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## Hospital Site Seeing Progress

*Updates from Colorado Boulevard Healthcare District Development*

By Lisa Bingham

After being stalled for several months after first Walmart, then King Soopers, and finally Fuqua Development backed out of the project, 9th & Colorado is seeing activity again.

Construction for the Trader Joe's store is well under way, and should be opening in early 2014.

On June 14, the Lionstone Group acquired 6.75 acres to develop the residential component at 8th & Clermont. In partnership with Alliance Residential, they are planning a 325-unit apartment complex that should open in 2015. Lionstone is overseeing the asbestos abatement and demolition taking place this summer and fall, and Alliance Residential will begin construction in 2014.

The apartment complex is being called Broadstone at 9th, and will comprise a mix of high-end apartments, ranging from 1-bedroom apartments to 3-bedroom townhomes. Alliance Residential expects that the complex will attract tenants of all ages, from young professionals to young families to empty nesters. They expect to have units available in early 2014, with monthly rents likely to start at around \$1,500.

In addition to the residential units, Lionstone and Alliance will be retaining the parking garage at 9th & Clermont. Access to the garage will be located on Clermont near New Ave. and from Birch, which will form an internal access

street for the complex. The garage will be refaced and landscaping will be added to blend it into the new construction.

An important component of the redevelopment of 9th & Colorado is tax increment financing (TIF). The site requires extensive environmental clean-up and infrastructure improvements, and demolition. These activities add a significant cost to the developer before any new construction can take place. An urban redevelopment district has been proposed for the 9th & Colorado development that would allow for the possibility of TIF to defray the demolition and infrastructure costs. Lionstone and Alliance Residential have also applied for TIF for their project.

TIF is a financing mechanism that can bridge the gap between the developer's financial contribution and traditional market financing (such as bank loans) to generate economic growth and development. Bonds are issued to provide up-front financing and are repaid using the net new tax revenues generated by a project. Once the bond has been repaid (typically set for a period of 10-15 years), the new taxes revert back to the city. Urban renewal plans have to be approved by City Council, the DURA board, and the planning board has to approve the development. Because the 9th & Colorado site is owned by the University of Colorado (a tax-exempt institution), it hasn't been

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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.*



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Starting in August 2013, neighborhood meetings will be held every other month (August, October, December, February, April and June), still on the third Wednesday, at 7 p.m. in National Jewish Hospital's Heitler Hall. Watch the newsletter and the email blasts for featured speakers. Don't get the email blasts? Sign up at [www.congressparkneighbors.org](http://www.congressparkneighbors.org).

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## Newest CPN Board Member

To briefly introduce myself, my name is Myles Tangalin and I am the newest member of the Congress Park Board. I am an avid gardener and a current owner and caretaker of a marvelously 105 year old Denver Foursquare, in a constant state of repair. My background is in Landscape Architecture, Planning and Urban Design with experience in Architecture and Civil Engineering. Over the last fifteen years I have witnessed many wonderful changes to our neighborhood. Dilapidated rentals rejuvenated into single family homes, many new retail stops, restaurants and cafés, and the new Sprout's grocery store on Colfax! These changes have been good news for us. We now enjoy a more vibrant, walkable neighborhood with many local services and easy access to all parts of the city.

My volunteer work on the CPN Board includes coordinating speakers for our monthly Board meetings, CPN Delegate to the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation meetings, participating on the INC Transportation Committee, Parks & Recreation Committee, and the Botanic Gardens Neighborhood Advisory Committee. I have also represented CPN on the Colfax Corridor Connections Community Task Force and served as a Board Member of the Colorado Boulevard Healthcare District, which is currently involved with the Colorado & 9th redevelopment. Other associations include; AIA Urban Design Committee, The Park People Community Forester program and the Denver Regional Council of Governments Metro Vision Citizens Advisory Committee for Metro Vision 2040.

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Your elected, all-volunteer Congress Park Board invites you to attend the open meetings at National Jewish Hospital on the third Wednesday every other month (Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec.) at 7 p.m. in Heitler Hall.

Lots of other neighbors help with communications, membership, and more, and generally make Congress Park a great place to live—you know who you are and how much we depend on you—Thanks!

And we thank these committed neighbors:

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### Do you have a suggestion for your Board?

Send hints and help to  
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Two slots are open for CPN members to represent the neighborhood on the Botanic Gardens Neighborhood Advisory Committee. Submit a letter of interest to CPNBoard@congressparkneighbors.org.

The CPNews has a need for a volunteer who can visit with CPN professionals and businesses about advertising in the neighborhood newsletter. Call Wendy at 303-355-3735 for more information.

## Congress Park Neighbors Fall Meetings Feature Speakers

By Myles Tangalin, CPN Board Member

For each neighborhood meeting, the Congress Park Neighbors Board will try to feature a speaker of general interest to neighbors. Here are the next few speakers scheduled, and as additional topics and speakers come up, they will be added into the agenda as time permits.

### August 21, 2013

*Conserving Water, Reyna Yagi, Denver Water*

How we each can do our part and help the environment by conserving water. Reyna Yagi from Denver Water will discuss our current drought situation and strategies for household water conservation.

### Get To Know Denver 311

Do you have a question about city services or need to know which city department can assist with your concerns? Please come and speak with a representative of Denver 311, our gateway to our City government.

## Volunteer Opportunity: Newsletter Coordinator Needed by September 15

You love the vibrancy of the Congress Park neighborhood. You have lived here a long time or you just moved in and want to get involved. You have good organizational skills and can spare about 20 hours per quarter to gather articles for the newsletter and get them edited, laid out and approved at the printer. Congress Park is looking for a neighbor who can be our Volunteer Newsletter Coordinator. This could be a great relationship. You'll work with an existing volunteer editorial and layout team to manage the production of the 30-plus year-old vibrant quarterly neighborhood newsletter. The newsletter informs Congress Park neighbors about neighborhood-related issues and works with the volunteer neighborhood Board in the best interest of the neighborhood to further the neighborhood vision.

The newsletter coordinator will: solicit and gather news copy from continuing and new writers on topics of interest to our dynamic neighborhood; write as needed to share news and issues; deliver to and collect from volunteer editors and layout designer; communicate with advertising and delivery coordination volunteers; help obtain stats for the crime mapping volunteer; ensure that information about newsletter articles, layout, proofing, printing and bulk delivery gets to the people who need it; keep current on issues

### September 2013

No meeting. Starting in August, CPN is meeting every other month, same location, same time, see page 2 for details.

### October 16, 2013

*Bringing Sustainability Home. Lisa L. Bingham*

We have all heard about going green, saving energy, saving water, and saving the planet. Maybe you've already embraced the challenge. Maybe you want to, but aren't sure where to start. Lisa Bingham will share suggestions and resources on what you can do to bring sustainability into your own home. Her ideas will help, whether you want to save the planet or just save on your utility bill.

If you have ideas for future speaking topics, please forward them to [CpnBoard@CongressParkNeighbors.org](mailto:CpnBoard@CongressParkNeighbors.org).

Congress Park Neighbors meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the "even" months (February, April, June, August, October and December) in Heitler Hall at National Jewish Hospital.

Thanks go to National Jewish for offering the space for the meetings.

relevant to the neighborhood in order to solicit news articles from experts; and advise the CPN, Inc. Board of newsletter and neighborhood issues. Is this you? Email [cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org](mailto:cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org) to express your interest in volunteering. Not sure? Email Wendy Moraskie at [wendyrich@msn.com](mailto:wendyrich@msn.com) to hear more.

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## Waldorf School Proposes Additional Buildings

By Diane Bassett

Love this display of neighborly concern and respect. Thanks, Tag Bar!



On Monday, July 22, interested Congress Park residents met with Denver Waldorf School administration and staff and their architects to discuss plans to build new structures on the school grounds. The architects unveiled plans that encompass two phases, ultimately adding a parking structure, a gymnasium, and later, a performing arts structure and small amphitheater. These additions, up to 35 feet in height, would be on the east side of the school property facing Milwaukee Street. Construction could begin by June, 2014.

While expressing their support for Denver Waldorf School and its educational community, residents expressed a number of concerns with the plan, including effects of the building height, increased traffic, increased parking on the street, safety in and out of the parking structure, and noise levels throughout the day and into the night.

Many neighborhood residents voiced concerns that the inclusion of large structures on the relatively small Denver Waldorf footprint would adversely affect the integrity of the neighborhood, including aesthetics, property values, and overall quality of life. They asked that the architects provide other alternatives to the plan at a future meeting. Denver Waldorf agreed to hold another meeting as soon as the architects have had time to rework their plans, probably within two to three weeks of the July 22 meeting.

It is fairly certain that the next meeting will be held on a Monday evening at 6pm in Festival Hall in the Denver Waldorf School. If you would like further information, please contact Judy Lucas, Denver Waldorf School director, at 303-777-0531.

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## Teller Earns Gates Grant to Nourish Teaching

By Jessica Rose Downs, Teller Principal

When you ask teachers the best way to improve their practice, often they respond that they learn best from each other. Some of the best learning we do as teachers is indeed from visiting other teachers in their classrooms, but the time constraints of preparing and delivering excellent lessons often make it difficult for teachers to find time to observe and learn from master teachers in their own school or in other schools in the district. This year, at Teller, a generous grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation called Compact Blue will afford teacher leaders at Teller Elementary the opportunity to push their teaching and learning to new levels with their peers.

Compact Blue pairs schools with a “yellow” rating on the School Performance Framework with schools rated high “green” or “blue.” The School Performance Framework, often referred to as the SPF, rates schools on a “stoplight” model. In this model, a number of different types of data about the school are assessed to rate the school from red, the lowest, through orange, yellow, green and finally, to blue, the highest. More information about the SPF can be found on the Denver Public Schools website at <http://spf.dpsk12.org/#>. On that site, you can look up Teller. Teller is currently rated “yellow,”

but not for long! Our focus of improving instructional strategies to challenge each child just beyond what they can do easily, will help us reach our goal of BLUE!

Compact Blue is one giant step toward helping us make this goal. Our partner school in Compact Blue will be Force Elementary. Our peers at Force have

been working on building instructional strategies that help students master the Common Core State Standards and move beyond. Compact Blue will make it possible for teachers to participate in Peer to Peer Learning Lab experiences with teachers at Force and with teachers in our own school to build the understanding of data-driven instructional practice. These Learning Labs will include classroom planning, observations, debriefing, coaching, and developing strategies to refine leadership and instructional practices. Our team will also participate in several Collaboration Days over the course of the year to analyze data, consider peer-to-peer learning protocols, and share effective approaches in their partnerships. During these sessions, schools will also address their common challenges and celebrate their classroom successes.

This is an amazing learning opportunity for our teacher leaders. The most exciting part is that our students, who are at the heart of everything we do, will benefit most! We cannot wait for our students to come back to our building in August. We know we will have a great year of challenge and critical thinking for students and teachers alike!

### CPN Events On Web

Once again, CPN's wondrous webmaster Maggie has outdone herself. The neighborhood website now has an events calendar. Go to [www.congressparkneighbors.org](http://www.congressparkneighbors.org) and look. If you have a CPN event that needs to be added in (block party? garage sale? alley clean up?), contact the webmaster or any CPN Board member at [cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org](mailto:cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org). And you can find a list of Congress Park merchants on our website. Thank you, Maggie!

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## Congress Park's 2013 Historic Speakers Series Features History, Energy and Gardens

By Carolyn Van Sciver

Lectures run May through September, with a lecture given the last Wednesday of each month. The lectures are held at Heitler Hall, National Jewish Hospital, at 7 PM, unless otherwise stated. Lectures are free and open to the public. Parking is available in the lot on Jackson Street. This presentation schedule is also posted on the Congress Park web site at [www.congressparkneighbors.org](http://www.congressparkneighbors.org). If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Carolyn Van Sciver at 303-377-4913 or [cvansciver@earthlink.net](mailto:cvansciver@earthlink.net).

The eleventh season of Congress Park Neighbors Historic Speakers series is presented by the CPN Historic Preservation and Education Committee. This summer brings some changes. Due to other commitments this summer, there will NOT be a lecture in August. Because daylight is short in the fall, the September walking tour will be held at 1:30 PM, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21. See the September description below for further details.

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.

The 2013 schedule includes:

August, 2013. No lecture this month.

September 21, 2013 (Saturday.) Walking Tour of NW Congress Park. Join the author of Northwest Congress Park, Ronda Beck, for Walking Tour #1 of the northwest and oldest, most historic part of the neighborhood. This area grew up during the time Colfax was an elegant boulevard and grand houses announced the prestige of their owners. Please note – due to early darkness in Sept, this tour is Saturday afternoon, not Wednesday night. Meet at 1:30 pm at 2449 E 14th Ave for the tour.

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## Hospital Site Seeing Progress

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generating any tax revenue to date and so represents an important opportunity for economic growth in the area.

For more information, the following sites may be helpful:

Congress Park Neighbors: <http://www.congress-parkneighbors.org/current-zoning/redevelopment/GDP>, Planning Design Guidelines: <http://www.denvergov.org> and search for "9th & Colorado" DURA: [www.renewdenver.org](http://www.renewdenver.org) and click on the link to "Tax Increment Financing (TIF)" on the home page

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## Waldorf Eighth Graders Take Memorable Camping and Canoe Trip

By Brynn Svenningsen

Although I had never been in a canoe before our eighth grade trip in late May, I couldn't wait to learn how to go down a river in one and navigate through rapids and avoid obstacles.

That opportunity arose on our camping and canoeing expedition to New England where we spent eight nights and nine days. We flew to Boston and drove about three hours to Marlow, N.H., where Kroka Expeditions is located.

Because it was dark when we arrived at base camp, it was hard to unpack and get settled in a small room with one lantern, no electricity, a dirt floor with pine needles and 11 girls trying to set up their sleeping bags and mats.

Everyone had to help with morning chores. My favorite was feeding chickens and cleaning the hen house, leading the horse and two cows out to pasture and cleaning their stalls and putting in fresh straw.

That first morning, I had my initial canoe lesson. I didn't expect it to be easy, but I didn't expect it to be so hard. It was very chilly with a light rain and very frustrating to try and steer the canoe, because it seemed like all you could do was spin in circles.

It became easier once we were paired with our canoe partner and had more time to practice. We left Kroka base camp and drove a couple hours to the Batten Kill River in Vermont where we paddled for several hours.

Setting up camp the first night was a challenge. We were all exhausted, and it was hard to get the energy to cook dinner, unpack our gear and put up a tent.

We spent four days on the Batten Kill and crossed from

Vermont to New York. At times, it was a lazy river and we could just look at the pretty scenery as we passed through forests and small towns.

But we had to concentrate when we got close to rapids and obstacles such as rocks and tree branches and use the paddling strokes we had learned to avoid them.

The weather was much different from the dryness of Colorado. On the river, there was rain almost daily and sometimes a layer of fog that was unlike anything I had ever seen.

This was my last year at the Denver Waldorf School, where I started in the first grade. Our class wasn't as close as it had been in previous years. But this trip made us closer, because we shared so many experiences and helped each other.

I don't think anyone had a bad time. And by the end, we could laugh at the hardest, most challenging parts because they had become good memories.

Brynn Svenningsen just completed the eighth grade at the Denver Waldorf School.

CPNews thanks Jack Etkin, our neighbor who makes the time each quarter to find Waldorf students to write these illuminating articles.

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## We Are the Stewards of Our Public Lands

By Renee Lewis

Kirk Mitchell of the *Denver Post* reported on the efforts by Friends of Denver Parks, Inc. to get a referendum on the ballot to allow citizens to vote on a property swap proposed by the city. Denver officials want to swap Hampden Heights North Park for an office building owned by Denver Public Schools. DPS would build a new elementary school on the Hampden Heights land. For this article: [http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci\\_23610427/group-goes-court-preserve-hampden-heights-north-park](http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_23610427/group-goes-court-preserve-hampden-heights-north-park)

As the community at large became aware of the recent Hampden Heights North Park proposal, conversations with neighbors revealed there was a will to put this transaction to a vote, as we could all see the larger ramifications of this project.

As stewards of public lands, we are aware that available lands are getting scarcer and developers are getting more creative about procuring land. In many cases public lands are targeted.

That is the juncture in history that is presented to us. The question must be asked, "Do we allow the developers and politicians to shape our environment for us?"

As we jumped into this process with both feet, I have seen learning and growth in our community.

We have learned that we can achieve a great sense of accomplishment and satisfaction through

working with others. We have turned off our TVs and gotten out in our community. I have seen people on different sides of the political fence drop that false reality and focus on the commonalities and concerns that we share.

We have learned about parks; the system structure and physical maintenance; the stakeholders and the threats to these valuable environments. After all, Manhattan without Central Park would be nothing but a barren concrete maze. As we build and grow in Denver, the oases of our parks will become even more vital to the health of our city.

I have learned about our precious rights as citizens; that our governing principles will sustain us in difficult discussions. I'm looking at my government and our political landscape in a different light. I have higher expectations, will scrutinize the political processes that affect me, and will exercise my right to due process under the law.

I would like to thank Mayor Hancock, Peggy Lehman, Deborah Johnson, David Broadwell, Anne Rowe, Laurie Dannemiller, Scott Gilpin, and Happy Haynes, just to name a few, who have activated me as a citizen. I am more aware of their functions and better able to hold our representatives accountable. And I know how it can be done—through community effort.

For more information on the project, see [www.friendsofdenverparks.org](http://www.friendsofdenverparks.org).

To get involved with your neighborhood and stretch your "citizen muscles," come to a meeting (see page 2) or visit [www.congressparkneighbors.org](http://www.congressparkneighbors.org).

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## Program Means Extra Money For Low Income Seniors

By Eileen Doherty, MS, Executive Director, Colorado Gerontological Society

Community advocates are raising awareness about the Colorado Medicare Savings Program and Low Income Subsidy. Qualified participants can get help paying for premiums, deductibles and co-insurance.

“We know there are people who can use the help,” said advocate and program beneficiary Sylvia Hernandez. “I understand people are scared. I was! I was living on the edge; worried one emergency would really take a toll.”

The Colorado Gerontological Society is behind the effort to get more low income seniors registered for the program. It’s based on income so registrants have to share personal documents like bank statements, but all data is held strictly confidential. Supported by a grant from the Colorado Health Foundation and Caring for Colorado Foundation, as well as the Latino Age Wave, the program hopes to register more than 3500 seniors within the year.

### Three parts to the program

The Medicare Savings Program has three components: the Qualified Medicare Benefit, the Special Low Income Medicare Benefit and the Qualifying Individual. Each program has different income and resource requirements but all have the same goal – helping those who are eligible get help with medical expenses. Income from all sources must be less than \$1313 per month for a single person and \$1765 for a couple.

Resources that must be counted for all of the programs include cash, savings,

stocks, bonds, IRAs and other similar assets. Resources must be less than \$8,580 for a single person and \$13,300 for a couple. Resources that are exempt include personal residences, one car, term life insurance and irrevocable burial policy.

### Signing up is easy

The easiest way to sign up for the Medicare Savings Program is through the PEAK application online system and the prescription drug benefit through the Social Security Administration online application. If you need assistance with applying for these programs, call 1-866-293-6911. Volunteers are able to assist with in-person appointments or phone appointments.

For Sylvia, the program means an extra \$104 in her pocket each month.

“The program gives me peace of mind,” said Hernandez. “I know I have a little extra each month. It’s money for food.”

Call our toll free number at 1-855-293-6911 to discuss eligibility.

**Take the Denver Energy Challenge**  
Are you interested in making your home more energy-efficient? Denver has the resources for you. Julie Carlton is Energy Outreach Program Administrator with Denver’s Dept. of Environmental Health. Reach them at 720-865-5430 or julie.carlton@denvergov.org, or Dial 3-1-1 for City Services. “CPNews” in the subject line.



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*"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 Denver Police Department redistricting occurred July 14.

That day, Congress Park became part of District 2, Sector 2, under the watchful eyes of Lt. Robert Garcia. Our Community Resource Officer is Officer Reyes Trujillo. Community Advisory Board meetings are held the 4th Thursday of every month at 6 pm. The next one will be on August 22 at headquarters located at 3921 N. Holly Street.

## Implementation for Amendment 64 (Retail Marijuana) Still in Progress

By Rachel O'Bryan

*Rachel O'Bryan was a member of the Criminal Law Issues Working Group under the Amendment 64 Implementation Task Force and a member of the Record Keeping and Enforcement Working Group of the Marijuana Enforcement Division. She is also a member of Smart Colorado.*

**A**lthough Governor Hickenlooper signed Amendment 64 into law on December 10, 2012 and it became Section 16 of Article XVIII of the state Constitution; making Colorado one of only two states that permit recreational use of marijuana by persons 21 and older, the implementation of the new law is still being finalized. Anyone intent on exercising their rights should first read all nine pages of Amendment 64 in its entirety. It is much more complicated and detailed than the one-paragraph description that voters saw on the ballot last November. Rights are not unfettered and some aspects of using marijuana are still illegal. For example, it is illegal for persons under 21 to use recreational marijuana. It is illegal to drive under the influence of marijuana. It is illegal to possess in certain amounts. It is illegal to consume it openly and publicly unlike tobacco. It is illegal, without a license, to sell marijuana to someone else.

As we went to print, much was still undetermined concerning retail marijuana. The state Department of Revenue is holding public meetings and hearings on draft rules related to the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code. These rules will cover the four types of businesses permitted - retail stores, cultivation facilities, product manufacturing facilities and testing facilities; business responsibilities including inventory tracking, security, waste disposal, storage and transportation and business records; labeling, packaging and product safety; signage, marketing and advertising; and enforcement and discipline.

Also undetermined at deadline is how Denver will proceed. While the state was obligated to have rules filed by July 1, cities have had more flexibility. Under Amendment 64, local governments have the right to prohibit retail marijuana businesses and many municipalities surrounding Denver have done exactly that. If a local government does permit retail marijuana, it can enact regulations on time, place and manner that will be additional to the state regulations. Denver city council has not voted yet, but is working on a retail marijuana code and considering an additional local marijuana tax.

Also, the General Assembly passed three bills entirely dedicated to implementing Amendment 64. House Bill 13-1318 was necessary to comply with Tabor. In November a ballot initiative to apply an excise tax and sales tax to retail marijuana will be presented to voters.

House Bill 13-1317 established the framework for retail marijuana and codified certain prohibited acts. Of most importance, retail stores may not: sell to anyone under 21; mass market or advertise marijuana in ways that have a high likelihood of reaching minors; sell more than 1/4 ounce to out of state residents; sell marijuana over the internet; sell other consumable products that don't contain marijuana including tobacco products, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages; sell marijuana products that contain alcohol or tobacco; or allow marijuana consumption in the stores.

Senate Bill 13-283 contained a variety of unrelated measures, including an "Open Marijuana Container" statute that prohibits, like alcohol, the consumption of marijuana or possession of an open marijuana container or accessory (think vaporizers, pipes, joints) in the passenger area of an operating car.

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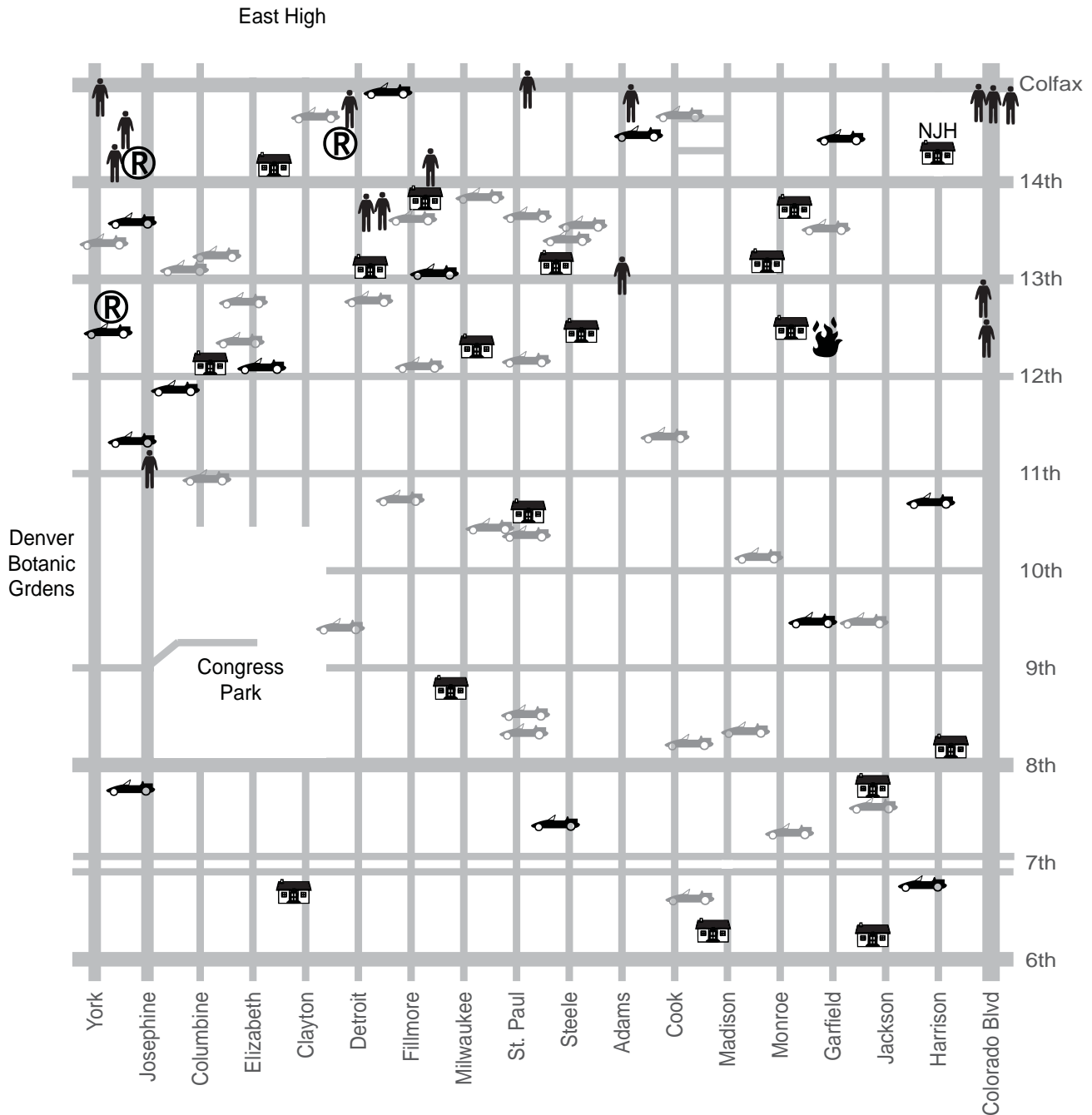
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-  **Assault / robbery**
-  **Burglary**
-  **Auto Theft**
-  **Theft from auto**
-  **Arson**

This map shows a compilation of all serious crimes reported to police within Congress Park in the second quarter of 2013. Crime mapping is provided by the Congress Park Crime Action Committee using City and Police Department statistics relayed through Council District 10.

Starting in August 2013, neighborhood meetings will be held every other month (August, October, December, February, April and June), still on the third Wednesday, at 7 p.m. in National Jewish Hospital's Heitler Hall.

Watch the newsletter and the email blasts for featured speakers. Don't get the email blasts? Sign up at [www.congressparkneighbors.org](http://www.congressparkneighbors.org).

## East High Farmers' Market Offers the Freshest Ingredients

By Ann Charles

The farmers' market at the East High fountain on Colfax is humming every Sunday through October with people oohing and aahing over a bounteous selection of foods. And it will only get better as we move into harvest season. This market offers the freshest vegetables and fruits you can get for your table without growing them yourself. There are also samplings of ready-made entrees and breads from several cultural backgrounds, and you can have a coffee or a snack as you peruse the produce. Are you looking for greens, potatoes, eggplants, tomatoes, zucchini or some other type of vegetable? You can probably find it there. Fruit? The apples, melons, pears,

and plums are just the start of a long list of offerings. Don't feel like cooking? There are crepes, pierogis, stir-fry, waffles, tamales and more, ready for your table or picnic blanket. Don't forget the sweet and savory loaves, rolls, pasta and pastries from several cultural backgrounds. Grilling tonight? There is a sauce for every palate. The East High Farmers' Market isn't huge in acreage—it curves around the historic Esplanade fountain—but the vendors display the best of stuff you can grow or make in Colorado. It is jam-packed with creative local gourmet entrepreneurs who present everything the Congress Park Foodie could desire.

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## CPN Hosts INC Meeting

By Maggie Price

Congress Park Neighbors hosted the June 2013 Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation meeting at the Sie Film Center.

INC is a network of approximately 100 Registered Neighborhood Organizations who have embraced the INC mission to advocate for Denver citizens by bringing together, informing and empowering Denver neighborhood organizations to actively engage in addressing City issues.

The June meeting was well-attended and several topics were discussed and voted on. The most notable was a historic vote to join Friends of Denver Parks and become a party to the lawsuit protesting the Denver Public Schools/Henzell Park land swap without a vote of the people.

Inter Neighborhood Cooperation has many committees that are open to participation by any member of a RNO that belongs to INC.

## Things to Do Around Denver This Summer and Fall

Get out of your routine on some of these free daytrips. For more, see [www.denver.org/what-to-do/50-free-fall-denver](http://www.denver.org/what-to-do/50-free-fall-denver)

### *Colorado's Fall Colors*

<http://www.denver.org/what-to-do/colorado-day-trips/fall-foliage>

Fall in Colorado isn't complete without taking in the brilliant transformation of the state's signature tree, the Aspen. The fall change from mellow green to stunning gold takes place during various weeks in September, depending on where you are – since the color only lasts a week, timing is everything! One of the best leaf-peeping routes on the Rocky Mountain Front Range is the Peak-to-Peak Scenic and Historic Byway that travels the high-altitude road between Black Hawk and Estes Park. Virtually every way you look, you'll see majestic Aspen colors. Another great Front Range ride is along the Guanella Pass Scenic and Historic Byway, just south of the historic town of Georgetown. Bunches of blazing Aspen can be found all over this incredible drive.

### *Denver's Beer Triangle*

<http://www.denver.org/what-to-do/colorado-day-trips/denver-beer-triangle>

You're not going to disappear in the Denver Beer Triangle, but it is easy to get lost in the fine, handcrafted beers, ales, stouts and porters found along the way. Located at the base of the Colorado Rocky Mountains, the area between Denver, Boulder and Fort Collins is often called the "Napa Valley of Beer." Here you'll find Coors Brewery, the largest single brewery in the world, as well as some six-dozen other award-winning brewpubs and microbreweries.

### *Lariat Loop Byway*

<http://www.lariatloop.org>

Retrace the motoring adventures of the early 1920s and experience the thrill of foothills exploration at the dawn of the Age of Motorcars on this 40-mile scenic circle in the foothills west of Denver. The Lariat Loop takes motorists to several popular attractions, including Buffalo Bill's Grave & Museum, the Colorado Railroad Museum and the Mother Cabrini Shrine.

### *Denver Parks & Lakes*

[www.denver.org/what-to-do/sports-recreation/denver-parks-outdoors](http://www.denver.org/what-to-do/sports-recreation/denver-parks-outdoors)

Denver may not be anywhere near the ocean, but that doesn't mean there aren't plenty of places to kick back by a shimmering body of water. Confluence Park, located within walking distance of downtown, offers sandy shores for sunbathing, a kayak practice route, and bike paths. Up in the Highlands neighborhood, explore Sloan's Lake Park, an urban oasis with the enormous Sloan's Lake taking center stage.

### *Estes Park*

<http://www.estesnet.com>

At the entrance to the legendary Rocky Mountain National, the historic resort village of Estes Park offers shopping and dining – as well as the hotel that inspired Stephen King's *The Shining!*

### *Boulder*

<http://www.bouldercoloradousa.com>

A recent study pegged Boulder as the "happiest" city in America. You'll find out why when you stroll past the shops, cafes and street performers on the Pearl Street Mall, or take a hike on the city's 200 miles of trails.

### *Peak To Peak Scenic & Historic Byway*

[www.byways.org/explore/byways/2114](http://www.byways.org/explore/byways/2114)

Less than an hour from Denver, this 55-mile-long route provides matchless views of the Continental Divide. From Black Hawk to Estes Park, the pleasantly winding road – the oldest scenic byway in Colorado – meanders through valleys and ridges, with shimmering aspens visible throughout the entire route.

### *El Dorado Canyon*

#### *State Park*

<http://parks.state.co.us/Parks/EldoradoCanyon/Pages/EldoradoCanyonHome.aspx>

A hidden gem just outside of Boulder, El Dorado Canyon offers hiking amidst towering sandstone cliffs, picnicking along scenic South Boulder Creek and rock climbing on Eldo's sheer golden walls.

### *Denver Bike Trails*

[www.denver.org/what-to-do/sports-recreation/denver-bike-trails](http://www.denver.org/what-to-do/sports-recreation/denver-bike-trails)

Denver is home to a massive network of more than 850 miles of paved, off-road trails that crisscross throughout the seven county metro area, making

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What interesting things are your neighbors up to?

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## Things to Do Around Denver This Summer and Fall

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it a two-wheeled paradise. Paved trails connect to hundreds of additional miles of dirt trails, offering mountain bike adventures.

### *Clear Creek History Park*

<http://www.clearcreekhistorypark.org>

See how Colorado's early settlers worked and played in the late 1800s at this two-acre living history park. Try your hand at gold panning in the river where a half-billion dollars of it was found.

### *Georgetown*

<http://www.georgetown-colorado.org>

Nestled in a steep mountain valley, the "Silver

Queen" is one of Colorado's most elegant mining towns with 200 Victorian buildings. Ride the Georgetown Loop Railroad over a 100-foot high trestle to neighboring Silver Plume.

### *Golden*

<http://www.2hourvacation.com>

The authentically Western town of Golden was Colorado's first capital city. Today, visitors encounter a mix of outdoor cafes, Western stores and museums with a quaint main street that in places still has covered walkways, false-front buildings and plankboard sidewalks. An award-winning kayak course runs through the center of the town.

### *The Highlands*

[www.denver.org/metro/neighborhoods/highlands](http://www.denver.org/metro/neighborhoods/highlands)

Explore one of Denver's most happening 'hoods. Sip a mojito while relaxing on a patio with a panoramic view of the city skyline. Go bargain hunting at one of Highland Square's unique boutiques. Get a delicious treat at an artisan cheese shop or a bakery devoted to cupcakes.

### *South Park*

<http://www.southparkcolorado.org>

The mountain town that inspired the long-running animated TV series of the same name is actually a charming spot, offering plenty of adventures, just up U.S. 285 from Denver. Try hiking, biking, horseback riding, fishing, hunting, and ATV/jeep trails. Tour historic sites and visit shops full of local crafts.


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