice Cream Social on Aug. 5.

“It was great seeing so many happy kids,” said former Wildflowers owner Dan Jones. He and scooping partner Marianne Evans are former CPN Board members.

One of the things that lure the kids every year is the ladder truck that the fire department sends. The kids (and some parents, too) were thrilled again this year to sit inside, try on hats and make siren noises. This year the wanna-bes got to sit in a police car, too! Look inside and visit [www.CongressParkNeighbors.org](http://www.CongressParkNeighbors.org) for more pictures.

Hot topic conversations over cool frozen custard included:

**The Minutemen meeting at Congress Park during Democratic National Convention week.** Denver issued a permit for the Minutemen to assemble, but the police in attendance at the social didn't seem to be aware of any permits issued for Congress Park. City Councilwoman Jeanne Robb clarified with District 3 Commander Kris Kroncke that a permit was issued. Kroncke said he will make sure district officers are informed and said DPD will monitor the event during the day to avoid problems.

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### *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.*



Scooper Marianne Evans and others cheerfully dished out Daily Scoop frozen custard to the Congress Park neighbors at the annual Ice Cream Social.

# Martians Deliver Newsletter

By Julie Lang

Yes, the headline is a lie. It's actually your neighbors who volunteer to deliver the newsletter every quarter. If you got this newsletter, thank a volunteer delivery person—then step up and help out.

We need delivery people on the following blocks:

- 1000, 1100 and 1200 Josephine
- 600 Detroit, Clayton and Elizabeth
- 900 to 1400 York
- 800 - 900 Harrison & Colorado (west side)
- 700 and 800 Garfield
- 1100 and 1200 Garfield

We also are in dire need of an quadrant coordinator for the southeast section (Colorado to Monroe, 600-1200), and the northeast section (Colorado to Madison, 1100 to Colfax).

Coordinators deliver batches of newsletters to the delivery people.

## 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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All of these jobs (coordinators or delivery people) take about 30 minutes every three months. We could recruit delivery-martians, but they wouldn't care about the newsletter getting to our neighbors as much as you will.

If you would like more information or can help, please call me at 303-333-7489 or email me at yawgur@comcast.net.



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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 on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Heitler Hall.

# Calories Don't Count at the Ice Cream Social

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**The changes planned at the Denver Botanic Gardens.** The proposals are out and discussed in the article on page 9. Congress Park Neighbors, Inc., will take a position on this if a neighborhood assembly is called and the neighbors in attendance express a position through their vote there.

### Congress Park neighbors website.

Several people remarked on the user-friendly neighborhood website, [www.CongressParkNeighbors.org](http://www.CongressParkNeighbors.org). One person said it was "fantastic and informative." We're glad Maggie (our volunteer webmaster and Board member) was there to hear the compliment directly.

At the social, CPN members signed up to get the neighborhood e-mail blasts. Did you miss the sign-up sheet? Send your e-mail address (subject: e-mail blast, please) to our terrific volunteer e-mail blast coordinator, Kathleen, at [khynes377@earthlink.net](mailto:khynes377@earthlink.net).

Neighbors also discussed rezoning, volunteered for committees, and gave opinions about neighborhood needs. If you missed those sign-up sheets, contact any Board member or come to a monthly Board meeting (third Wednesday, 7 p.m., National Jewish Hospital) to hear more.


The annual Congress Park Ice Cream Social, held at the Congress Park Pavil-

ion, coincides with National Night Out. It's an opportunity to meet city council members, local police, firefighters and neighbors.

We thank Daily Scoop whose owners provided an essential ingredient of the evening: frozen custard. We also thank Tom and David of HomeSource who helped us get the word out, thereby providing the evening's other essential ingredient: you!

### Views from the CPN Ice Cream Social

This year's gathering brought (top) Petra Schroeder's ice cream fans, Auden, Arwen and Colton, and (bottom) some Denver firefighters and their trucks to visit the neighborhood.

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## The View From East

By Jess Lindimore



### New Year, New School

Jess Lindimore is entering her freshman year at East High this fall, after attending a small school for her entire educational history. She's offering a Congress Park highschooler's perspective to the Congress Park News.

It's the middle of the summer and I've been thinking more and more about the approaching school year. The thoughts of "what will my teacher be like?" "Will I get lost?" "What are the other kids going to be like?" all keep playing in my head like a scratched CD stuck on repeat. I've come to the conclusion that nerves are the worst part of the high-school freshman experience. Some of us will float through it without any problems, and others will be really nervous and unsure of how to act in this new setting.

One of my biggest worries currently is sports. I really want to be involved in volleyball. For other kids it might be track, basketball, football, baseball, soccer, lacrosse— whatever your sport, the feeling is the same. "Will I make the team?" East tries to help freshman as much as possible e.g., angel camps, conditioning camps, and multiple freshman teams. The feeling still doesn't go away.

I encourage people to go out for sports; it's a really great way to meet people and get involved in school.

Remember though if you don't make the team, it's nothing personal. Not everyone can make the cut and there's no reason not to try out next year.

There's a reason they call it "the high-school experience." High-school is all about trying new things and figuring out what you like. Don't be afraid to jump into things even if they seem kind of weird or out of your element.

My mother happens to be a high-school principal and so I get a lot of my advice from her. She told me that most of the mistakes kids make in high-school are in freshman year. So what I'm saying is "be smart." Don't get yourself involved in something that is obviously a bad choice.

I've attended the same school since pre-school and I've known most of my friends all that time. My grade was made up of only twenty-eight kids. This fall I'll enter East High with a student body of 1800 kids. Gulp. I'm not going to lie, I'm really nervous, and slightly intimidated by this large high school.

The closer I get though, the better I feel about it. It might be strange at first, but eventually I'll get used to it. Look for my next column to see how it goes.



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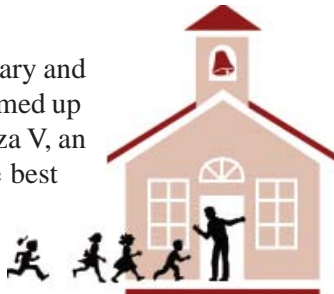
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## Tellerpalooza V a great success

By Michelle Foust

On May 10, Teller Elementary and Morey Middle School teamed up to proudly present Tellerpalooza V, an annual event that features the best of the Denver music scene and puts the “fun” back in “fundraiser.”



Teller and Morey supporters from all over the neighborhood and beyond turned out for a fantastic night of music. The evening began with a special presentation from Teller and Morey’s own student bands. They were followed by the Denver School of the Arts jazz combo, featuring several Teller Alumni. The party continued into the wee hours of the next morning featuring such great Denver talent as The Panic; The Dead Sinatras; The Autumn Film; Angie Stevens and the Beautiful Wreck; and that Tellerpalooza staple, The Reals.

The venue for the 2008 concert was again downtown Denver’s Mercury Café at 2199 California. In addition to the bands in the spotlight, Karaoke was featured downstairs all night long. The Mercury Café Kitchen whipped up a special menu and there were drawings for the “wall of wine,” and many other prizes. Many thanks go out to Marilyn and the incredible staff at the Merc. The super relaxed and friendly atmosphere allowed children and adults alike to have a terrific time.

The turnout and support from the Teller Community was inspiring, as usual. In addition to having so much fun, the event raised a significant amount of money to help support Teller’s and Morey’s educational activities.

Make sure to look for Tellerpalooza VI next spring – you can support your neighborhood school while enjoying a great night of local music. What a deal.

## Teller thanks Tellerpalooza V partners

Fundraising events like the Tellerpalooza take an incredible amount of time and energy to plan. Many highly dedicated Teller parents worked for months and put in extra effort to make Tellerpalooza V a big hit.

Along with Teller parents, community businesses play a critical role in supporting Teller. Teller parents, staff and students would like to sincerely thank the businesses who helped support the neighborhood school.

### “Teller Business Team” Sponsors

- Annie’s Café
- Capital Heights Pharmacy
- Meggitt Motors
- Pappas Grocery Store
- Pete’s Restaurants on Colfax
- Goodfriends Restaurant
- Peter’s Chinese Restaurant
- 10:30 Catholic Community Church
- Daily Scoop Frozen Custard
- Chef Zorba’s Restaurant
- Ireland’s Finest Painting Company

Make sure you tell the manager thanks for supporting Teller when you stop in at these businesses.

## Tellerpalooza II bands

TellerPalooza V would have been rather quiet without these excellent bands that gave us permission to dance the night away.

- The Reals.
- The Panic
- The Dead Sinatras
- The Autumn Film
- Angie Stevens and the Beautiful Wreck

Find these bands wherever they are playing and tell them thanks for supporting Teller.

Every time Mike closes a home sale from a Congress Park referral, he donates to Teller School. **Another way to support Teller—thanks, Mike!**



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## 2008 Historic Preservation series concludes with design, zoning and research

By Carolyn Van Sciver

### Speakers Series whens and wheres

The Historic Preservation lectures are held at 7 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month. See the schedule at right for the exception in October.

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

The eighth season of Congress Park Neighbors Historic Speakers series began in May. The series is presented by the CPN Historic Preservation and Education Committee. Lectures run May through October, on the last Wednesday of each month. Lectures are free and open to the public. Note the date, location, and time change for the October talk.

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 their history and architectural style. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact me at 303-377-4913 or [cvansciver@earthlink.net](mailto:cvansciver@earthlink.net). We always need people to help flyer their block.

The 2008 schedule concludes with:

August 27, 2008. *Period Details for Your Kitchen.* Steve Ciancio, The Crafted Home,

will cover major aspects of kitchen design, including choosing antique and reproduction fixtures, tile choices, cabinetry options, and accessories - the importance of the details that make a difference. If you are ready to renovate your kitchen, or still dreaming for the future, this is for you.

September 24, 2008. *Working With Historic Districts and Other Zoning Issues.*

Congress Park neighborhood contains two registered historic districts. How does an owner work with their historic district's board and what can the board control when you want to make changes to your house? Hear a panel of experts discuss these and other zoning issues and debate whether more historic districts are appropriate for the Congress Park neighborhood. What are our options to best preserve the character of our neighborhood?

Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m.

*Researching the History of Your Old House.* Join Bruce Hanson, from the Western History library, Denver Public Library Downtown, for this fun, hands-on session. Learn how to use the materials in the Western History Library to seek out your old house's history. Note the change of day, location, and time for this session. We will meet on the fifth floor of the library's main, downtown branch at 13th and Broadway.

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## Neighborhood Trees

By Susan Bardwell

Congress Park resident Marge Bilker was quick to share her favorite tree: “MY favorite tree is another oak... The tree is located in Congress Park, south of the tennis courts and north of 8th Ave. in the green space between the Detroit Street alley and the pool. I know you will see which one. It is perfectly shaped and quite a majestic presence and I love to watch the seasons change by watching as this tree changes. I also like to stand under it and look up through its canopy of leaves. I love this tree, and yes, I have hugged it.”

To fully embrace this “Papa” Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) takes two people. Close by are a smaller “Mama” and even younger “Baby.” They aren’t native to the Denver area, but Bur Oaks grow better here than most oaks, being more tolerant of our soils and arid climate. Their distinctive fringed acorns gave them another common name, Mossycup Oak. While Bur Oaks aren’t as easy to establish as some other trees, their impressive resiliency and inspiring beauty are worth the short-term challenge.

While you are visiting the “3 Burs,” close by is an uncommon Chinkapin Oak (*Q. muehlenbergii*). The young tree is just to the north, on the left, along the walk to the pool. Want to see what it aspires to be? Check out the state champion Chinkapin Oak in the public right-of-way at 5335 East 19th Avenue.

“...make us sing and dance, make faces and give flower bouquets, trying to be loved. You ever notice that trees do everything to get attention we do, except walk?”  
Alice Walker



**Is Your Teenage Street Tree Out of Control?** Are branches hanging low over the street or sidewalk? Are there dead, broken or crossing branches? Help is close at hand. Community Foresters, volunteers trained by the Denver’s city forestry staff and The Park People, can assist you (free) with the pruning and advise you on the care of your young street tree(s). Contact Susan Bardwell, at [SusanBardwell@msn.com](mailto:SusanBardwell@msn.com) or 303-399-1155.

Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) in Congress Park, east of the pool.

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## City Council at Work

By District 10 City Councilwoman Jeanne Robb

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**D**emocratic National Convention Hosting the Democratic National Convention August 25 - 28 represents a tremendous economic and marketing opportunity for Metro Denver and Colorado, as well as a chance for local residents to witness and participate in a historical event.

To keep you up-to-date, I have posted all of the information we currently have regarding the DNC on my website. I will be sending out an e-talk around a week before the Convention with an update.

Another information source for the week's events will be Emily Fowler in Mayor Hickenlooper's Office at (720) 865-9086 or [emily.fowler@denvergov.org](mailto:emily.fowler@denvergov.org).

Thank you for your efforts to ensure Denver shines as a host city and capitalizes on this opportunity to showcase our community's successes to the world.

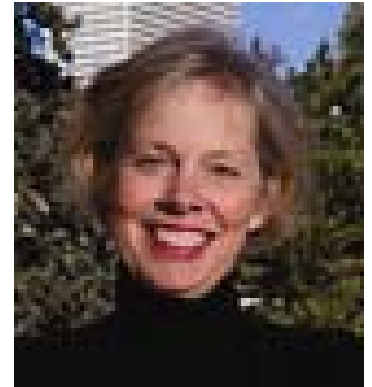
### Denver Police Citizens' Academy

Starting on Wednesday, September 17 the Denver Police Department is beginning its latest Denver Police Citizens' Academy. This group of students will meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the Denver Police

Department Academy, 2121 Akron Way to acquaint themselves with various police procedures.

Some of the activities involve learning about K-9, SWAT and gang units, use of force by officers, investigations, narcotics, traffic enforcement and citizen preparedness.

Please contact my office to obtain an application or call or email DPD Technician Michael Rappe at 720-913-6878 or [Rappe@denvergov.org](mailto:Rappe@denvergov.org).



### 200% Increase in Usage at Denver Rec Centers and Pools this Summer

If the first month of free recreation is any indication, Denver youth are delighted to have a place to go this summer. Since Denver Parks & Recreation announced on May 29, 2008 that it would offer free access to its recreation centers and pools throughout the summer, centers have seen a combined 200 percent increase in use.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience at the recreation centers, recreation center directors have been closely monitoring usage, adding activities and increasing staff where necessary. The aquatics department has hired 18 additional lifeguards to accommodate the increased usage of the swimming pools.

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## DBG Requests Variances For Improvements

Denver Botanic Gardens, in order to implement its Master Plan, is applying to the City and County of Denver for 3 separate items:

- A partial vacation of portions of the York Street and Josephine Street right-of-way (not the streets)
- A zoning setback variance to enable construction of a new parking garage
- Variances from the mountain view protection ordinance

These allowances are needed to facilitate construction of the new parking structure, Visitor Center and Entry, and a new Horticultural Facility that will replace the existing greenhouses and offices, and provide additional parking.

### Right-of-Way Vacation

DBG is planning to build a Visitor Parking Structure. Structures may not be constructed within a public right-of-way, so DBG has requested a partial vacation of York Street and Josephine Street Rights-of-Way (not the streets themselves) from the Department of Public Works. The vacation would relocate property lines to provide public Rights-of-Way along these street fronts similar to the Gardens' north and south frontages.

### Setback Variance

Denver Botanic Gardens is requesting a variance to the 20 foot setback requirement along both York and Josephine Streets to allow construction of a new parking structure in approximately the same location as the existing surface parking lot. The Denver Board of Adjustment will consider the variance application on August 19.

### View Plane Variance

A Cheesman Park View Plane was established to protect the western views from Cheesman Park. The Cheesman Park View Plane originates 5 feet below the base of the existing flag pole on the east side of York Street opposite the Denver Botanic Gardens' entry. The view plane rises one foot for every 100 feet of distance from the origin. No structure is allowed to penetrate this imaginary plane without a variance from the Denver Planning Board.

### Neighbors Support DBG Requests, Worry About Community Gardens Relocation

Meeting attendees voted to support the DBG's variance requests at an Aug. 12 neighborhood meeting at the Gardens.

Discussion is ongoing about relocating the DBG community gardens. The NE corner of the Denver Water Board's reservoir in Congress Park is a proposed site.

For details, contact Councilwoman Jeanne Robb's office or a Congress Park Board member.

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## Prevent Carjacking

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 Coordinator Joe Ely at [Joe.Ely@congressParkNeighbors.com](mailto:Joe.Ely@congressParkNeighbors.com)**

### Death penalty for carjacking.

Carjacking became a federal crime in 1992 after a woman was carjacked at a stop sign in her neighborhood as she drove her daughter to pre-school. The woman became entangled in her seatbelt and was dragged to her death during the carjacking. In 1994, the passage of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act made carjacking, where death results, a federal crime potentially punishable by death.

**H**ave you ever wondered how you would react if someone demanded your car? Recently, the County Sheriff's Dept. sent out a community alert warning drivers about two individuals who were approaching vehicles in carjacking attempts. They did so when cars slowed at intersections, or were stopped at a traffic light on South Holly Street.

Carjacking is defined as a completed or attempted theft in which a motor vehicle is taken by force or threat of force. There are two kinds of carjackings. The most common occurs when you walk to your car in a parking lot or street. The other can happen when you are in your car, but momentarily stopped (e.g., at a traffic light, gas station, etc.). The carjacker is primarily after the vehicle. Law enforcement officials suggest drivers keep their windows and cars locked and don't stop for pedestrians approaching their vehicle. If you find yourself in a carjacking, preserve your own safety and give up the car.

Often carjacking attempts take place at gas stations as drivers step out of their cars to pump gas, leaving their doors unlocked and the keys in the ignition. If a carjacker approaches you outside your car and tells you to hand over your keys, do just that. Do not try to argue them out of it, but throw the keys away from where you are, giving yourself time to get away from the vehicle while the assailant is retrieving the keys. Carjackers seldom operate alone. Although you may only see the guy who stuck the gun in your face, he very likely has cronies waiting around the corner.

Don't try to resist or argue with the carjacker. You could be seriously hurt. You are dealing with a stupid, violent, opportunist. Like all robbers, carjackers come to the situation ready, willing, and prepared to

commit violence. Law enforcement officers recommend you get out of your car and quickly get as far away as possible.

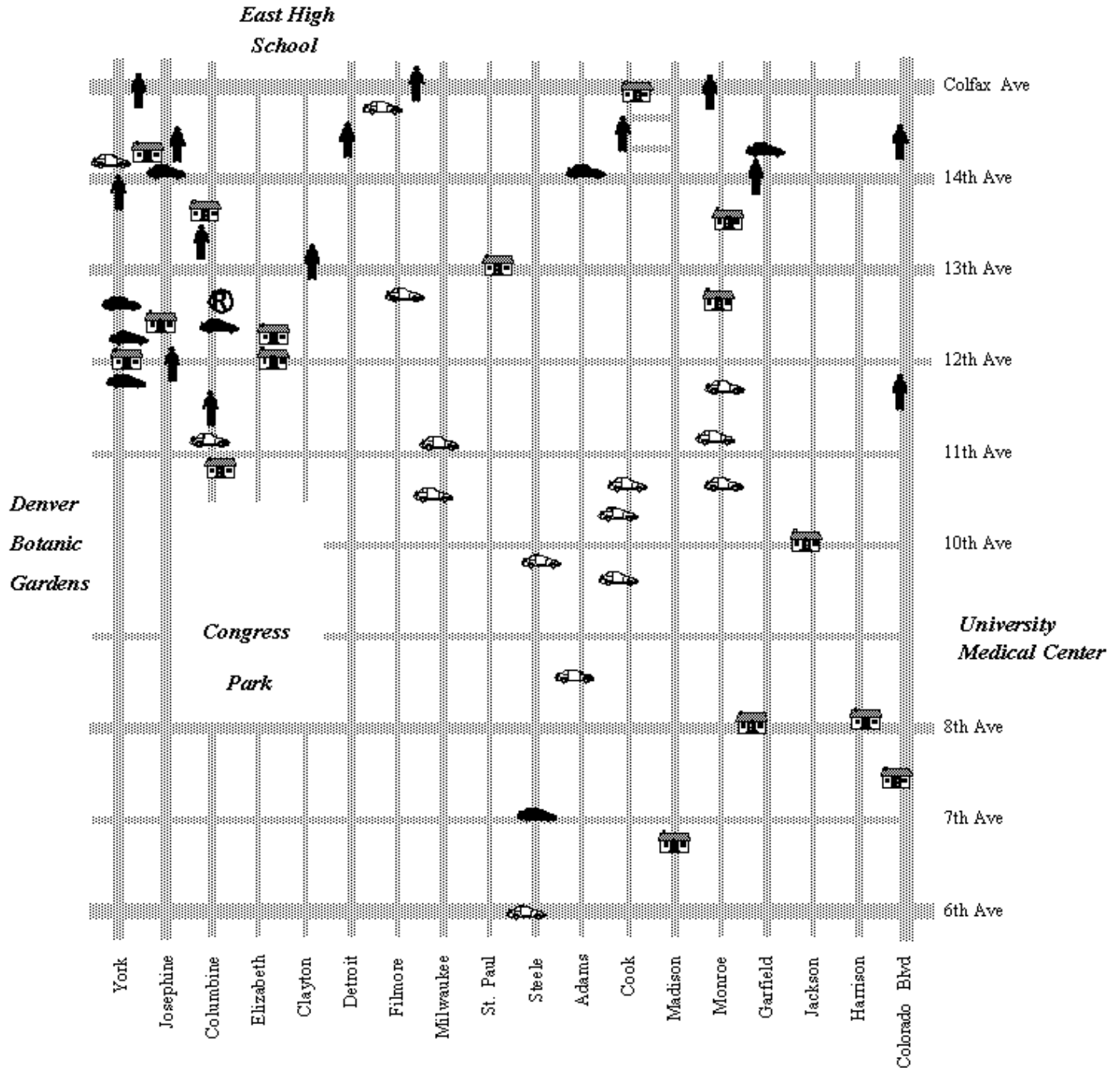
Citizens can reduce their chances of becoming a victim of a carjacking by staying alert to their surroundings. Be aware, even around your home, and adhere to the following steps:

- Make a habit of driving with the doors locked, windows closed, and seatbelts on. All are time-consuming deterrents to a carjacker. They like things fast and easy.
- Keep purses and valuables out of view.
- At gas stations, take keys out of ignition, and lock doors with keys in your hands before pumping gas, being aware of suspicious activity around you.
- Be alert at shopping malls, convenience/grocery stores and intersections, all likely spots for carjackers. Be aware of loiterers.
- Select well-lit and well-traveled streets for driving and parking.
- If someone asks for assistance, or approaches your vehicle for change, directions, or to hand out flyers, do not get out of your vehicle or unlock your doors. Go to a safe location and call the police if help is needed.
- Travel in the lanes closest to the center of the road and leave plenty of room between your vehicle and others to allow yourself a way out.
- Be particularly cautious and lock your doors when using drive-up services and ATM's.



Finally, if you are carjacked, let the car go. Your car can be retrieved or replaced, but your life cannot, so don't allow your anger in the moment to interfere with good sense. Use your energy to call the police with your location, vehicle details and a description of the carjacker. The sooner the police are notified, the better your chances of retrieving your vehicle.

# CONGRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD CRIMES APRIL - JUNE, 2008



-  **Sexual Assault**
-  **Assault/robbery**
-  **Burglary**
-  **Auto Theft**
-  **Theft from auto**

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



## Denver Poll Workers Needed

By Tom Conis

This fall, you have an opportunity to participate in our democracy by voting, but your participation doesn't have to begin and end there. One of the ways you could get involved is to be a poll worker.

### What do poll workers do?

Poll workers check in voters, verify voter identification, and generally assist voters in casting their ballots.

### What are the requirements to be a poll worker?

Poll workers must:

- Be a registered voter in the City and County of Denver
- Be willing to serve on Election Day from 6 am to 8 pm
- Be physically and mentally able to perform the duties of a poll worker
- Have reliable transportation to the assigned polling place
- Have never been convicted of election fraud or any other election offense or fraud
- Not be a candidate on the ballot in the precinct where they are appointed to serve, nor a member of the immediate family, related by blood or marriage to the second degree, of a candidate whose name appears on the ballot in the precinct where they are appointed to serve.

### 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 security doors, replacement windows, 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.

### Are poll workers compensated?

Yes. Election Day poll workers are paid \$100 for each Election Day they work, plus \$20 for attending a required training session.

Poll workers who can work during the weeks leading up to the elections, early voting days and/or election night (to process and count votes) are paid an hourly rate of \$10.87.

### When are poll workers needed?

Poll workers are needed for the following dates:

- Primary Election Day, August 12
- General Election Day, November 4
- During early voting from August 4-8 and October 20-31
- During the weeks and months leading up to the elections.

### How do I apply?

Download a Poll Worker Application, at [http://www.denvergov.com/Portals/570/documents/2008\\_Poll\\_Worker\\_Application\\_REVISED.pdf](http://www.denvergov.com/Portals/570/documents/2008_Poll_Worker_Application_REVISED.pdf), fill it out and fax it to 720-913-8600. Or, call us at 720-913-VOTE (8683).

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## Protect Your Bicycle

By Officer Phil Epple

The beautiful weather and the high price of gas may be encouraging more casual bicycle riders to use their leisure-time transportation for daily commuting. The police department usually notices an increase in bicycle thefts in the summer and wants to help you protect your asset.

To make your bicycle more trouble to steal, here are a few pointers:

- get a sturdy chain. A professional thief can remove any chain, if he has the proper tools and sufficient time. However, a heat-treated chain with 3/8" diameter links, that can withstand the force of a 2" bolt cutter should be just about theft-proof. Look for links that are welded shut and cannot be spread.
- use a reliable padlock. Buy one with a heat-treated, hardened steel shackle, of the same diameter as your chain.
- lock the front and rear wheels and the frame to a permanent object. Choose a stable, strong object that can't be cut, sawed, or picked up and carried away, with your bike still locked to it.

Happy cycling!

## Attend Assemblies

By Ann Charles

A flyer on your front porch says something about a neighborhood meeting. Congress Park Neighbors, Inc., is holding an assembly about some building or house on 12th Avenue, or Colfax, or wherever. You're not going because it's a few blocks away from you, so who cares?

Your CPN volunteer Board of Directors cares, that's who. You have to tell them how to represent you. This is grassroots democracy, baby. You're in on the ground floor.

The Board and other volunteers arrange timely assemblies where neighbors gather to hear, discuss and vote on the pros and cons of an issue. The votes establish the Congress Park Neighbors, Inc., position to be presented at a City Council meeting.

Look at that flyer again and see if you can fit that assembly into your schedule.

### Zoning Assemblies Coming Soon

Look for notices on neighborhood assemblies for properties at Colfax and Detroit, 16th and Milwaukee, and the Church in the City, among others. Make your voice heard about how your neighborhood is developed. We need your thoughtful consideration of what's best for the neighborhood.

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- 13 Museum of Nature & Science Free Day; 303/322-7009
- 17-23 Friendship Week
- 20 CPN Board meeting; Nat'l Jewish, 7 p.m
- 27 CPN Historic Preservation Talk
- 29- Sept. 1 Taste of Colorado, Civic Center

**September**

- 2-6 Large Item Pickup week; 720/865-6900
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- 24 CPN Historic Preservation Talk

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- 5 Race for the Cure; 303/744-2088
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- 13-17 National School Lunch Week
- 13 Columbus Day
- ?? Zoo Free Day; 303/376-4800
- 9 Zonta Club of Denver meeting; 303/355-3735
- 22 Museum of Nature & Science Free Day; 303/322-7009
- 15 CPN Board meeting; Nat'l Jewish, 7 p.m.
- 28 CPN Historic Preservation Talk (a Tuesday!)
- 31 Halloween

**November**

- 1 Sadie Hawkins Day
- 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 4 **Election Day: VOTE!**
- 10-14 Large Item Pickup week; 720/865-6900
- 13 Zonta Club of Denver meeting; 303/355-3735
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 15 America Recycles Day
- 19 CPN Board meeting; Nat'l Jewish, 7 p.m.
- 27 Thanksgiving

**Around the Neighborhood**

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

August is Eye and Foot Health Month, Parks, Golf and Catfish Month

September is Be Kind to Editors and Writers Month, Piano and Classical Music Month and Chicken, Honey and Rice Month

Sept. 15 - Oct. 15: Hispanic Heritage Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month; Adopt a Shelter Dog Month; Crime Prevention Month, Disability Employment Awareness Month; Hunger Awareness Month; Pasta, Pizza, Popcorn, Pork and Seafood Month; and Vegetarian Awareness Month

November is American Indian Heritage Month; World Communication Month; Great American Smokeout Month; Peanut Butter, Fig, Split Pea Soup Month



Congress Park Neighbors, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 18571  
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[www.CongressParkNeighbors.org](http://www.CongressParkNeighbors.org)

**German proverb: A good neighbor doubles the value of a house.  
 ("Good neighbor" is defined as one who volunteers with the  
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## Congress Park Neighbors Membership Form

Your neighborhood needs you! Join your neighbors today.

Name:

e-mail:

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The above information will only be used for contacting you about  
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Member (individual or household) \$20

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